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THE SAN JOSE COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Your Vote Counts . . . General Elections and Medal Design Contest

With Spring in the air and Easter just finishing we start our month out with April Fool's Day! Just for starters, let's not be fooled because the April 13th SJCC General Meeting will be a meeting where everyone is involved. The membership has the privilege of voting in a **New Board** and also the **New Club Medal Design for 2006**. You don't want to miss out on this one. Everyone has a choice and it will be needed at this meeting. Come out and enjoy some fun and activities with your fellow hobbyists.

In addition, there will be an auction and an array of Show and Tell presenters, plus refreshments and some interesting raffle prizes. **Medals Chair, Gary Acquistapace** will still have the 2005 37th Show Token Sets (1 Brass & 1 Nickel) available at \$8.00 and the Club's Silver Medals at \$15.00 each.

THIS MONTH'S RAFFLE PRIZES:

1. South Africa 1925-SA gold Sovereign AU
2. 1986 U. S. Silver Eagle proof
3. Mexico 1945 2 pesos gold
4. 1992 U. S. Silver Proof Set
5. 1874 3¢ nickel
6. 1888-S Seated Liberty dime
7. 1889-O Morgan dollar
8. 1893 Columbian Exposition Commemorative 50¢
9. 1963 Franklin 50¢ proof
10. 2005 U. S. Silver Eagle

San Jose Coin Club meets on the 2nd Wed. of each month (April 13th this month) at American Legion Hall, Post 318, 1504 Minnesota Ave., San Jose. Doors open at Approx. 6:30 PM Youth activities at 7:00 PM and the General Meeting at 7:30 PM.

SEE YOU THERE

A Big 'Thank You' Goes to:



Briita Ehlers

The San Jose Coin Club is very fortunate to have a wonderful selection of unique people who collect some of the most interesting things. This past month the SJCC membership were honored with their own club member **Briita Ehlers** who came forth and offered to be the speaker of the month. Briita is well known in the numismatic community as a Washington/Oregon Token Collector and this month she shared with her hobbyist friends "More Odd Denominations". Briita put on an excellent talk and brought a number of items to display. Many members came up during intermission to take a look at her 'Odd Denominations'. Thanks again Briita for a job well done.

Lincoln's Best Side?

Why does the portrait of Abraham Lincoln on the penny face to the right when all other portraits of presidents on U.S. circulating coins face to the left?

The likeness of President Lincoln on the penny is an adaption of a plaque executed by Victor David Brenner, an outstanding portraitist and sculptor. President Theodore Roosevelt was so impressed with Mr. Brenner's design of a Lincoln plaque that he recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury that the design be placed on a coin to be issued in the Lincoln Centennial Year, 1909.

The direction that Lincoln faces on the cent was not mandated – this was simply the choice of the designer.

- Article by the U.S. Mint



SJCC's Annual Banquet April 23, 2005

Don't forget this month is the SJCC's Annual Banquet. There will be lots of good food and company to enjoy. The club's President, John Sarti will be awarding those who helped the club, this past year, with a special award. Come join in the fun and see what is happening in your club then stay and play some Bingo. Mark your calendar and spend an evening with old friends and make some new ones. It will be held at the Three Flames Restaurant on Meridian Avenue in San Jose. Last year Wei Chang was a huge winner. This year it could be you!

(A reservation is included in this newsletter. Reservations can be mailed or turned in to Sally Johnson at the April Meeting.)

DID YOU KNOW? IN GOD WE TRUST

From Treasury Department records it appears that the first suggestion that God be recognized on U.S. coinage can be traced to a letter addressed to the Secretary of treasury from a minister in 1861. An Act of Congress, approved on April 11, 1864, authorized the coinage of two-cent coins upon which the motto first appeared.

The motto was omitted from the new gold coins issued in 1907, causing a storm of public criticism. As a result, legislation passed in May 1908 made "In God We Trust" mandatory on all coins on which it had previously appeared.

Legislation approved July 11, 1955, made the appearance of "In God We Trust" mandatory on all coins and paper currency of the United States. By Act of July 30, 1956, "In God We Trust" became the national motto of the United States.

Several years ago, the appearance of "In God We Trust" on our money was challenged in the federal courts. The challenge was rejected by the lower federal courts, and the Supreme Court of the United States declined to review the case.

