

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2020

September 30.....**Federico Castillo** *Travels of the 1841 Lattice Cuban 2 Reales CM*
October 28**Scott Safe** *Gone to Pikes Peak: A Mountain of Numismatic Discovery*
November 25*Speaker & Topic TBA**
December 23Holiday gathering and election

* See "Speak Up!" below

PCNS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

In-person meetings of PCNS are suspended until further notice. Instead, we will meet online. This has the benefit of enabling those who are unable to be in San Francisco to join us for a meeting *and* to give a presentation!

SPEAK UP!

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

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PCNS WEBSITE

Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers* (including the not-yet-printed 2019 *Papers*), get the latest *Bulletin*, or to check our meeting schedule.

New! Beginning with the May, 2020 Meeting, you can also view a recording of the presentation on our YouTube channel, available through links from pcns.org!

Use a QR scanner/reader to open pcns.org via this code.



1253rd Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



The Travels of the 1841 Lattice Cuban 2 Reales CM *Federico Castillo*

Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 7:30 PM
online

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COUNTERMARKS

The practice of countermarking coins is an ancient one, by which a circulating coin is modified by adding a mark or symbol using a punch or die. This could be done for such reasons as indicating that a foreign coin is treated as legal tender, or that a coin has been revalued.

Join us on September 30 as **Federico Castillo** tells us about a particular example of the practice, namely, Spanish coins that were countermarked with a lattice and sun symbol in 1841 by order of Spanish officials in Cuba.

AUGUST MEETING RECAP

Herb Miles gave a fascinating presentation about the Civil Rights pioneers known as the Little Rock Nine.

In 1954, segregated schools were declared unconstitutional by the US Supreme Court in *Brown v Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. On the heels of that decision, a group of young African American honor roll students were recruited by the NAACP in 1957 to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Physically blocked from attending the school, the Little Rock Nine were ultimately escorted to school and class by federal troops and later by the federalized Arkansas National Guard. The confrontation to delay desegregation continued through the Summer of 1959 and included the closure of all Little Rock high schools for a year.

The Little Rock Nine were presented with the Spingarn Medal by the NAACP for outstanding achievement by an African American, a Congressional Gold Medal in 1999 and a commemorative silver dollar minted in 2007 to recognize their strength and determination.

AUGUST MEMBER EXHIBITS

Paul: A George Washington Carver commemorative half dollar and a Booker T. Washington/George Washington Carver commemorative half dollar.

Jeff: Three modern commemoratives depicting African Americans: The Little Rock Nine dollar (1997), Jackie Robinson dollar (1997), and Crispus Attucks (Black Revolutionary War Patriots dollar, 1998); plus a 2017 American Liberty High Relief gold \$100 coin, the first depiction of Liberty as an African-American.

Chris: 1880 shield nickel five-cent piece.

Michael W: Paper token good for one seat on the first San Francisco horse-drawn line, and a J. Randel Jr. C&C Canal token.

Bill: New Orleans 1884 Cotton Exposition so-called dollar and a Sachs Brothers store card.

Ed: 2014 Civil Rights Act commemorative dollar, a Point Reyes token and a Point Reyes medal.

Jason: 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial coin and medal set.

2020 PAPERS CONTEST

Under normal circumstances—and as we know, there's *nothing* normal about 2020—the results of this year's Papers Contest would have been announced at our Summer BBQ. As that particular event was postponed and then canceled, the presentation ceremony won't take place this year.

At our August 26 meeting, Papers Coordinator Dan Hipple announced the following results of this year's contest:

- **1st place:** "The Crimean War Medal of San Francisco" by Michael Wehner
- **2nd place:** "Mayhem at an Elko Brothel" by Jerry Schimmel
- **3rd place:** "Foreign Coins Minted in San Francisco" by Paul V. Turner

Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to Dan Hipple and the judges for their contribution to the cause.

The 2020 Papers are now available to read online at pcns.org. Print versions of the 2019 and 2020 Papers, combined into a single volume, will be distributed to members in early 2021.

ZOOMING

Our September 30 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 30th!