

## PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2018

Jul 25 .....Stephen Huston, *A Brief History of Dates on Coins—Why'd It Take So Long?* **at the Mechanics' Institute**  
Aug 22 .....Michael Wehner *Topic TBA* **at the Mechanics' Institute**  
Sep 26.....Jeff Shevlin, *So-called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions* **at Fort Mason Center**  
Oct 31.....*Speaker & Topic TBA\** **at Fort Mason Center**  
Nov 28 .....*Speaker & Topic TBA\** **at the Mechanics' Institute**  
Dec 27 .....Holiday gathering and elections **at the Mechanics' Institute**

\* See "Speak Up!" below

### SPEAK UP!

A quick look at the 2018 Calendar above reveals that there is ample opportunity for **you** to make a presentation in the coming months: October and November are still open. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Email [webmaster@pcns.org](mailto:webmaster@pcns.org) to sign up.

### MEETING LOCATION AND TIME CHANGES

Due to scheduled construction at Fort Mason Center, PCNS meetings for July, August, November, December 2018 and January 2019 will take place at the Mechanics' Institute in downtown San Francisco. Meetings at the Mechanics Institute will start at 7:15pm. See enclosed flyer for information.

### 2018 PCNS OFFICERS

President.....Daniel Hipple  
Vice President .....Jason Macario  
Secretary .....Bob Somers  
Treasurer .....Stephen Huston  
Governors .....Herb Miles, Ed Treuting  
Past President.....William Hyder

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## 1227<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



### A Brief History of Dates on Coins— Why'd It Take So Long?

*Stephen Huston*

**Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 7:15 PM**  
**Mechanics' Institute Board Room**  
**57 Post Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco**

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## WHEN WAS THIS COIN MADE?

When numismatists describe a coin, particularly when they're referring to a "modern" coin, one of the first words in their description is its date. "I just got a 1921-S Morgan Dollar," or, "I'm looking to sell my 1912 Mexican Peso." By



contrast, dates are of little interest to civilians; much more important are the origin and denomination of a coin. "The soda machine took my Canadian quarter!" or, "Do you want all these Euro coins I wasn't able to spend before I came home?"

It's little wonder, then, that coins haven't always included dates. So when did dates start appearing? Join us on July 25 when PCNS Fellow Stephen Huston will describe, briefly, the history on dates on coins and

reveal, for once and for all, why the heck it took so long. Suggested exhibit material: Your earliest dated coin (or whatever else you please).

**Remember: The meeting is at the Mechanics' Institute and will start at 7:15pm.**

## JUNE BBQ RECAP

PCNS members and guests gathered on a beautiful June afternoon to enjoy each others' company while dining on steak, chicken, sausage, vegetable lasagna, and an array of salads and desserts.

President Dan Hipple announced the winners of the 2018 Papers Contest:



- 1st Place: "Sheep Shearing Tokens of Santa Cruz Island," by William Hyder
- 2nd Place: "Colonel Warren: 1st Medals for the California Agricultural Fairs," by Michael Wehner
- 3rd Place: "Brass Checks: The Baldwin Hotel," by Jerry Schimmel

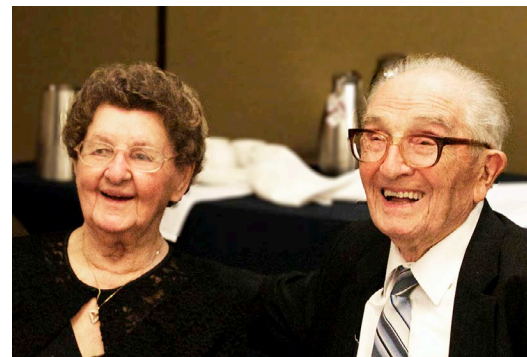
In addition, this year's Papers will include "Seated Figures: Who Influenced Who?" by Mark Benvenuto.

Dan then announced that the die for the obverse of the 1000th Meeting Medal had been secured from the successors to the Medallic Arts Company. The die is now safely in the PCNS archive.

The group then toasted Governor and Past President Herb Miles, who is relocating to Southern California this month. Herb will be sorely missed, not just for his dedication to PCNS, or for his sparkling wit, but also for his

## FRANK J. STRAZZARINO 1921-2018

Frank J. Strazzarino was born in San Francisco in 1921 and lived in San Francisco his entire life. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Elaine Aless Strazzarino, his high school sweetheart. They enjoyed dancing, traveling, cruising, and sharing hobbies. Frank was a gifted storyteller with an outgoing personality.



Frank joined PCNS in 1961, and served in various offices including President (1969–70). He joined CSNA in 1968, and, when "The Granite Lady" building became available in the 1970s, Frank took part in efforts to organize a Mint Museum there, opening it to the public until 1993.

Frank was both a Gold and Distinguished Member of PCNS, maintaining his membership for over 57 years and serving as a dedicated officer. Frank and Elaine were regulars at PCNS events until health issues restricted their activities in recent years. They attended the PCNS Centennial Banquet together in 2015 (see image above). Frank continued his memberships in both PCNS and CSNA, often sponsoring the publication of the annual PCNS Papers. He will be remembered and missed by his many friends.

—Stephen Huston

impressive ability to come up with prizes for monthly drawings.

Following the toast, Herb conducted his final game of PCNS Bingo before turning the equipment over to Dan Hipple.

After a reminder that the July and August meetings will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, attendees continued to eat, drink, and make merry.

Many thanks to our wonderful hosts for a delightful afternoon.



# PCNS AT THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

## LOCATION AND PARKING INFORMATION

The July and August PCNS meetings will be held in the Board Room on the 4th Floor of the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, located at 57 Post Street, between Kearny and Montgomery/Market Streets. Here are a few things you should know:

- The meetings will start fifteen minutes early (i.e., 7:15 PM) to accommodate the fact that the building closes promptly at 9:00 PM. The meeting must be finished by 8:45 PM.
- Building policy is that all visitors must sign in at the front desk upon entry. Allow some extra time to do so.
- The PCNS board meeting will take place at 6:45 PM in a different room within the building. Non-board members are welcome to attend, but we must know ahead of time that you're coming. Board members and other attendees will gather in the lobby before proceeding upstairs promptly at 6:45.

### Getting There

**Public transit** is plentiful in the area. The Institute is one-half block from the **Montgomery BART/Muni Station** (use the Montgomery Street exits), and numerous lines run on Market Street. The appropriate stop will be Montgomery, New Montgomery, or Second Street.

**Street parking** is limited, and the pattern of one-way streets makes a systematic search a space even more challenging. Be aware of parking restrictions if you chose to park on the street.

**Garage parking** is plentiful. The least expensive options are the City-owned **Sutter-Stockton** and **Union Square Garages** at \$2.00 per hour after 6:00 PM. Each are about three blocks from the Institute. Two other garages with a substantial number of spaces are the **White House Garage** at Grant and Sutter and the **Hearst Center Garage** at Third and Stevenson (both \$4.00 per half-hour). These are closer, but are more expensive. The Hearst Center Garage has the advantage of being managed by a descendant of Farran Zerbe, but I leave it to you to decide if it's worth the extra cost.

In all cases, be aware that there has been a notable uptick in car break-ins at all downtown garages, so don't leave anything visible in your car. I've marked the location of the garage entrances with blue-gray arrows on the map.