- Article by the U.S. Mint

MARCH ACTIVITIES

At the MAR. 9th General Meeting

President **John Sarti** welcomed 37 members, 1 guest (**Trini Aguero**) and 2 youth (**Ryan Johnson**, **Tyler Frost**) to the March meeting. Auctioneer **Ken Barr** conducted the auction assisted by Auction Chair, **Jim Stanford** and Historian, **Ryan Johnson** Announcements of upcoming shows and events were made by **Chuck White** and **Don Barsi**. **Sally Johnson** announced the banquet will be held at the Three Flames Restaurant on April 23. **Ray Johnson** asked members to view the SJCC web site or view the examples of the colored newsletters he displayed. Member **Chuck Colburn** brought in items donated by member/dealer **Sal Falcone**.

Corresp. Secretary, **Gary Acquistapace** and Historian, **Ryan Johnson** introduced 14 presenters:

“SHOW AND TELL” PRESENTERS:

Don Barsi - State quarter California show card

Alan Douglass - Hilo Dollar, Japanese Immigration medal

Keith Scott - Quarter and 2 old 50 cent pieces

Bill Higgins - National Collector Mint ad

Martha Davis - 2004 Canada \$20 Silver proof “Diamonds”

Steve Sanford - Peppermill chips

Al Lo - 25 cent Unclaimed quarters offer ad

Chuck White - Bulgarian Olympic coin featuring ancient Greek coin

Ed Sins - 1702 8 Reale cob

Gary Acquistapace - \$5 Hacienda and \$5 Gold Strike Inn Gaming Tokens (Boulder City)

Sally Johnson-American Bison Nickel

Howard Wheeler - ANA Tour passes

Ken Barr-Long Beach Souvenir card #2

Ryan Johnson - [Numismatic News](#) pictures and article

Sally Johnson donated 10 sets of new American Bison nickels to be given to members in the member drawing. The lucky recipients were **Don Barsi**, **Walt Beltramo**, **Larry Benson**, **Carl Bordi**, **Alan Douglass**, **Briita Ehlers**, **Bill Higgins**, **Steve Sanford**, **Ed Sins**, and **Tony Yu**. All other attendees received two loose nickels – one from each Mint. Thanks Sally! **Briita Ehlers** gave a wonderful presentation on “More Odd Denominations”.

Minutes of the February 28 Board Meeting were corrected and approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer **Larry Benson** submitted his report. Youth Advisor, **Sally Johnson** reported that she gave the new American Bison nickels to the two Young Numismatists present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ex-General Show Chair, **Larry Benson** and New-General Show Chair, **Patricia Russ** announced the 2006 show will be held at

Parkside Hall on January 13 thru the 15th. **Larry** said the rental expense has increased from \$9000 to \$11375.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DRAWINGS:

SHOW AND TELL - **Ken Barr** (1981 US Mint set)

MEMBER PRIZE - **Gary Acquistapace** (1971S Ike 40% Silver Dollar)

YOUTH PRIZE - **Ryan Johnson** (1939 Canada Silver dollar)

GUEST PRIZE - Iowa quarters to each guest

RAFFLE PRIZE - **Ken Barr** (1893 \$10 Liberty Gold Piece)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

At the Mar. 28th Board Meeting:

Recording Secretary, **Fred Davis** called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM and opened the meeting with 14 seated members and 3 guests (**Joann Sarti**, **Gordon Donnell**, and **Alan Douglass**). Note: President, **John Sarti** was recovering from surgery. Vice President, **Bill Meadows** arrived late, and took over leadership of the meeting. Recording Secretary, **Fred Davis** read the minutes of the March 9 General meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer, **Larry Benson** submitted his report. Curator **Ken Barr** reported a purchase of three new tokens (for \$5). Program Chair, **Bill Meadows** reported the following schedule. April - Election of new Board and 2006 Medal Design, May - **Bob Thomas** (Early California gold). President, **John Sarti** appointed **Fred Davis** as alternate Medals Chair, for the voting at the meeting, since Medals Chair, **Gary Acquistapace** has submitted a design. **Fred** announced that he has received medal designs from 4 members. The vote on the 2006 medal design will occur at the April meeting after the auction. Nominating Committee members **Larry Benson** and **Fred Davis** reported candidates have been nominated for all positions. **Richard Boston**, **Bill Meadows**, and **Jim Stanford** have been added to the Board's list of candidates.

Picnic Chair, **Al Lo** reported that the joint picnic has been scheduled for August 27 at Las Palmas Park in Sunnyvale.

