



Past Presidents Herb Miles and Stephen Huston were briefly allowed out in public for the PCNS Centennial Banquet. View more banquet photos at www.pcns.org/2015

JANUARY DRAWING WINNERS

Chris: PPIE Match Safe featuring the Tower of Jewels

Ed: PCNS 800th Meeting bronze medal, and a California Midwinter Exposition souvenir card

Bob: SF Customs House medals, and a 50¢ discount coupon for the SF *Red Garter* on a facsimile Confederate States note

Mary: a group of US 2010 uncirculated Cents

DUES REMINDER

If you have not yet paid your PCNS Membership Dues for 2016, please do so now by sending \$20 to PCNS. You may

- bring your dues to the February 24th meeting in person
- mail a check or money order, payable to PCNS, to
PO Box 475656, SF CA 94147-5656
- make an online payment to the PCNS PayPal account:
money@pcns.org

Please do it now so we can mark everyone **PAID** by the end of our February meeting.

Thank you.



1198TH Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



California Gold Rush Bills of Exchange — Revisited

by Michael Wehner

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 7:30 PM
at Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

JANUARY PROGRAM RECAP: ENCASED HALF DIMES

Bill Hyder distributed a handout illustrating a group of zinc-encased half dimes from around the 1840s, and described how he was introduced to them by collector Steve Crane who was hoping to learn the details of their production and purpose.

Bill's own online research suggested these objects were created and sold in conjunction with Mesmerism and quack medicine practices of the time. Some of them appear to have been constructed to create a galvanic reaction when held it in the palm of one's hand.

AWARDS PRESENTED

President Hyder presented engraved award medals which had been approved late in 2015 to several members.

- Mary Lannin *First Time Speaker's Medal*
- Dan Hipple *Special Sponsor for the Centennial*
- Stephen Huston *Distinguished Member*
- William Hyder *Fellow of the Society*

2015 PAPERS DISTRIBUTED

The 2014–15 Papers publication was distributed to all members present at the January meeting. Copies were mailed to those members who had missed the meeting on the following day.

If you are a current member and have not received your copy, please contact PCNS immediately: webmaster@pcns.org

CALL FOR PCNS PAPERS — 2016

Herb Miles agreed to take on the role of Papers Chair for 2016 with assistance from Dan Hipple, who has managed the job for several years.

The submission deadline is the April PCNS meeting. See the publication section of our pcns.org website for the contest rules and our copyright policy. Write now!

SPEAKERS, PLEASE

We are still in need of speakers for April, May, and July through November of this year. Please contact any PCNS officer (or email to webmaster@pcns.org) if you are able to present a program. It can even be something about which you are preparing a Paper....

JANUARY MEMBERS' EXHIBITS

Mary — Seleucus II tetradrachm: possibly-unique Newell plate coin with pedigree to the Weber Collection (Hirsch 1908).

Dan — 1883 Templar Conclave badge from San Francisco, and an illustrated numismatic book published in Geneva, 1807.

Mark — a selection of POGs — round scrip 5¢ pieces used in the Middle East by the US military.

Chris — British Victorian ½d of 1890 slabbed MS63, and a bronze plaque depicting Dante and Beatrice.

Federico — a Cuban 1858 silver medal celebrating a water system, and some Costa Rican coffee tokens.

Mike — 1798 *cartwheel-style* Isle of Man ½d from Matthew Boulton's Soho Mint in beautiful condition.

Ed — lighthouse medals: the Oregon Coast and Sandy Hook.

Bob — US Mint silver medal for 1970 US Fisheries Centennial.

Stephen — 1849 3-Baiocchi bronze coin struck at Rome for the short-lived Roman Republic's overthrow of Papal States rule.

Bill — So-called Dollars sets in special holders of custom-cut inert foam inserts between clear plexiglas (might be easily adaptable to PCNS octagonal medals).

Herb — commemorative medal for Juneteenth celebration, and a badge of the Swedish-American Patriotic League of California.