

PCNS EVENTS

Aug 24 Lloyd G. Chan will speak on
A Brief History of the Trade Dollar

Sept 28 TBA*

Oct 26 TBA*

Nov 23 TBA*

Dec 28 Annual Business Meeting & Holiday Party

* Please email webmaster@pcns.org if you can present a program during one of the unscheduled meetings. Topics can even be something about which you're writing a *Paper*.

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1204TH Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



A Brief History of the Trade Dollar

by Lloyd G. Chan

Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 7:30 PM

at Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

JULY PROGRAM REPORT

PCNS President William D. Hyder spoke on

The Santa Cruz Venetian Water Carnival 1895–1896

Bill noted that his interest in the topic had been piqued by chancing upon an unlisted so-called dollar for this event, begun in 1895. The Venetian Water Carnival was a money-raising event to help businesses rebuild following the 1894 Santa Cruz fire which had destroyed the downtown area. Part of the goal was to refurbish the town's water supply, which had been allowed to deteriorate so the cisterns didn't work to fight fires! Though the event itself lost money, it brought income to local businesses by drawing large numbers of visitors to the event for many days. Sponsor J.P. Smith promised to underwrite the event's losses if the town would approve holding it at least another year, which was approved.

Bill showed examples of the printed programs, badges and ribbons sold by school children, and even paper share certificates which were sold for \$1 per share to raise money. It's unclear whether the Shares were intended to have any redemption value, but they have not survived in quantity.

Smith's daughter was named Queen of the 1895 event, which may have had something to do with her daddy funding it.

The Coastal Rail Road ran from San Francisco to Santa Cruz to make attendance easier from more populous areas. A So-Called Dollar was struck by Moise of San Francisco, but it's unclear how these were marketed. Metal badges were sold for both years in several designs.

The Santa Cruz Boardwalk area was a continuing reminder of these carnivals, hosting parades reminiscent of the Water Carnivals into the 1960s.

Bill's winning paper on this subject will be published later this year.



YOU HAD TO BE THERE

During the break in our July meeting, our two guests, Marybeth and Audrey Grass, distributed wooden nickels from the 2016 Phoenix Coin Club Show. Unlike most wooden nickels, these are multi-colored and individually serial numbered.

JULY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Mark — several rare Philippine Guerrilla notes, 1938 Central American Olympics medal, and a 1964 medal for the 50th Anniversary of the Panama Canal opening.

Michael — Virginia state medal for Major General Winfield H. Scott for his role in 1846 Mexican War (a huge bronze medal).

Bob — 2019 dated “Concept Dollar” by Daniel Carr for an Astronaut commemorative, struck on a Native American Dollar.

Jason — a nice high-grade 1906-S half dollar coin, previously missing from his SF Earthquake year collection.

Herb — Mechanics' Institute Medal, and a fob from the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition.

Dan — 1962 strike of Pistrucci's Waterloo Victory medal, and a 1932 PCNS 200th Meeting Medal. Also 1920 and 1948 Swiss Shooting *certificat* issues.

DRAWING

Winners included Mark, Bill, and Bob, with half of the prizes immediately passed along to our youngest guest, Audrey Grass.