

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2020

July 22.....Paul Turner, *The Architecture of the Old Mint*
August 26 (if August 29 BBQ is canceled)Speaker & Topic TBA*
August 29 (unless canceled)Summer BBQ
September 30Speaker & Topic TBA*
October 28Speaker & Topic TBA*
November 25Speaker & Topic TBA*
DecemberHoliday gathering and election

* 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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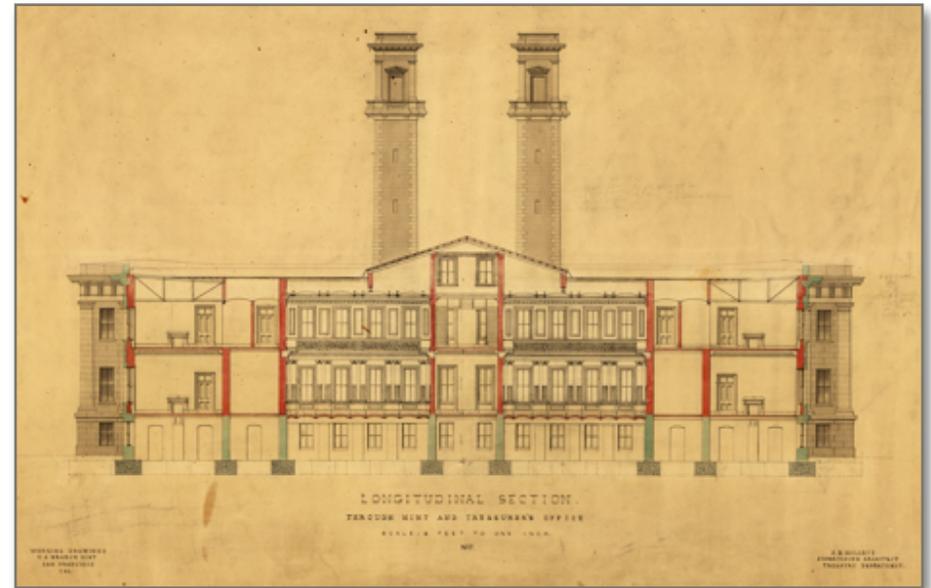
Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers*, get the latest Bulletin, or to check our meeting schedule.

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.



1251st Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



The Architectural Design of San Francisco's Second Mint

Paul V. Turner

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

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RETURN TO THE OLD MINT

The Granite Lady. A Mighty Fortress. The Old Mint. Whatever you call it, the Second United States Branch Mint at San Francisco is an architectural masterpiece.

Designed by the Treasury Department's Chief Architect, Albert Bult Mullett, the architectural drawings of the building are nearly as impressive as the building itself.

Join us online on July 22 as architectural historian Paul V. Turner presents the marvelous working drawings of the building, hidden away in the National Archives but never published.



Albert Mullett



Eadweard Muybridge Photo of the Second Mint Under Construction

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.

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

The 2019 Papers are now available online. The print version will be combined with the 2020 Papers, so this is your opportunity to read them now.

You'll also find link's to the PCNS YouTube channel, where you can relive the May and June presentations, or see them for the first time. Give it a try!

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

We have received a membership application from **Mike McDaniel**, of Scotts Valley, CA. Per PCNS bylaws, Mike will become an Active Member of PCNS at the July 22 meeting.

JUNE MEETING RECAP

Jason Macario presented a segment from his "Secrets of the Old Mint" talk, namely, the mysteries surrounding the building's cornerstone. After a review of the history of branch mints in San Francisco and the Masonic tradition relating to cornerstones, he discussed the reputed contents of the cornerstone's casket, namely, one coin of each denomination issued in 1870, the year the cornerstone was laid. Several of the issues are very rare, and one is thought to be unique. He addressed the five lingering questions: Is the casket still there? Are the contents intact? What is the condition of the contents? Where exactly is the (unmarked) cornerstone? Can and should the casket be recovered?

JUNE MEMBER EXHIBITS

Charlie: POW Tokens

Federico: A small collection of tokens

Stephen: Test plate for notes

Ed: 1909-S VDB cent, 1937-S quarter and an 1895-S silver Morgan dollar

Bill: A San Francisco token, a French medal, a Dan Carr peace dollar and 2020 hard times token

Paul: A counterfeit 1859-S dollar coin

Jeff: 1915-S Panama Pacific Commemorative short set and original box

Michael W.: An authentic 1859-S Morgan dollar, Masonic trowels, Hungarian Meteorological Society medal and a South Park and North Beach paper token

ZOOMING

Our July 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. 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 22nd!