

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2020

August 26Herb Miles *The Little Rock Nine*
September 30.....Federico Castillo *Topic TBA*
October 28*Speaker & Topic TBA**
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. 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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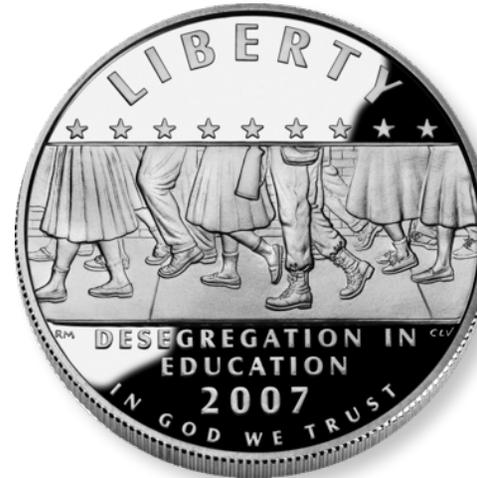
Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers* (including the not-yet-printed 2019 *Papers*), get the latest *Bulletin*, or to check our meeting schedule.

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.



1252nd Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



The Little Rock Nine *Herb Miles*

Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 7:30 PM
online

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65 YEARS OF DESEGREGATION

The landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v Board of Education* made it clear that segregated schools were unconstitutional. The process of desegregating schools across the country is a long and difficult task that has remained difficult and controversial.

On September 4, 1957, nine Black students attempted to attend the all-white Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Needless to say, things did not go well. Governor Orval Faubus did everything he could to stop the Black students from attending. Thanks to the intervention of the federal government, the students were finally able to attend school after several weeks, but they faced physical and verbal abuse for the rest of their school days, as did their successors.

The United States Mint honored the Little Rock Nine with a commemorative silver dollar on the 50th anniversary of the event. Join us on August 26 as Past President and Distinguished Member **Herb Miles** presents on this sadly still-relevant topic.



Elizabeth Eckford Surrounded by Angry White People, September 4, 1957

JULY MEETING RECAP

Paul Turner's combined interests in architectural history and numismatics came together in a fascinating presentation about the Second San Francisco Mint (the "Old Mint"). Using many previously unpublished drawings by architect Albert Bult Mullett, Paul meticulously showed the evolution of the exterior design from a relatively ornate classical revival style to more modest decoration while maintaining the monumental scale. Ornate details were relegated to the interior of the building, particularly in the public rooms, the Office of the Mint and the Office of the Assistant Treasurer.

Of particular interest were the ornate touches on the tall smokestacks, including a false balcony and ersatz windows. The top portions of the chimneys were removed following the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, leaving the relatively plain smokestacks we see today.

There were many innovations in Mullett's design, including a massive foundation that allowed the building to survive that same Earthquake that destroyed most other buildings in the neighborhood.

JULY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Charlie: 1878-S Trade Dollar, with possible chop marks; a pair of silvered bronze 1906 Earthquake and Fire medals.

Jeff: 2006-S San Francisco Mint commemorative dollar.

Robert J: Photo relating to Charlie's 1906 medal; 1873 So-called dollar from Morgan & Orr, who provided the coin presses for the Second San Francisco branch mint; and 1905 gold-plated souvenir piece for the opening of the Denver branch mint

Stephen: An unofficial British Farthing advertising piece struck for William Webster, a London coin dealer in the 1840s and 50s. Webster eventually convinced the Bank of England to dispose of non-British material from their collection on public display.

Michael W: A San Francisco Coin Club medal showing the Old Mint that he designed based on a photograph he'd taken from an unusual angle.

Bill: French Jetton of Louis XIV relating to the architecture of The Louvre, a 100th Anniversary commemorative medal of the Chicago Coin Club, and a token and dies from Larson's Cigar Store in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Jason: 1875-S dime, quarter, half dollar, trade dollar, quarter eagle and double eagle, the latter from the Saddle Ridge Hoard. In addition, he shared some of the old PCNS documents sent to us by member Donald Barsi.

ZOOMING

Our August 26 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 26th!