

IN MEMORIAM

Robert R. Johnson, noted numismatist, long term member of PCNS, and coin dealer in San Francisco for many years, died peacefully recently. Mr. Johnson was a very well respected dealer in San Francisco and was an avid member of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society until his death. His knowledge, kindness, and generosity will be greatly missed.



**1134th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
7:30PM Wednesday September 22, 2010
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California**

**"Numismatic Outcasts:
Banished to the Black Cabinet**

Steve Huston

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Please join us September 22, 2010 to hear Steve Huston's illustrated talk. Steve says, "There will be special numismatic PRIZES for all who attend! Items you cannot get anywhere else! Bring your "least collectible" numismatic item that you have intentionally kept for show and tell."

1132th meeting August 25, 2010. The 1898 California Golden Jubilee *Bill Hyder*

Herb introduced our Speaker for the evening, Bill Hyder, speaking on the exonomia produced during the 1898 California Golden Jubilee, i.e., the 50th anniversary of the discovery of gold.

According to Bill (see his fantastic article in the May-June 2010 TAMS Journal), 50 years after the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, San Francisco produced a plethora of badges, tokens, and other exonomia celebrating this anniversary.

If Yerba Buena (future San Francisco) had only 500 hardy souls in 1847, the discovery of gold in 1849 increased the population to 20,000 by 1850!

Flocking to the gold fields near Sutter's Mill and other parts of the Sierras, many found their fortune and many came away empty-handed. But, the discovery was such a momentous event that 50 years after the fact, the city held a celebration and parade 14,000 strong marching from Kearney and Market Street down Market through a Grand Arch at Powell & Market.

Marching were the Native Sons & Daughters of the Golden West, the Irish Brigade, the "Chinese Celestials" and many others. Badges, medals, pinbacks, ribbons and other items were produced and sold at the parade and later.

A ribbon featuring a facsimile of the first gold nugget found was a popular item and the official jubilee badge. Other items produced were badge and hangers showing prospectors, wagon trains, locomotives, and images of John Marshall, discoverer of the gold nugget. A mining fair followed the parade holding court for 5 weeks after having its opening done by President Taft remotely by pressing a telegraph key in Washington, DC to ring a bell in San Francisco!

All of the pieces produced are avidly collected; and at least one is included in Hibbler & Kappen, Number 642. Thanks Bill for a very well done presentation!

Special 1133rd Meeting September 18, 2010 The Granite Lady

Scott Griffin, the organizer of the new coin show generously offered the Society meeting space. After a short meeting, we toured the vaults of the Granite Lady and enjoyed the ambience of this numismatic classic.

July 2010 Exhibits

Bill in honor of his presentation brought examples of the exonomia of the California Gold Rush Jubilee, tokens, badges, and the like.

Jerry brought some coin catalogs from "rare places" meaning catalogs from Iceland and 19th Century Mexican tokens featuring gold impressions of the tokens!!!

Dan exhibited 3 Swiss shooting medals, a 1907 Zurich piece, a 1910 Bern, and a 1905 Solothurn. These are truly interesting pieces because the Swiss are obligated to learn firearms as each male is required to learn to fire a rifle as a duty of citizenship.

Catz brought 3 coins, all using designs that extend to the border of the coin, a Mongolian 500 Togrog and 2 Euro pieces.

Federico showed us his latest acquisitions; a dairy token from Sadler's Dairy in Santa Cruz, CA; and a picker's token from Owensboro, KY for 10 buckets (buckets of what?).

Herb showed off his latest book, a 1937 Richmond, California business directory, an excellent reference for attributing maverick tokens!