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Editor's Message

Happy April!

Our general meeting (page 5) will be held on 10 April and will begin at 7:00 p.m. There, we will celebrate our fifty-sixth anniversary with a hotdog and polish sausage night. Please be sure to bring a potluck side dish or dessert.

Our coin show will be held on 26 April (6), and we are in need of volunteers to help out during the setup and day of the show. A big thank you goes to Mike W. for organizing the show and Don P. for coordinating volunteers.

This year marks the second year the CCC is participating in Scout-o-Rama (5), the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council's scouting event designed for families and individuals interested in scouting, this year held on 9 May. Also in the world of scouting, the CCC recently hosted a coin collecting merit badge workshop for scouts interested in learning about numismatics (3).

I am always looking for new contributors and new content, so if you are interested in writing an article about a numismatic passion of yours, please reach out. The deadline for the May issue is 24 April.

-Cam S.

CCC is on the web!

Visit our website at <https://cupertinocoinclub.org>, and our Facebook page (below)! There, keep up to date with our latest events and happenings. Thanks to webmaster Suzy T. for keeping it up to date! Additionally, past editions of the *Cupertino Coin Press* can be found on the Newman Numismatic Portal at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/searchwithterms?searchterm=Cupertino%20Coin%20Press>

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

10 April: Officer Installations; 56th Anniversary Hot Dog/Polish & Potluck; Board Inductions (No guest speaker); 7 p.m. start

16 April: Online Board meeting

26 April: 2026 Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

9 May: Scout-o-Rama Coin Collecting Booth, History Park San Jose 10:00 a.m.–4.p.m.

15 May (the third Friday): General meeting; guest speaker: Mike W.; topic: “1980s Grading Companies History”

The Cupertino Coin Club will have their general meetings in person at St. Joseph’s Church of Cupertino, located at 10110 N De Anza Blvd in Cupertino. Our presentations, beginning at 8:30 p.m. can be watched over Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76857594141?pwd=zOJZoo11uVIRxKWRRAG8TKd6cJLb6p.1> Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted. Meetings feature an auction, show and tell, and drawings, as well as a speaker.

Guests and youth are always welcome!

Status of the March 13 Vote on the Proposed By-Laws Changes

By Don P.

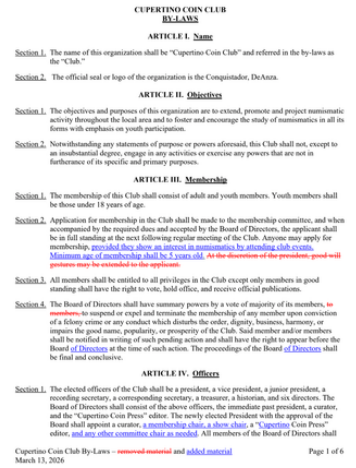
The March 13 Club Meeting vote on the proposed new By-Laws failed. Based on the feedback written on ballots by the "NO" voters, it was clear that the main concern was the continuation of annual dues for Life Members (a Club Member becomes a Life Member after 15 years of paying annual dues).

The Board of Directors reviewed the election and feedback at its March 19 meeting and decided a new By-Laws proposal be created where the only change from the last proposal be the restoration that Life Members do not have to pay annual dues (the current policy). All other proposed changes in the March By-Laws proposal would remain.

Questions were raised about the proposed change to no longer accept prepayment of dues and what would happen to those who had prepaid. Prepayments of dues under the current (2015) By-Laws will be Grandfathered in under the new By-Laws, meaning they will become Life Members after their 15 years of membership.

The Board of Directors spent a lot of time discussing all the changes to the By-Laws and voted to present them to the membership for approval.

Please find attached to the April *Cupertino Coin Press* e-mail the proposed By-Laws that will be voted on at the May meeting. The only change from the March proposal is that Life Members do not pay annual dues (see Article V, Section 3 line 2, on page 2).



