

## PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2018

- Jun 23 .....Saturday BBQ  
Jul 25 .....*Speaker & Topic TBA\* at the Mechanics' Institute*  
Aug 22 .....*Speaker & Topic TBA\* at the Mechanics' Institute*  
Sep 26.....Jeff Shevlin, *So-called Dollars from the Pacific Coast Expositions at Fort Mason Center*  
Oct 24.....*Speaker & Topic TBA\* at Fort Mason Center*  
Nov 28.....*Speaker & Topic TBA\* at the Mechanics' Institute*  
Dec 27 .....Holiday gathering and elections **at the Mechanics' Institute**

\* 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. 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.

### MEETING LOCATION AND TIME CHANGES

Due to scheduled construction at Fort Mason Center, PCNS meetings for July, August, November, December and January 2019 will take place at the Mechanics' Institute in downtown San Francisco. Meetings at the Mechanics Institute will start at 7:15pm. Look for additional information inside.

### 2018 PCNS OFFICERS

- President.....Daniel Hipple  
Vice President .....Jason Macario  
Secretary .....Bob Somers  
Treasurer .....Stephen Huston  
Governors .....Herb Miles, Ed Treuting  
Past President.....William Hyder

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Visit [www.pcns.org](http://www.pcns.org) to read our *Papers*, get the latest Bulletin, or to check our meeting schedule.

Use a QR scanner/reader to open [pcns.org](http://pcns.org) via this code.



## 1226<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting of the

## PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



## Annual BBQ Lunch

**Saturday, June 23, 2018, 1:00 PM**

**Tiburon, California**

**PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147**



## SUM SUM SUMMERTIME...

In lieu of our regular June meeting, the annual PCNS BBQ will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 23 in Tiburon. The cost is \$10 per person, payable in advance online by PayPal. Those without PayPal should email [webmaster@pcns.org](mailto:webmaster@pcns.org) to arrange for onsite payment. **Please RSVP by Monday, June 18 if at all possible.**

Good company, great food, and a perfect location make for a delightful afternoon, as illustrated above. Vegetarian options abound. Leftovers are all but guaranteed. If you wish to bring food to share, please plan on dessert.

Directions will be provided to those who RSVP. Remember, there is no meeting at Fort Mason in June.

## MAY MEETING RECAP

President Dan Hipple reported to the membership about the status of attempts to purchase the 1000th Meeting die. Honorary memberships for Becky Cieniewicz and Ruth M. Phillips were approved.

Federico Castillo gave a fascinating presentation, the first of two parts, about the National Irrigation Congress and its impact on the water and development in the Southwest. Americans traveling west to settle the plains, mountains, and deserts found that the semi-arid and arid climates were not conducive to agriculture. In most areas, water rights were assigned to property owners adjacent to the water source, or those who could make the best use of the water; uses that frequently did not include provisions for the environment as a whole. The emphasis was on private ownership of water resources, with little or no consideration to the greater public good.

By the late 19th Century, the notion of public ownership of water became more widely accepted, in part because of the expansion of agriculture in the Central Valley of California, and the increasing demands of larger cities, like San Francisco and Los Angeles. In 1891, representatives of states and territories from North Dakota to Texas to California to Washington formed the

## MAY MEETING RECAP (CONT'D)

National Irrigation Congress (NIC), which, over the ensuing quarter-century (when it became the International Irrigation Congress), made a lasting mark on water rights and usage patterns across the western United States. While the specific objectives of the NIC were not always clear, the overarching theme was to use water to “conquer the desert” and make it fit for agriculture. Covered by the moniker “Reclamation,” most of the large water projects in the west, including the Los Angeles Aqueduct, Central Valley Project, Hoover Dam, and so on were a direct result of the advocacy of the NIC/IIC.

Federico illustrated his presentation with examples of medals and tokens of the NIC’s periodic meetings held between 1891 and 1916.

Following the presentation, President Hipple announced that Past President and current Governor Herb Miles would be relocating to Southern California later this summer. Herb was roundly thanked for his many contributions to PCNS, including the raffle prizes at most monthly meetings. Thank you, Herb!

## MAY MEMBER EXHIBITS

**Jerry:** Items recovered from the mud of the Thames River.

**Federico:** Several National Irrigation Congress Medals.

**Mark:** California tokens.

**Herb:** French art medal awarded to Mrs. Herbert Fleishhacker.

**Dan:** Lima, Peru medal commemorating a visit by the U.S. Secretary of State to view a new hydroelectric dam.

**Stephen:** Roman and modern coins rescued from Arkansas.

**Ed:** Four coins struck at the New Orleans Mint: .dime, quarter, half, and dollar.

## MAY RAFFLE RESULTS

**Dan:** Panama pill and a magnifier

**Bob:** Morgan silver dollar and a magnifier.

**Ed:** 1994 Canadian commemorative, a coin book, and two magnifiers.

**Jason:** PPIE medal and a magnifier

## MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE MEETING INFO

PCNS meetings in July and August will take place in the Board Room at the Mechanics’ Institute, 57 Post Street (between Market and Kearny) in downtown San Francisco. Meetings will start promptly at 7:15 pm so that we can be finished by the time the building closes at 8:45 pm. You will need to sign in at the guard desk in the lobby, so plan accordingly. Parking and transit information will appear in the next *Bulletin* and on the website.