Banquet Chair, **Sally Johnson** reported 23 reservations have been received for the banquet on April 23 at Three Flames Restaurant. Youth Advisor, **Sally Johnson** reported that she has received a donation from **Dale Harrington** of **Mac's Coins**. Newsletter Editor, **Ray Johnson** reported the issue will be sent out early. Librarian, **Ed Sins** reported that he reviewed the new library book A Mighty Fortress - The Stories Behind the 2nd San Francisco Mint.

Newsletter Editor, **Ray Johnson** announced that Ed's review will be in the April newsletter. Membership Chair, **Ed Sins** nominated **Trini Aquero** for membership. Motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hall of Fame Chair, **Ed Sins** reported that he received nominations for three candidates. The Board voted and one candidate received a majority. That candidate was then elected unanimously as the next (21st) Hall of Fame member and will be officially inducted at the banquet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray Johnson suggested the last paragraph in the Hall of Fame guidelines mentioning **Rudy** be deleted. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the paragraph in the guidelines.

SHOW BUSINESS:

Larry Benson and **Patricia Russ** met with Team San Jose. The hall rental contract amount was reduced from \$11375 to \$9000 after **Patricia's** close review pointed out some pricing errors. **Patricia Russ** reported Crowne Plaza will increase room rent from \$75 to \$79. Parking will be increased from \$7 to \$9. William's contract for tables will not change. **John Sarti** will replace **Bill Burke** as 2006 show Bourse Chair because **Bill** is moving to Arizona. **Ray Johnson** reported on suggested revisions to the Bourse application. **Larry Benson** made the motion (seconded by **Ed Sins**) to charge \$50 for extra dealers at a table which will get an extra sign, advertisement, and “goodie bag”. Motion passed. **Larry Benson** made the motion (seconded by **Sally Johnson**) to raise the visiting dealer fee to \$50 which would allow them to enter the show without delay of 2 hours. Motion failed. **Ray Johnson** made the motion (seconded by **Ed Sins**) to maintain the visiting dealer fee at \$35 which would allow them to enter the show without delay of 2 hours. Motion passed. **Larry Benson** again requested a new Security Chair be appointed, but no person volunteered. **Jo Sarti** reported the 2006 show advertisement pads will be available for the Santa Clara show. **Ray Johnson** said the dealer raffle tickets will be sold at the Santa Clara show. The cutoff will be Saturday rather than Sunday. More participation is anticipated. **Sally Johnson** made the motion (seconded by **Ed Sins**) to make Sunday free for all 2006 show attendees. Motion passed. **Ray Johnson** made the motion (seconded by **Ed Sins**) to give the top show raffle ticket seller prize a special name. Motion passed. The award name will be announced at the banquet.

ANA Show Business:

Ken Barr reported that **Brenda Bishop** will be in San Francisco May 12-14. She would like to meet with the volunteers. **Ken** suggested a dinner meeting on May 12. Most of the volunteers indicated they will be able to come at that time.

Ken Barr will meet with the San Francisco Post Office management to verify USPS will attend the show and accept mail.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

SJCC OFFICERS & BOARD

16 Seated Members

- President - John Sarti
- Vice President - Bill Meadows
- Treasurer - Larry Benson
- Jr. Vice President - *Open*
- Rec. Sec. - Fred Davis
- Corr. Sec. - Gary Acquistapace
- Librarian - Ed Sins
- Historian - Ryan Johnson

Board Members

- Martha Davis Ray Johnson
- Al Lo Patricia Russ
- Ray Russ Gwen Stanford
- Immed. Past Pres. Sally Johnson
- Curator - Ken Barr

Bourse Chair. - Bill Burke

Hall of Fame Members are Board Members Emeritus with full voting privileges.

The Board of Directors meeting convenes on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 PM

This Month, 4/28/05

International House of Pancakes,
5403 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Santa Clara - just West of I-280
(408) 996-3393

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 13 SJCC General Meeting
Election & Medal Design Contest
- Apr 23 SJCC 2005 Annual Banquet @
The Three Flames Restaurant
- Apr 25 SJCC Board Meeting
- May 1 Vallejo Coin Show
Vallejo Elks Lodge #559
- May 11 SJCC General Meeting
Speaker - Bob Thomas
'Early California Gold'
- May 14-15 Sacramento Valley Coin Show
The "Dante Club"
- May 22 Alameda Coins & Collectibles
Show - Alameda High School
Gym
- May 23 SJCC Board Meeting
- Jun 8 SJCC General Meeting
Speaker to be announced
- Jun 27 SJCC Board Meeting

Have you moved recently?