Cupertino Coin Press

Monthly Newsletter of the Cupertino Coin Club
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Friday, April 8
7:30 pm
3rd Ding & Polish Night!
Officer Installations
Middie Design Contest

Wednesday, April 20
7:30 pm
Board Meeting

Friday, May 13
7:30 pm
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.

Youth are welcome!

In Memory of Peter Griffiths

Cupertino Coin Club has a long time member and supporter with the passing of Peter Griffiths in January. Peter was a Life Member who joined in December 1988 as member 488. He was in real estate and worked in Law Office until 2015. Peter was a very active member and supported the Club by purchasing drawing tickets for our craft coin show and brought our silver and bronze medals to our Christmas coin show. Peter was a great asset to our club and will be missed.

The Show Was a Success

The number was very good... on 13 March Our 2016 Cupertino Coin Club Show had great attendance and fun. Thanks to all who helped make the show a success. The show was held 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.

Ten Years Ago

April 2016's *Cupertino Coin Press*, edited by Allison P., was led by an announcement of the passing of Peter Griffiths, a longtime life member and club supporter. Also on the first page was a summary of the club's 2016 show, a sellout run by Al L. All back issues of the *Coin Press* are available on our website.

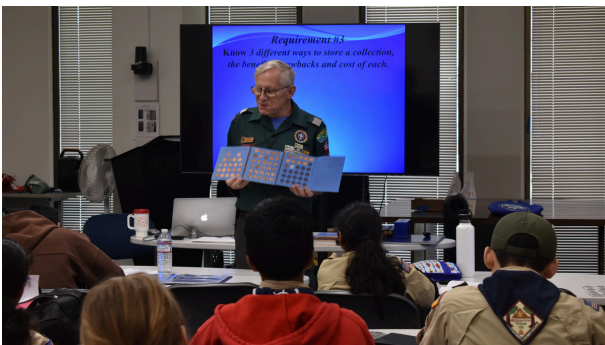
Successful Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop

By Suzy T.

The Cupertino Coin Club ran our Spring Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop on March 7 at Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Scouting America's Service Center in San Jose, CA. Twenty-six Scouts registered for the event, plus three walk-ins from three Councils, ours and the two neighboring Councils. We appreciate the five registered Merit Badge Counselors, four of whom are Cupertino Coin Club members (Emile M., Suzy T., Gran G., Richard S., and Michael B. from Watsonville) who volunteered to help Scouts at this



six-hour event. The four CCC members rotated presenting slides which kept the Scouts engaged. Most Scouts completed the Merit Badge because they were Prepared! (The Scout Motto is "Be Prepared"). We will finish



approving the remaining requirements in the months to come for those who were not quite as prepared. Everyone had a fun time and were actively engaged. It was a success! We are grateful to the SVMB Council for their continued support of our workshop, providing both the venue and registration system. Our Fall workshop will be on 3 October, 2026.

Dues are Due!

Dues for 2026 are due on 1 April. Dues are only \$12 for adults and \$6 for youth. If you would like the printed newsletter, please add \$15 to your dues payment. To pay your dues, you may either mail your check to the club's PO Box address listed in the masthead or pay by cash or check to Membership Chair Al L. at a monthly meeting. To pay electronically by PayPal, first email cupertinocoinclub@gmail.com for instructions. Please make sure to pay punctually, so you don't risk losing your membership benefits.

Upcoming Coin Shows

- **24–25 April:** Santa Clara Special Weekend Coin Show, American Legion Post 419, 938 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050.
- **26 April:** Cupertino Coin Club Annual Coin Show, St. Joseph of Cupertino Church, 10110 N. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014.
- **30 April–1 May:** Sacramento Valley Coin Club, Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Dr, Sacramento, CA 95834.
- **31 May:** Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street, McClellan, CA 95652.
- **5–6 June:** East Bay/Concord Coin Show, 45 John Glenn Dr, Concord, CA 94520

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Help us Recycle!

By Suzy T.

