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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
MAY 2026

1321st Monthly Meeting
1826—A Year of Celebrations

Bill Hyder

Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 PM PDT
Online



It has been a tradition in the United States to celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence at 50-year intervals. As we near the fifth such celebration on July 4, 2026 (our Semiquincentennial), now is a good time to talk about the first celebration, the Semi-centennial Jubilee, in 1826.

July 4, 1826 was a historic day for other reasons. Two founding fathers, John Adams (our second president) and Thomas Jefferson (our third President) died within hours of each other, ending their long—if sometimes-strained—friendship. Adding to the coincidence of the day, John Adams' son, John Quincy Adams, was serving as our sixth president.

Join us online on **Wednesday, May 27** when **Bill Hyder** will tell us more about the celebration of the first half-century of our nation's independence. Be prepared to exhibit your own anniversary-themed

exonomia, or your latest acquisitions. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.

APRIL MEETING RECAP

Michael Wehner began his presentation on Modern Art Medals with a question: What is art? That led to a definition of contemporary art— dating from the late 20th century to the present. He went on to show medals from his collection that he particularly likes. It started with science medals, and progressed to themes of weather, oceans, Galileo, physiology, and much more. Included in the presentation were details of themes, designers/medalists, and minting specifics. He finished with the twelve weirdest medals he has. "An art medal is a sculpture that you can hold in your hand." The next best thing to that is to see all the wonderful examples he showed and discussed in the recorded presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

2026 SUMMER BBQ

This year's summer BBQ, will take place on June 27, Saturday afternoon, in Berkeley. The cost is \$15 per person, payable in advance. Reserve your space now! (Or at least by June 19.) BBQ Tickets available on the PCNS website. Details will be provided to purchasers days before the BBQ.

PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm Pacific Time on the fourth Wednesday of most months. 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 2026

May 27, 2026.....**Bill Hyder: 1826 — A Year of Celebrations**
Saturday, June 27, 2026, 1:00 PM PDT.....**Summer BBQ**
July 22, 2026.....**Scott Safe: Lesher's Iconic "Pikes Peak Silver Mine" Scene Finally Explained**
August 26, 2026.....*Speaker and Topic TBA*
September 23, 2026.....*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.

APRIL MEMBER EXHIBITS

Bill Hyder shared three items:

- 1983 FIDEM delegates medal,
- 2015 Bighorn Ram at Atlatl Rock in Nevada medal; and
- 2004 bronze Sarah Peters medal

Charlie Ludvik shared two items:

- Monarch of the Plains, a rectangular medal featuring the American Bison
- Mark Twain 150th anniversary medal

Michael Wehner showed us the covers of MCA issues which he had articles in. Included was an issue also featuring articles by Bill and Jeff.

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