

## CALENDAR FOR 2019

Mar 27 .....Daniel Hipple, *The First Two Commercial Medal Series in the U.S.*  
Apr 24 .....Speaker & Topic TBA\* **at Fort Mason Center**  
**Apr 24** .....**Deadline for Papers submissions**  
May 22 .....Federico Castillo, *U.S. Token Denominations and their Socioeconomic Context* ..... **at Fort Mason Center**  
June .....Saturday BBQ, date TBA

\* See "Speak Up!" below

## SPEAK UP!

A quick look at the Calendar above reveals that there is ample opportunity for **you** to make a presentation in the coming months. 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.

## WRITE, NOW!

The submission deadline for the 2019 Papers Contest is the **April 24** meeting. **Important:** Refer to the publication section of [pcns.org](http://pcns.org) for the contest rules and our copyright policy.

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## 1235<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



## The First Two Commercial Medal Series in the U.S.

*Daniel Hipple*

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 7:30 PM**  
**Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco**

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## CIRCLES AND MEDALS AND ART-UNIONS, OH MY!

When asked to identify the first two commercial medal series in the United States, many people will respond Circle of Friends of the Medallion (twelve medals, 1909-1915) and Society of Medallists (129 medals, 1930-1995). But as your editor discovered, they are wrong. The short-lived series by the American Art-Union (1847-49)



consisted of only three medals, but actually represents the first commercially-available medal series in the country.

The three American Art-Union medals honored, not surprisingly, artists: Washington Allston, Gilbert Stuart, and John Trumbull, all

bearing the same reverse design. The Circle of Friends of the Medallion medals lacked a single theme, instead celebrating ideas (e.g., "Motherhood"), individuals (e.g., Charles Dickens), and events (e.g., the New Netherlands 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).

Join us on March 27 at the Fort Mason Center as Dan Hipple discusses these two highly collectible series.



## TIME IS RUNNING OUT: DUES ARE DUE

PCNS membership dues for 2019 are due and payable right now. Dues remain \$20 per year, and support the oldest numismatic organization in the West. If you haven't paid your dues already, we recommend that you do so today so that your membership doesn't lapse. Members who haven't renewed by March 31 are dropped from the membership rolls. We don't want that to happen!

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## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Dan Hipple's presentation scheduled for February 27 became a victim of his very bad cold, and has been rescheduled to March.

The regular program was supplanted by an extended session of member exhibits.

**Jeff:** Two items from the 2019 Apollo XI 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoratives: the five-ounce proof silver dollar and the proof half dollar set, which includes a reverse-proof 2019 Kennedy half dollar.

**Bob:** A selection of three-inch national commemorative medals, including bronzes celebrating Roberto Clemente, Walt Disney, and the ANA 75th Anniversary; a silver commemorating Stone Mountain, and a six-ounce silver Young Astronauts.

**Jason:** 2018 proof American Innovation Golden Dollar, the first issue in a new multi-year series.

**Stephen:** An 1896 Scotland medal; a positive die bearing the crest of Queen Anne of England; 1895 Darmstadt; a 1993 CSNA medal, and a hand-struck 2000 ANA souvenir medal.

**Jerry:** A selection of salesman sample plastic tokens in various colors. Jerry would use these to promote his



token business to bars, cocktail lounges, and restaurants.

**Ken:** A silver casino token, and a Year of the Pig coin.

**Michael:** A Phoebe Hearst medal for UC Berkeley Architecture

**Federico:** A 1910 Art Nouveau medal made by Tiffany &

Company; a medal awarded to Eric P. Newman he'd purchased as part of a misattributed auction lot; and a 1938 Los Angeles/Mexico medal celebrating Mexican Independence.

## 2018 PAPERS AVAILABLE AT MARCH MEETING

Barring unforeseen complications, the 2018 Papers will be available for members to pick up at the March 27 meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, your copy will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.