St Joseph of Cupertino Church and the City of Cupertino require us to separate our "trash" into Compost, Recycle, and Trash. Our contract with the Church mandates this. We will have our first "food night" of 2026 at our April meeting. We need your help when disposing of your "trash". Please be mindful of which bin you toss things into that will ensure we are following the rules. Don't make us cancel future food nights to avoid having Board members sift through the trash at the end of the meeting, dividing misplaced trash into their correct bins. Aluminum cans and plastic bottles are to be placed in Griffin's collection bag. He recycles bottles and cans for cash that goes back to the Treasurer for club funds. Thank you for your assistance.



Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our members with April Birthdays. Happy Birthday: Duane B., Art C., Brian D., Greg J., Linda R., Michael S., Don S., Amira T., and Michael T.! Make sure to attend our meeting this month for the opportunity to win a special prize!



ANA News

By Dan and Cam S.

While we collect throughout the year, April brings the opportunity to engage deeper, during the American Numismatic Association's National Coin Week, held in the third week of April. Based on the theme "Striking Independence: 250 Years of American Numismatics," this year's activities connect to the story of America through numismatics. With daily educational webinars by numismatic luminaries, special online exhibits, and a curated collection of



articles, National Coin Week presents many ways to enhance your enjoyment. And for young numismatists, the ANA provides an activity placing them into the roles of designers creating a coin celebrating America's anniversary (above). If you'd like, you can even show your design at the next CCC meeting as a show-and-tell! Be sure to check out the [ANA's website](#) with all the details on National Coin Week and let us know your favorite part.



(R)evolution in Currency

In celebration of America's semiquincentennial, the Money Museum proudly presents (R)evolution in Currency, a digital celebration that highlights one American coin, token, or note for each year of our national independence. Beginning with 1776 and continuing year by year through 2026, the Museum will display 251 chronological objects from the collection that reveal America's monetary evolution.

EXPLORE THE COLLECTION

National Coin Week is just one of the engagement activities the ANA holds year round. As District

Representative volunteers and beneficiaries of these activities, we aim to provide information about the ANA in this column, and are happy to answer any questions you may have about it. Please reach out to us.

Cupertino Coin Club at Scout-o-Rama

By Suzy T.

The Cupertino Coin Club will be hosting a Coin Collecting booth at Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council's Scout-o-Rama, Scouting America's largest outdoor extravaganza event of the year aimed at families of youth ages 5–20 at History Park San Jose, 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA 95112, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m on 9 May. Our booth will be centrally located by the Council's Information Booth. The booth will be staffed by knowledgeable Cupertino Coin Club members who will help introduce youth, their parents, and grandparents to the world of money, coin collecting hobby, and numismatics. Our booth was a hit last year! There was a constant flow of attendees stopping by to check out our new booth in 2025. We are looking for club members to help us staff the booth again this year. You don't need to be a Scout or Scouter. All numismatists and coin collectors are welcome; young, old, and those in between! See me to sign up for a shift or email cupertinocoinclub@gmail.com. This is a not-to-be-missed event if you have kids or grandkids, or are a kid at heart. Purchase your Family ticket ahead on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-family-festival-scout-o-rama-tickets-1982401250505?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> to get the best price. See you there!



Come Celebrate Our Club's Fifty-Sixth Anniversary!

By Suzy T.

Join us in celebration of Cupertino Coin Club's 56th anniversary at the April 10 meeting. We start the meeting at 7:00 pm. Please arrive 30 minutes early to help set the room up. Please bring a Potluck dish to share. The club is providing Hot Dogs and Polish sausages, plus drinks. Be sure to thank President Gran, for purchasing the main dish items and Board Director Don for cooking them! Your potluck dish will help complement the meal. Think salads, chips, pickles, fruit, side dish, dessert. We do not have a speaker planned for April to allow for time to socialize over a meal with fellow club members. The new Board of Officers and Directors will be inducted at this meeting. Please support them for all of their efforts. We will have time for other club business: auction, show & tell, bourse, and drawings. Please join us! Don't forget to bring a dish to share. Thank you! See you there!

