

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2018

Apr 25.....**Deadline for *Papers* submissions**
Apr 25.....Herb Miles, *The KKK Revisited*
May 23.....Federico Castillo, topic TBA
Jun 23.....Saturday BBQ
Jul - Aug*Speakers & Topics TBA**
Sep 26.....Jeff Shevlin, *So-called Dollars from the
Pacific Coast Expositions*
Oct-Nov*Speakers & Topics TBA**
Dec 27Holiday gathering and elections

* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

A quick look at the 2018 Calendar above reveals that there is ample opportunity for **you** to make a presentation in the coming months: July, August, October, and November are all open.

This is a great chance to talk about your favorite numismatic topic. It can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

LAST CHANCE: WRITE! NOW!

The submission deadline for the 2018 Papers Contest is the **April 25** meeting. See the publication section of pcns.org for the contest rules and our copyright policy.

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1224th Monthly Meeting of the

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



The KKK Revisited

Herb Miles

Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 7:30 PM

Fort Mason Center, Building C, San Francisco

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THE KKK REVISITED

Herb Miles poses the question, “Has the current president and actions by the alt right promoted a rebirth of the philosophy of ‘white nationalism’ and ‘Americanism’ which flared during the late teens of the 20th century until waning in the 50s?”

In the aftermath of the Civil War, former officers of the Confederate Army formed a secret fraternal organization that quickly evolved into a violent

vigilante movement promoting white supremacy and opposition to Reconstruction policies and leaders. By the early 1870s, federal government intervention succeeded in bringing an end to the Klan, which splintered into a number of local vigilante organizations and paramilitary “rifle clubs.”

In 1915, D.W. Griffith’s epic *The Birth of a Nation* glorified the first incarnation of the KKK, leading to its revival as a racist organization devoted to an anti-immigrant, anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, “America first” agenda. As in the 19th Century

version of the movement, the Klan lost appeal and influence over time, but its philosophy never disappeared.

Join us on April 25 for Herb’s presentation on this sadly relevant topic. Tokens and other ephemera will illustrate the history of the various KKK organizations up to present day.

MARCH MEETING RECAP

President Dan Hipple announced that the 2017 Papers had been distributed by mail about a week before the meeting. He also advised us that Amanda Font from KQED radio would join part of the meeting to talk to individual members about the role of the current San Francisco Mint in numismatics. Finally, Dan distributed the location schedule for the remaining meetings in 2018.

Michael Wehner presented “Awards Medals of the California Agricultural Society and its Precursors.” James L.L.F. Warren, considered the “Father of California Agriculture,” was a noted horticulturist and businessman from Boston. Warren moved to California during the gold rush to establish a mining company. When that venture failed, he founded Warren and Company in Sacramento, selling fruit trees and seed products. The rooms above his store were the location for the precursor of the California State Fair in 1852 and 1853. Thus, the first medal for agriculture in California was likely an 1852 Warren & Son medal.



MARCH MEETING RECAP (CONT'D)

Warren moved his business to San Francisco by 1854 and organized the first official California State Fair in that year, under the auspices of the California Agricultural Society, which had been chartered by the state legislature.

Over the years, California Agriculture medals would evolve, often changing names and depicted imagery similar to the California State Seal, although with varying degrees of artistry.

By 1956, the medal designs had become modern. By 1968, when the state fair was rechristened “Cal Expo,” the designs became more abstract. Eventually the medals were replaced by ribbons.

Warren died in San Francisco in 1896 at the age of 90, although his legacy as the father of California Agriculture lives on in the fascinating agriculture medals as well as the ongoing California State Fairs and Cal Expo events.

MARCH MEMBER EXHIBITS

Ed: Canada \$10 Peggy’s Cove Lighthouse coin and an elongated mercury dime with an impression of the Split Rock Lighthouse.

Michael: Impressive collection of California Agricultural Medals.

Mark: Medals of Sweden and Denmark, shooting, Manila Cathedral, irrigation, congress, and Antarctica.

Bill: California state seal stick pin from the late 1800s, 1836 Central American States 8 reales coin, and the book *A Monetary History of Central America*.

Charlie: 1955 1C doubled die obverse, damaged in the 2017 Sonoma County fire, and a Greek Athens Tetradrachm toned in the same fire.

Herb: Two plaquettes.

Dan: 1916 Mule-foot Boar Agricultural Medal by Shreve & Co.

Federico: Agricultural medals and patterns.

MARCH RAFFLE RESULTS

Dan: Bank of California check dated 4/20/1901, with revenue stamp.

Charlie: Epcot folder of International Coins, and the Official Booklet of the Sculptures and Murals of the PPIE.

Ed: Official Bicentennial Declaration of the People of the United States medal.

Jason: Large bronze Golden Gate Bridge 25th Anniversary medal.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

- **Michael J. Carolan** of Ely, Nevada

Per our Bylaws, Mr. Carolan will become an Active Member of PCNS at the April 25 meeting.