

May Exhibits

Lori Reppeteau told us the story behind an 18th century British conder token featuring the dwarf, "Sir Jeffery Dunstan, Mayor of Garrat".

Michael Whalen showed some Commemoratives half dollars and other coins struck in San Francisco from his collection.

Michael Wehner brought an article in the February issue of *The Numismatist* written by himself and a recent *TAMS Journal* article written and autographed by *Jerry Schimmel*.

Gordon Donnell exhibited a book by JB Hampstead about a coiner at the San Francisco mint, a Susanville casino token and an ANA flashlight subsequently donated to the raffle.

Larry Reppeteau brought a large 1897 Victoria Jubilee medal possibly made silver and a gorgeous bronzed proof medal of said monarch with a inscription on the edge to the recipient.

Ken Takahashi exhibited a Chinese paper money album, a Hong Kong dollar and slabbed MS65 and MS66 Kennedy half dollars.

ANA Show specials



PCNS 1000th meeting medals. The set includes both a proof silver and an antiqued bronze specimen and is only \$30. A reminder of the Society's long and honorable history.

The Old Streets of San Francisco, Early Street Names on Some Brass Tokens by *Jerry F. Schimmel*. Published by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1993. 41 pages including many pictures. A must have reference for those interested in western trade tokens or San Francisco history. \$10



1070th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

Saturday June 25, 2005
Delancey Street Restaurant
600 Embarcadero (at Brannan Street)
San Francisco

Annual Banquet
Dinner at 6:30 PM
No host bar at 6:00PM

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Please join us Saturday June 25, 2005 at Delancey Street Restaurant, 600 Embarcadero (at Brannan Street), San Francisco for the PCNS Annual Banquet. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. No host bar at 6:00PM. Tickets are by advance reservation only. A limited number may still be available at \$31.00 each. Valet parking is available at the restaurant.

We were pleased to welcome back in good health both the Reppeteaus and Strazzarinos to the May meeting! Also, special thanks to Vice President Rick Webster for this month's minutes!

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HISTORIC SAN FRANCISCO FORTS Jerry F. Schimmel

PCNS fellow Jerry Schimmel told us about the many forts in San Francisco and surrounding bay area through a presentation filled with images of tokens and old postcards. Many of the tokens are extremely rare and sought after. Among the highlights were a pair of brass tokens featuring a pictorial representation of Fort Winfield Scott, now known as Fort Point. Other tokens from the Presidio, Fort Cronkite, Angel Island and other forts were illustrated. Jerry even showed some tokens from the military period of Alcatraz Island. The night was a treat for both exnumia specialists and the group at large.

Jerry will be the featured speaker of the Token and Medal Society at the upcoming ANA convention at 1:00 PM Thursday, July 28, 2005. Check the convention program for the room location. You won't want to miss his talk. Here is an excerpt from the TAMS press release: "San Francisco historian Jerry F. Schimmel will be the keynote speaker at the annual symposium of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS), taking place this year at the ANA World's Fair of Money® in San Francisco, July 28, 2005. His presentation will be "Architecture and Exnumia of San Francisco's Barbary Coast and Red Light Districts, 1890-1920," an area on which he has written extensively. Schimmel is an acknowledged authority on this subject and received TAMS' David Schenkman Literary Award in 2004 for his article, "Frisco's Brothel Tokens." A retired social worker for various city agencies, he has lived in the Bay Area continuously for the past 46 years. His main love is the trade tokens of San Francisco, and he enjoys researching the fascinating stories of their issuers. The San Francisco Examiner published a series of

articles he wrote on local history, many of which featured tokens like these. His recent contributions to the TAMS Journal have used local trade tokens as a vehicle to explore San Francisco history, and he is a popular speaker in the Bay Area."

ANA convention update

Gordon Donnell has made a generous donation in the name of the Society to the ANA. When you see the PCNS listed in the ANA program as a sponsor, remember to thank Gordon!

Volunteers for the PCNS/SFCC/LNS table in the "local clubs section" at the convention are sorely needed. Even if you can spend only a brief time promoting the Society there, it will help. Please let *Mark W. Clark* or *Michael Wehner* know if you are available. The Society will have promotional materials for distribution as well as 1000th meeting medals and PCNS publications for sale at the convention table.

Important program note: As the regular PCNS monthly meeting falls on the first day of the convention, the board accepted an invitation to have that meeting at the convention. So please note that the July 27 meeting of the PCNS will be at Moscone West, not Fort Mason. Check the ANA convention program for the meeting room location. The time will remain the same: board meeting at 7:00PM, regular meeting at 8:00PM. The guest speaker will be *Max Spiegel*, a young numismatist from Brooklyn, New York. More details in next month's Bulletin!

May Raffle (Elliot Wehner, raffle coordinator)

Larry Reppeteau won a very bright official ANA flashlight.

Rick Webster took home a bronze Gibraltar Spittles token with a counterstamp of the Rock of Gibraltar (use your imagination...). *Frederico Castillo* won a Kansas City ANA medal depicting a buffalo on the reverse.

Michael Whalen won a silver Panama Balboa piece.

Lori Reppeteau took home a 4 Doubles copper from the island of Guernsey.