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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Friday, January 12, 2018
7:30 pm
General Meeting
Speaker: Granville G. V
Topic: Indian Head Cents
- Wednesday, January 17, 2018
7:30 pm
Board Meeting
Rm. 7
- Friday, February 9
7:30 pm
General Meeting
Speaker: Harold W.
Topic: TBA
- Wednesday, February 21
7:30 pm
Board Meeting
Rm. 7

Cupertino Coin Club meets at St Joseph of Cupertino Catholic Church in the Community Center. The church is located at 10110 North DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino. Meetings feature an auction, show & tell, speaker or presentation, and a drawing. Refreshments are served.

Guests & youth are welcome!!

Holiday Party!

Our December meeting was a lot of fun with Togo's sandwiches to celebrate the holidays and King Lyle's birthday. A big thank you goes to those who helped with dinner and brought something to share: Martha and Fred D., Allison Paker, Keith S., Tom and Alice K., Al and Pearl Lo, Suzy T., Ken B., Karen D., Mike, Jerome R., Linda G., Don and Briita E., and Granville G V. Thanks to anyone I miss who brought something also.

Goodies were given to each youth member in attendance. A thank you for the youth holiday prizes goes to Martha D., Dan Br., Greg J., and the Goza family.

Granville Speaking in January

Our January meeting on Friday will feature Youth President Granville G V speaking on Indian Head cents. Granville is currently a senior in high school who recently earned Scouting's highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout. When not involved in school activities or Scouting, Granville can often be found using his metal detector, looking for lost and buried coins. One of his favorite coins to collect is the Indian Head penny so you won't want to miss his presentation on them!

Medals are Now on Sale!

2018 medals are now for sale. The medals feature Betty H's winning design. Silver medals are \$25 (and are half gone!). Golden bronze and antique bronze are \$8 and include 2 drawing tickets to the drawing at our show in February. One copper medal is awarded for each 5 medals/10 tickets purchased. Be sure to order early before medals sell out. Medal sales are a great way to expand your numismatic collection and a great fundraiser for our club. A medals order form is included with this newsletter.

Our Show is in February

Our Annual Show is almost here- only two months away.

Many people have been working hard to make the show a success. There are several ways you can help. If you are on Facebook, share Facebook Chair Suzy T's posts about the show. If you are on NextDoor, create a show listing to reach the people in your area. Buying medals and drawing tickets is a great way to help the show and the club. We will also need volunteers the day of the show for set-up, clean-up, and running the front door. If you are interested in helping out, please see Al Lo.

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our January birthday members. Happy Birthday, Dan Br., Linda Gr., Bill Hu., Ray J., Richard O., Mike Ro., Rosemary T., Suzanne T., and Karen D.!!!

Fundamentals of Grading US Coins at Santa Clara Expo

In conjunction with the Santa Clara Expo, which takes place on April 20-22, there is a special class on Fundamentals of Grading US Coins. Attendees will learn how US coins should be graded according to the latest ANA and market standards. The course covers the history and evolution of grading standards; analysis of coins' focal points; technical and market grading; how to determine initial signs of wear and tear; and evaluating surface marks, strike, luster & eye appeal.

The course is presented by Brian Silliman who is a professional numismatist and the owner of Brian Silliman Rare Coins. He is a former NGC grader and conserver & an ANA authenticator and conserver.

The course runs April 18 & 19 from 9-5. The cost is \$259 for ANA members. If you register by February 23, 2018 you will receive \$25 off early enrollment discount. There is also an additional \$40 off for ANA life members.

The course will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center. To register, call 719-482-9849.

This month's masthead was brought to you by **Old English Text** **AT** - the perfect font when your usual is not available.

Prices from January 8, 2018

Gold: \$1314.30/troy ounce
Silver: \$17.07/troy ounce
Platinum: \$969.00/troy ounce
Palladium: \$1093.00/troy ounce
Copper: \$3.2002/pound
Australian dollar=US\$0.7843
Canadian dollar=US\$0.8051
British pound=US\$1.3563
Euro=US\$1.1971
Swiss franc=US\$1.0233
100 Japanese yen=US\$0.88
10 Mexican pesos=US\$0.521

Upcoming Mint Releases!

- **January 11**- Birth Set 2018; Congratulations Set 2018; Happy Birthday Coin Set 2018
- **January 17**- World War I Centennial 2018 Proof Silver Dollar; Silver Dollar & Air Service Medal Set; Silver Dollar & Army Medal Set; Silver Dollar & Coast Guard Medal Set; Silver Dollar & Marine Corps Medal Set; Silver Dollar & Navy Medal Set; Uncirculated Silver Dollar
- **January 23**- America the Beautiful Quarters 2018 Proof Set
- **January 25**- Preamble to the Declaration of Independence 2018 Platinum Proof Coin- Life
- **February 5**- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (MI) 2018-Rolls and Bags

Dates are subject to change

Recaps of the December 15 General Meeting and December 20 Board Meeting were not available at press time.

UPCOMING COIN SHOWS!

FEBRUARY

• SF Area Coin & Collectibles Show

Saturday, February 10, 2018 10-5
Sunday, February 11, 2018 10-4
South San Francisco Conference Center; 255 South Airport Blvd; SSF
\$4; \$2 off with coupon

• Redwood Empire Coin Club's Annual Show

Friday February 16 10-6

Saturday, February 17 10-6
E.L. Finley Hall
Sonoma County Fairgrounds
1350 Bennett Valley Rd
Santa Rosa
\$2 or \$1 off with flier

• Cupertino Coin Club's Coin Show

Sunday, February 18 10-5
Napradek Hall
770 Montague Expwy., SJ
\$2; 17 & under free
Lots of Dealers!

Lots of Great Sales!
NOT TO BE MISSED!!!

• Long Beach Expo

Thursday, February 22 10-7
Friday, February 23 10-7
Saturday, February 24 10-5
Long Beach Convention Center
100 S. Pine Ave., Long Beach
\$8; \$4 club members; \$4 seniors;
\$4 ages 8-16
Parking \$10

CALIFORNIA DREAMING

by: Suzanne T.

How did the California state quarter, featuring John Muir gazing at Yosemite's Half Dome, and a California condor flying freely come to be? Well, according to *A Pocketful of History: Four Hundred Years of America--One State Quarter at a Time* by Jim Noles, a design competition was opened to California citizens. Eight thousand designs were submitted! A commission, formed by Governor Gray Davis, narrowed the semi-finalists down to 20. Davis narrowed those down to five finalists:

- a giant sequoia tree by Jon Louie of San Diego
- a coastal scene of ocean waves & sun by James Cody of Santa Barbara
- the Hollywood sign by Sarah Bailey of San Diego
- a miner panning for gold by David Biagini of San Francisco
- John Muir admiring Yosemite's Half Dome by Garrett Burke of Los Angeles

By the time the U.S. Mint returned the designs altered so they could be minted into coins, Arnold Schwarzenegger was California's governor. His first order of business was making the final selection for the state quarter. It was a tough decision. A poll was placed on the internet. The people's choice was the one entitled, "A Golden Moment", which was of the gold miner's discovery. In the end, Schwarzenegger chose the image of Muir, Yosemite, and the California condor, feeling it's beautiful design said it all about the state.

If you're interested in finding out more, including a brief biography of John Muir, or about the story behind the other 49 state quarters, check out this book!

