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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
JUNE 2026

1322nd Monthly Meeting
2026 PCNS Summer Barbecue
Saturday, June 27, 2026, 1:00 PM PDT
Berkeley, CA

In lieu of our regular June meeting, the annual PCNS BBQ will take place on Saturday afternoon, **June 27** in Berkeley. This is a rare opportunity for us to gather in person, and will include the presentation of awards for the 2026 Papers Contest and the 2025 Presentation Contest.



The cost is \$15 per person, payable in advance online by PayPal. Simply go to pcns.org and follow the [PayPal link on the Meetings page](#).

Please RSVP by **Friday, June 19** to allow our hosts to plan accordingly. Also, if you have special dietary requirements, please forward them to webmaster@pcns.org by the same date.

Directions will be provided to those who RSVP.



Per PCNS tradition Hawaiian shirts are encouraged, **but not required**.

Remember, there is no regular Zoom meeting in June.

MAY MEETING RECAP

Bill Hyder's talk was based on work he did with Jeff Shevlin, with assistance from Scott Safe and Bob Jesinger, on a new So-Called Dollar book. He presented this talk at the ANA Mid-winter session in Savannah, Georgia and will present it again at the ANA Summer session in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Erie Canal opened in 1825. 1826 was the U.S. National Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. And on July 4, 1826, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson passed away. So, there were a lot of factors in how this was all celebrated.

There was not enough time to prepare a medal for the opening of the Erie Canal, so it was initially celebrated with a badge. A medal was made in 1826, and Bill discussed the varieties, metals, mintage, and design elements. Bill also discussed a National Jubilee medal, and details on how the engraver's initials "CR" were determined to be from German die sinker Casper Reinhold. The medal is rich in symbolism, which was explained. A second 1826 National Jubilee medal was made and is very rare.

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PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm Pacific Time on the fourth Wednesday of most months. Meetings are held online using the Zoom platform, thereby allowing members, presenters, and guests to attend no matter where they are located. Everyone with an interest in numismatics is welcome to attend. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting; non-members can request a link by emailing webmaster@pcns.org.

Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ, will continue to occur in person.

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2026

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 1:00 PM PDT.....**Summer BBQ**
July 22, 2026.....**Scott Safe: Leshner's Iconic "Pikes Peak Silver Mine" Scene Finally Explained**
August 26, 2026.....**Charlie Catlett: Topic TBA**
September 23, 2026.....**Speaker and Topic TBA**
October 28, 2026.....**Speaker and Topic TBA**

SPEAK UP!

There are always opportunities for **you** to make a presentation. Thanks to Zoom, you don't even need to be in San Francisco. Your topic can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

MAY MEETING RECAP (CONT'D)

Finally, Bill discussed how the lives and deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson influenced how America celebrated the fourth of July, and how the Erie Canal focused attention on the two men.

The next best thing to that is to see all the wonderful examples he showed and discussed in the recorded presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

MAY MEMBER EXHIBITS

Stephen Huston reminded us that the 1876 (Centennial year) Exposition in Philadelphia was also the first World's Fair to be held in the US. Besides the regular sized medals, there were four-inch medals also made- they were about a half-inch thick. He showed us an example of one. Stephen handled one with his coin business long ago. They are much rarer and more costly than the usual So-Called Dollar-sized medals made that year.

Michael Wehner showed us a 100 Franc note from Belgium featuring Saint Michael, and a 1926 Sesquicentennial medal.

Jeff Pritchard showed us two coins. First was an ancient Greek electrum 1/6 stater from Lesbos, featuring Cabeiros wearing a Pileus. The other was a gold coin from the Kingdom of Axum featuring King Endybis, circa 300 BCE.

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