

PCNS MEETINGS, EVENTS, SPEAKERS

Sep 27 David W. Lange will present:

New Discoveries in Early U.S. Silver Coins

Oct 25 Meeting speaker/topic to be announced *

Nov 29 PCNS Numismatic Book Sale

(a benefit fundraiser event for PCNS)

Dec 27 Annual holiday gathering and election

* Please email webmaster@pcns.org if you can present a program in October 2017 or early in 2018. Topics can even be something about which you submitted or plan a *Paper*.

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1217TH Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



New Discoveries in Early United States Silver Coins by David W. Lange

Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 7:30 PM
at Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM TOPIC

PCNS Fellow David W. Lange will give a presentation on *New Discoveries in Early United States Silver Coins*.

He is well-known to long-time PCNS members from his days in the Bay Area, as a past president of our Society, and even a spell as Editor of *The Journal*. David is a

nationally known author and is Research Director at NGC.

What to bring: US coin varieties, unusual die varieties of anything, or — when all else fails — your new acquisitions.

AUGUST PROGRAM REPORT

Federico Castillo spoke in August on Latin American token denominations.

He described how tokens with different denominations sometimes refer to the very same units, but the terms vary from one area to another based on dialect and local usage of different names. Many tokens were issued based on specific work performed, such as amounts harvested, or fields cleared of weeds. Basing token issuance on a specific task or measurable unit of work removed the need to supervise every worker's locale to track their time. If one could see that the work had been done, the token was given, without any need to oversee work in progress.

Token denominations are found for specific weights of sugarcane and coffee delivered to the weighing station, also for specific field sizes cleared or groomed. Some tokens were for specific size containers delivered filled, others for units of tobacco leaves stemmed and bunched.

Some tokens are known for local transportation systems, including one-way and round-trip fares on barges or ferries, or just for tolls to cross at some locations. There are even tokens for personal passes to race track locations, and, of course, for

beer, sometimes specifically for an iced bucket of 5 bottles.

Federico noted that most of the plantation tokens were often, sometimes exclusively, redeemable at the company store.

AUGUST MEMBER EXHIBITS

- Jerry brought Latin-American tokens with Chinese names and inscriptions.
- Ed brought lighthouse medals from Uruguay for the opening of a rail line, and from Argentina and Cuba.
- Mark's flea-market finds included a counterstamped Venezuela 5-centimos, and a Kappen #1 for *Callahan's Indian Village*.
- Jason showed a recently-received US Mint "enhanced" 2017-S Uncirculated Set with frosted fields and proof-like lettering.
- Herb had an example of the US 225-Year American Liberty medal with an African-American "portrait" obverse.
- Bill brought ANA acquisitions: including a SFFD special award dated April 28 1906, for rescuing an "orphan" in SF.
- Stephen had a 1933 transportation token from Hungary, and a 1961 Dakota Territory Centennial 50¢ token which expired 1960!
- Dan brought an oversize bronze medal by Victor D. Brenner, recently acquired from the Talmadge Collection sale.

PCNS BOOK SALE

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2017

The PCNS November meeting will feature a **BOOK SALE** of 150–200 titles from the reference library of PCNS member and former coin dealer Stephen Huston. This sale will be held as a benefit for PCNS. All collectors are invited to attend.

The PCNS book sale will include most of Huston's books on US, World, tokens, early modern coinage, with some selected titles on Ancients and Medieval. *This will not be a sale of periodicals*, but of individual numismatic titles — most are hardback and out-of-print.