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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
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1286th Monthly Meeting

2023 PCNS Summer BBQ

Saturday, June 24, 2023, 1:00 PM PDT
Berkeley, CA

In lieu of our regular June meeting, the annual PCNS BBQ will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 24 in Berkeley. This is a rare opportunity for us to gather in person, and will include the presentation of awards for the 2023 Papers Contest.



The cost is \$15 per person, payable in advance online by PayPal. Simply go to pcns.org and follow the PayPal link on the Meetings page. Please RSVP by Friday, June 16 to allow our hosts to plan accordingly. Also, if you have special dietary requirements, please forward them to webmaster@pcns.org by the same date.

Directions will be provided to those who RSVP. Per PCNS tradition Hawaiian shirts are encouraged, but not required.



Remember, there is no meeting in June.

MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Speaker Bill Hyder talked about his research into the satirical medals of Isaac F. Wood. Bill began by talking about four 1876 satirical presidential election medals designed by Wood and produced by George Lovett.

Wood was born in 1841 and died about 1895. Because he changed his name there is some difficulty tracking down early information about him.

Wood began issuing medals in 1868. His first medal was perhaps one with the motto THE FIRST "DADDY OF THE AMERICAN COIN TRADE". In 1869 came the Wood Memorial Medal series, featuring Norwalk, Andrew Johnson, and his alma mater Haverford College. In 1875 he issued a satirical medal about George Washington and the incomplete Washington Monument.

Wood was a fan of President Grant and struck a number of satirical medals relating to politicians. Bill detailed medals

satirizing Charles Dana and Samuel Tilden in particular. There are a number of obscure references in the mottos on these medals, and Bill is working on putting together an article fully explaining the medals. We eagerly await the article!

We invite you to watch Bill's full presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).



Isaac F. Wood Tokens Honoring Ulysses S. Grant

PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of most months. Currently, meetings are held online using the Zoom platform, thereby allowing members, presenters, and guests to attend no matter where they are located. Everyone with an interest in numismatics is welcome to attend. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting; non-members can request a link by emailing webmaster@pcns.org.

Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ, will continue to occur in person.

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2023

June 24, 2023**Summer BBQ**
July 26, 2023**John Duff, Early Toy Coins**
August 23, 2023**Douglas Ward, Half Unions, Half Measures, and Hidden Treasures**
September 27, 2023**Michael Wehner, Topic TBA***
October 25, 2023**Speaker and Topic TBA***

SPEAK UP!

There are always opportunities for **you** to make a presentation. Thanks to Zoom, you don't even need to be in San Francisco. Your topic can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

MAY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Charlie showed the latest acquisition of a Thomas Spence Conder Token (D&H 720) with a die combination of two sought after images. And I also showed the book written by James Conder in 1799 that gave these tokens their name.

Stephen continues his collection related to Venice, which rebelled against Austrian rule in 1848. He showed a recently purchased 1812 copper Soldo, minted in Milan for Napoleon- the King of Italy at the time.

Jeff P. showed a photo of a beautiful 1863 Seated Liberty quarter dollar pattern and gave us details on it. There are perhaps six known, his is the second highest graded.

PCNS received an inquiry about a Western Multiphone token, which was referred to Michael to answer. He has two of the tokens. They are not telephone tokens; they

advertise for the first juke box! Michael found photos of some of these jukeboxes to go along with the tokens, and shared information about the company.



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