

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2020

May 27.....	William Hyder, <i>Notorious Saloons in Santa Barbara</i>
June 27	Summer BBQ
	<i>Subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions</i>
July 22.....	Speaker & Topic TBA*
August 26.....	Speaker & Topic TBA*
September 30	Speaker & Topic TBA*
October 28.....	Speaker & Topic TBA*
November 25.....	Speaker & Topic TBA*

* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

As can be seen above, there are ample opportunities for **you** to make a presentation. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Send an email to webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

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1249th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



Big Trouble on Lower State Street: Notorious Saloons in Santa Barbara, California

William Hyder

Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 7:30 PM
online

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SLEEPY SANTA BARBARA...OR WAS IT?

These days, many Californians don't give Santa Barbara a second thought. Like much of the Central California Coast, it seems like a wonderful secret, until it bursts into the news due to earthquakes (1925), oil spills (1969) or destructive wildfires (2017-18).



Locations off the beaten path can easily become breeding grounds for the darker elements of human nature. Consider that in 1849, Santa Barbara had one saloon; by 1851, it had fifty. As was the case in other parts of the new state California, crime—and vigilantism—flourished.

So join us online at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 27 as Bill shares his findings on the seedier side

of Santa Barbara. We invite you to share exnomia from dens of iniquity in Santa Barbara or anywhere else, or any recent additions to your collection.

APRIL MEETING RECAP

Michael Wehner spoke about research he has been doing—while sheltering in place—for an upcoming article on the first documented California private gold coin. Despite the fact that “San Francisco” appears on the coin (right), it was actually struck in Benicia.

Norris, Gregg and Norris were an iron-mongering firm based in New York City. At least one Norris traveled to California and struck gold coins before returning to New York. Their first five dollar coin resembling an official US mint issued Half Eagle was mentioned in the *Alta California* on May 31, 1849. While other companies may have struck gold coins earlier in California, this is the first to be mentioned in print.

Michael also exhibited a Norris counterstamped 1851 large cent attributed to the same New York firm, shown below.



PCNS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

In-person meetings of PCNS are suspended until further notice. Meetings will, however, be held online, enabling those who are unable to be in San Francisco to join us for a meeting. We are exploring the possibility of streaming and/or recording future meetings once we resume meeting in person.

APRIL MEMBER EXHIBITS

Paul: Assorted US coins minted in San Francisco

Mark B: Mughal dam & Meissen porcelain medal

Chris: Full basic type set of Seated Liberty series in Capital Plastics holder

Erik: GGIE commemorative medal, ICCS graded Newfoundland coins and a 1873 two cent piece

Bill: Thomas Elder paperweight, Moise state seal medal and a Tune for Token book

Jeff: 1 kilo French Libertas Americana silver medal

Federico: A book on Minor Keets, an 1855 Crimean War medal, a Costa Rican token and a token, possibly a sample, with the initials FC, denomination ¾ R

Charlie: SF MUNI token and a selection of Civil War tokens

Bob: 3 inch silver Jim Thorpe National Commemorative Medal

Michael: Moise California State Seal medal without a die crack

ZOOMING

Our May 27 meeting will take place online using the Zoom platform. If you're already familiar with Zoom, then you're all set. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to you separately.

If you're new to the Zoom service, you'll need to do a few things ahead of the meeting. **Don't wait until the last minute to get set up!**

Setup is fairly straightforward, but could be intimidating to those who aren't used to installing software. For detailed instructions, please see the April issue of the *Bulletin*.

Making Yourself Heard: When you join the session, your microphone is automatically muted, so no one will be able to hear you. When you wish to be heard, click the microphone icon at the bottom of the screen. Then, please re-engage the mute function. Sometimes a cough or background noise can cause you to pull the focus away from the presenter.

Member Exhibits (a.k.a., “Sharing”): Take pictures of any items you wish to exhibit, upload them to your computer or device, and share the pictures when the time comes. Holding objects up to your computer's camera **does not work**.

See you—virtually, at least—on the 27th!