Send changes to: Membership Chair,
San Jose Coin Club, PO Box 5621,
San Jose, CA 95150.

BOOK REVIEW

By: Edward Sins, Librarian,
San Jose Coin Club, 3-16-05

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

By: Richard G. Kelly and Nancy V. Oliver
First Issue 2000, Revised 2004, 142 Pages
Cost: \$14.95

The book tells the story of the second United States Mint at San Francisco, which produced coins from 1874-1937. The book describes the reason for building the new mint, the history of some of the rare issues of that mint, the deeds both good and bad that have become a part of its lore, the story of the fight that preserved the structure in the fire that followed the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, the events leading to its decline and closing, and its brief emergence as a museum late in the Twentieth Century.

The high points of the book are:

Detailed information regarding its cornerstone and contents thereof.

Details regarding rare coins such as the 1894S dime and the Panama Pacific commemoratives of 1915.

Accounts of two attempts to rob its vaults, one not successful and one successful.

The battle to save the mint during the 1906 fire, and the role that it played in the San Francisco economy.

Disappointments for lack of detail:

Reasons for suspension of gold coinage in 1916, and sporadic coinage of gold thereafter.

More on the Pittman Act of 1918 - How many silver dollars left the vault? Why were they melted? What was the silver used for? Why were silver dollars coined in 1934 and 1935?

The book makes for easy reading and a great pleasure for any collector interested in U.S. coinage from that period.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

The First Fifty Years (1947-1997)

A Personal Perspective

By: Edward Sins

San Jose Coin Club's Life Member / Librarian Ed Sins has written a book on the first fifty years of the club's history. The book retails for \$10 each. See Ed Sins at the meeting to get your copy and have it autographed.

**San Jose Coin Club's
38th Annual**

2006

**San Jose Coin,
Stamp & Collectibles
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NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
118TH CONVENTION**

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OR

JANUARY 13, 14, 15, 2006

FRI & SAT 10 AM - 6 PM / SUN 10 AM - 4 PM

KIDS TREASURE HUNT - SAT 11 AM - 3 PM

EDUCATIONAL FORUM - SATURDAY

PARKSIDE HALL

180 PARK AVENUE

(NEXT TO THE TECH MUSEUM)

\$3.00 ADMISSION - 17 AND UNDER FREE

Show Information - John Sarti (408) 910-7654
or

wheatcoinman@yahoo.com

**SAN JOSE COIN CLUB
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Trini Aguero

Thomas Van Tuyl

Nominations for the Board

The San Jose Coin Club is still looking for members who would like to run for the board of directors. The voting takes place this month at the general meeting. If interested in running for a position see: Larry Benson, Fred Davis or Bill Meadows. (or any board member) We can add your name as a candidate on the ballots at the general meeting. If you've wanted to become involved now is the time to come forward.



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Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:15 PM

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- World Mints Exhibits
- Educational Programs
- Special Attractions
- Free Admission
- Convenient Parking

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Convention
Center West
800 Howard Street, SF
Mass Transit Recommended

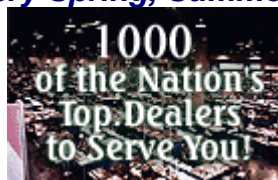
Alameda Coin Club
Annual Coins & Collectibles Show
Sunday, May 22, 2005
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Free Admission * Free Appraisals * Buy * Sell * Trade
Lots of Raffle Prizes (Including \$10 Liberty Gold Piece)
Alameda High School Gym (Oak Street at Central Avenue)
Alameda, CA (one block from Park Street)

LOCAL COIN SHOW LISTING



Ms. Shar-Lee Limjoco
Web: SantaClaraExpo.com
SC E-mail: scshow@exposunlimited.com

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July 21-24
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Held Every Spring, Summer and Fall



at the Santa Clara Convention Center
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FREE PARKING!

VALLEJO COIN SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2005

Free Admission and Parking
Information and Youth Tables
Youth Treasure Hunt * Exhibits

VALLEJO ELKS LODGE #559
2850 REDWOOD PARKWAY, OFF I-80, VALLEJO, CA

Sacramento Valley Coin Club

48th Anniv. **Spring Show**

May 14, 15, 2005

Free Hourly Door Prizes

Youth Activities

Gold & Silver Coin Raffles

The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Sacramento, CA - Free Parking
(Between Howe & Fulton, behind McDonalds)
\$2 Admission - 17 & Under Free