

## PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2020

- March 25.....**Meeting Canceled**  
April 22.....Jerry Schimmel, *Topic TBA*  
**April 22** .....**Deadline for 2020 Papers Content Submissions**  
May 27 .....*Speaker & Topic TBA\**  
June 27 .....**Summer BBQ**

*Events subject to cancellation*

\* See "Speak Up!" below

### SPEAK UP!

The new year brings new opportunities for you to make a presentation. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Email [webmaster@pcns.org](mailto:webmaster@pcns.org) to sign up.

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## 1247th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



## Numismatics and the Black Death *Stephen Huston*

March 25, 2020  
**CANCELED**

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## FOILED BY COVID-19

In accordance with guidelines issued by the State of California and the City and County of San Francisco, the March 25 meeting of PCNS has been canceled. This means that Stephen Huston's mini-presentation on the impact of the Bubonic Plague on numismatics will **not** take place.

At the moment, we don't anticipate any further disruption of our meeting schedule, but as we've all learned, plans can change quite quickly in the face of this pandemic.

Please, everyone, stay healthy, and as Mr. Wicks, the custodian at my elementary school, used to shout at everyone: **Wash your hands!**

Remember: Do **not** show up at Fort Mason on March 25!



## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Inspired by San Francisco mint marked Philippines coinage owned by his father, Paul began collecting and researching foreign coins minted at US Mints with a focus primarily on San Francisco minted coins. The US Mint began minting coinage for other countries in 1876 with Venezuela being the first. The most recent example is a commemorative 1000 kroner made for Iceland in the year 2000. Coinage design was usually a collaboration between the US Mint and the foreign government.

WWII created a greater demand for the US Mint to strike coinage for other countries, as their own mint facilities were damaged or out of their control.

Paul noted that records don't always agree as which foreign coins were struck by the US Mint (Haiti and Nepal are examples) and the primary source on foreign coins, The Krause Catalog, often omits details on where a coin was struck. While certain coins have well established documentation attesting to their US Mint origin such as the coinage of

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

- **Erik Frankenfield**, of San Francisco

Per our bylaws, Mr. Frankenfield will become an Active Member of PCNS as of March 25.

Hawaii, others can be identified as US Mint products by the mint mark (Guatemala, Ecuador, Honduras) or only by packaging that identifies it as US Mint struck. Adding to the confusion, sometimes multiple mints struck the same coin. It is possible to identify some of these examples as US mint products coin based solely on die variety or the lack of a mint mark. Paul also brought in a large collection of US Minted foreign coins with and without mint marks for exhibition

## FEBRUARY MEMBER EXHIBITS

**Paul**: Numerous foreign coins minted in San Francisco.

**Bob**: 1970-P Wichita Centennial silver medal, 1970-P American Fisheries Centennial silver medal and 1967 Federal Land Banks bronze medal.

**Jerry**: Coins recovered from Thames River mud diggings.

**Federico**: 1944 (S) Guatemala one centavo, 1943 (S) El Salvador 25 centavos, Black Elephant Saloon from Ciudad Porfirio Díaz City (Piedras Blancas) Mexico token and a brotherhood badge.

**Ed**: Three foreign proof lighthouse coins; Alderley 5-pound, Republic of Palau 1 dollar and Cuba 5-peso, gold.

**Mark**: An inventory of US and foreign coins.

**Schuyler**: One Swiss coin and US currency.

**Erik**: Philippines coins minted in US.

**Michael**: Dancing bears "gold rush" gaming token.

**Stephen**: San Francisco memorabilia from the family archives.

## FEBRUARY DRAWING RESULTS

**Federico**: 1986-S Statue of Liberty proof half dollar.

**Ed**: 1983-P Olympic silver dollar and a 1968-S Proof Set

**Jason**: Three-inch Benjamin Harrison inauguration bronze medal

**Paul**: *Paper Money of the World* book and a 1974-S proof set.

## 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.