



*Bulletin of the*  
**PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**  
**MAY, 2025**

**1309<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting**  
**Ludwig Gies: The Munich Years 1910-1917**

*Henry Goodman*

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 7:30 PM PDT**  
**Online**

Ludwig Gies (1887-1966) was a German sculptor and medallist. He specialized in numerous media, and was perhaps best known for a scandalous carved wood crucifix from 1922 and a large Federal Eagle created for the Bundestag in 1953.



Join us online on **Wednesday, May 28** when **Henry Goodman** will give a presentation on Gies' work during the period of 1910 to 1917 when he lived in his native city of Munich..

Plan to exhibit your own Gies piece or one of your recent acquisitions. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.



**IT'S BBQ TIME!**

Our 2025 Summer BBQ will take place on **Saturday, June 28** in Berkeley. In addition to a delicious array of food treats, the awardees of the 2025 Papers Contest and 2024 Presentation Contest will be announced.

Tickets are \$15 per person payable in advance. Please pay by PayPal on the [PCNS website](#) **no later than Friday, June 20**. Ticket holders will receive further information prior to the event.

**APRIL MEETING RECAP**

Charlie Catlett presented a fascinating exposition of coins with two heads joined back-to-back. Commonly referred to as Janiform coins (relating to the Roman god Janus), they predate the Roman Republic coinage by hundreds of years, having been seen on Greek coins.

Charlie went on to discuss the history and evolution of the form over the following centuries, through the middle ages, and into modern times in Europe and the United States.

To fully appreciate Charlie's superbly illustrated presentation, you should view a recording of it on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

## PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm Pacific Time 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](mailto:webmaster@pcns.org).

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

## PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2025

May 28, 2025.....	Henry Goodman, <i>Ludwig Gies: The Munich Years 1910-1917</i>
June, 28 2025 .....	PCNS Summer BBQ and Awards Presentation
July 23, 2025 .....	Speaker and Topic TBA*
August 27, 2025 .....	Speaker and Topic TBA*
September 24, 2025 .....	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](mailto:webmaster@pcns.org) to sign up.

## APRIL MEMBER EXHIBITS

**Bill** showed the abstract heads which appeared on medieval coins. Stephen explained that the art of die engraving had been lost. In medieval times portraits were simply made with a series of die punches, resulting in simplistic or even just vague resemblances of portraits.

**Michael** showed a medal from the 1893 Olympic Club Roman Revival, featuring Mr. & Mrs. JB Schroeder in the guise of Augustus and Livia. Jerry Schimmel wrote an article about the event and a scandal that happened. Michael also showed two New York tokens with two heads on them.

**Ed** showed a £2 British coin featuring "the shot heard 'round the world", on its 250th anniversary. Charles III is on the obverse. This is the first and only British coin ever celebrating the American revolution (a war the Brits lost!).

**Adrián** shared an internet link to view *De Asse et Partibus*, by Bude, the very first work devoted to ancient coins and units of measure. He commented that many of the items in today's talk were described in *De Asse*.



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