

2012 meeting Schedule:

January 25, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

February 22, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

March 28, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

April 25, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

May 23, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

June 23, 2012: Banquet Location TBA

July 25, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

August 22, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

September 26, 2012: Building C, Fort Mason

October 24, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

November 28, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

December 26, 2011: Building C, Fort Mason

Dues Reminder:

Its time to pay your dues if you have not already done so.

Renewal is \$20. Bring your check to the meeting or mail to:

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PO Box 475656
San Francisco CA 94147



**1148th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
7:30PM Wednesday December 28, 2011
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California**

HOLIDAY PARTY

Annual Holiday Party!

*Please join us December 28, 2011 for the annual holiday party.
As is tradition, the event is potluck. Bring something delicious to
share and enjoy what your fellow members bring as well.*

A good time will be had by all!



1147th meeting, November 23, 2011

Dan Hipple presented a talk entitled: The Double Florin 1887-1890: "The Barmaid's Grief." The double florin, Great Britain's attempt to introduce decimal coinage, was just shy of a crown in size and value. In the dim light and alcohol fueled evenings in British pubs, the confusion between the two sometimes led a barmaid to make the wrong change. The difference in value, approximately 10 pence, was more than one day's earnings, justifiably seen as a big deal. The problems with confusing a crown and a double florin, coupled with numerous production problems, led to the generally held distaste for the new coin. It was discontinued after a short four year run.

Dan passed around examples of several of the unfortunate coins. In the first year, the 1 in the date was represented by the Roman I and created a diplomatic furor with countries in the Middle East. In the second and third years, a common and unfortunate die break inserted a 1 where none should have been found. Production problems were solved by the fourth year, but by then, it was too late for the double florin.

Member exhibits:

Ed shared a U.S. 1877 S half dollar attributed by die variety, an 1800 80/79 large cent, the first coin he purchased for his collection years ago, and an 1802 large cent his father discovered in the floorboards when working on an old house. He also brought two examples of the new U.S. Mint September 11 Memorial medal.

Federico shared three tokens including a maverick Fairview Ranch dairy token struck by Moise. The token is from Oakland, California. Another, a 1903 Liberal Convention token from Costa Rica, is still awaiting its story.

David shared five medals purchased from the Paris Mint in the 1960s. He passed them around in their original boxes of issue.

Bill brought a privately issued medal honoring the first Massachusetts

governor, John Endicott, designed by Laura Gardin Fraser. He also shared a silver-plated medal from the 1933 Century of Progress exposition showing an American scout and two Indians overlooking a bird's-eye view of the fair grounds.

Whalen shared panoramic photographs of the Panama Pacific International Exposition grounds on loan from the San Mateo History Museum.

December is the election of Officers

Prior to the election of officers, a revised set of by-laws must be adopted. The proposed revisions were read at the November meeting as required for proposed changes to the document. The changes allow for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer to be combined in a position to be known as the Recorder when there are insufficient nominations to fill both positions. The second change provides for the election of one to three governors depending on the number of nominations. The proposed changes are meant to deal with the situation where monthly attendance is low in comparison to the number of members needed to fill all board and officer positions.

The nominating committee presented the following slate:

President: Stephen Huston

Vice President: Herb Miles

Recorder (Secretary/Treasurer): Bill Hyder

Board Members (up to 3): Ed Treuting, Dan Hipple



Nominations will be accepted at the meeting. If you are interested in serving, speak up now.