PCNS Calendar for 2020

April 22...........................**Michael Wehner**, *Sanity through Numismatics*

April 22...........................Deadline for 2020 Papers Contest Submissions

May 27 ....*Speaker & Topic TBA**

June 27 ....**Summer BBQ**

Subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions

July 22 ....*Speaker & Topic TBA**

August 26...*Speaker & Topic TBA**

September 30 ....*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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1248th Monthly Meeting of the

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

Sanity through Numismatics
Michael Wehner

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 7:30 PM
online

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PCNS in the Age of COVID-19

In accordance with guidelines issued by the State of California and the City and County of San Francisco, in-person meetings of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society are suspended until further notice. We will, however, move to online meetings in the meantime, starting April 22, 2020.

Sanity Through Numismatics

In times of uncertainty, most people need a way to distract themselves to relieve the stress. That's particularly true when one's daily routine is severely disrupted. Some of us distract ourselves by binge watching *Game of Thrones* or finally dealing with household chores that have been deferred for years. Others find comfort in pursuing their hobbies.

Michael Wehner has been spending his time in social isolation completing some numismatic research. For our April meeting, he will present his recent findings on three topics that have interested him for some time: The 1855 San Francisco Crimean War party medal, the gold rush coiners Norris, Gregg, and Norris, and some new information about the madams of Ross Alley.

So join us online at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 22 to learn about Michael's new findings. (See the information on the facing page.) Plan to share your shelter-in-place coping strategies, as well as any recent additions to your collection.

Getting Ready to Zoom

Our April 22 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.

First, you'll need to establish a free Zoom account. Go to zoom.us to get the process started. You'll have to verify your email address in order to proceed.

Once you have your account set up, decide whether you'll want to use Zoom on a computer or a mobile device (smartphone or tablet). Generally, you'll need to install the Zoom application for your device. You can download the most recent versions of the software from the downloads page at zoom.us/download.

Prior to the meeting, we recommend going to zoom.us/test to check your camera and microphone. You can also familiarize yourself with the user interface, including how to control sound and video.

When it's time to join the meeting, launch the Zoom application, log in to Zoom and use the option to join a meeting. Enter the meeting code provided to you. You'll be able to set your name and user image at this point.

Notes: When you join the session, your microphone is automatically muted, so no one will be able to hear you. Click the microphone icon at the bottom of the screen to unmute it.

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 rarely works well.

See you—virtually, at least—on the 22nd!

Privacy Issues. There has been a lot of press lately about the privacy and security shortcomings of Zoom. While many issues have been resolved in the most recent releases of the software, we offer the following hints to reduce the risk of exposure of your personal information:

1. Don't use the "Log In using Facebook" or "Log In using Google" options to log in to Zoom.
2. Use an "Incognito" browser tab when you sign up for Zoom.
3. Consider isolating your Zoom sessions from your day-to-day work environment, either by using a spare computer or tablet, or by using the Guest account on your computer.

Write Now!

The submission deadline for the 2020 Papers Contest is the **April 22** meeting. **Important:** Refer to the publication section of pcns.org for the contest rules and our copyright policy.