Quiz Column: Devious Questions

By Dan S.

1. What was the earliest date that appears on circulating coins produced at the U.S. Mint? And in what year were those coins actually first minted?
2. The first coin with "In God We Trust" was the two cent piece in 1864 (below), and in subsequent years it began appearing in most U.S. coins. Not so with paper money. When did "In God We Trust" first appear on U.S. issued paper money, and on what note?
3. Which weighs more, an ounce of gold or an ounce of feathers?
4. In what year did the first P mint-mark appear on a circulating coin minted in Philadelphia?



Cupertino Coin Club Annual Coin Show on Sunday, April 26

By Mike W.

Our annual coin show is coming soon on Sunday, 26 April, in the Parish Hall, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. We have a completely sold-out show, and we've squeezed in even more dealers and tables than last year. Please be sure to come and enjoy the show, find some cool additions for your collection, and hang out with all the coin club members who will be there.



We do need lots of volunteers for the show again this year. If you've volunteered in the past, you

received an e-mail from our volunteer coordinator, Don P., recently with the areas where we need your help again. If you have not volunteered but would like to, please let Don P. know at. We have room for everyone to volunteer and have fun hanging out with club members, dealers, and new show visitors. We also have a big need for volunteers on Saturday night for setup after the church bingo event finishes. Please come by around 10:00 p.m. to help with tables, chairs, and power cords to get everything ready for Sunday (above left). We also need people to help clean up after the show ends



Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Both the setup and clean up go really fast when there are many people helping!

We will have activities and giveaways for the youth attendees again this year. Dan and Cam S. have a really cool educational scavenger hunt challenge created for the youth attendees. If you have any excess items that would be fun for youth giveaways that you are willing to donate, for example, foreign coins, wheat cents, buffalo nickels, coin supplies, folders, etc., be sure to let myself and Dan S. know, and please bring them to the club meeting on Friday night or to the show on that Sunday morning. We'll make sure the giveaways go to help youth members get more interested in coin collecting.

Lastly, our ANACS representative had a last-minute conflict and won't be able to attend to support on-site submissions. But, he is providing a big stack of submission forms for us to hand out, and we can still submit our coins for grading after the show. On the other hand, we have received some wonderful donations from Great Collections, including branded slab display cases that will be in the drawing and coin calendars for giveaways, and we also received coin calendars from CACG Grading as giveaways. We're very grateful for their strong support of our coin show.

General Meeting Minutes from 13 March, 2026

By Steve C.

Club President **Gran G.** called our March general meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were forty-seven adults and ten youth in physical attendance. At this meeting club members voted on the By-Laws Revision (see page 2).

Griffin G. conducted our club auction and **Emile M.** was our auction chair. **Cam S.**, **Laurin M.**, **Aurelie M.**, and **Lucas H.** were our runners.



Gran G. drew our winning Buyer's Prize ticket. A club member won the Buyer's Prize (0.999 fine 1-oz copper round)

Announcements:

- **Gran G.** Welcomed our guests and thanked Ron I. for snacks and sponsoring the room.
- **Mike W.** gave an update about our upcoming show and is asking for volunteers.
- **Lyle O.** announced the upcoming coin shows:
 - **20 and 21 March:** South Bay Sunnyvale Coin Show at The Domain Hotel.
 - **24 and 25 April:** Caljohn66silver Coin Show at Santa Clara American Legion Post 419.
 - **26 April:** Cupertino Coin Club Coin Show at St. Joseph's of Cupertino Church. Drawing tickets are still available.

At this meeting we had our Club Year in Review slide show by Griffin G.

A youth drew our winning attendance prize ticket. Attendance prize winner: **George R.** (0.999 fine 1 oz.

copper round).

Don P. introduced show and tell;

George R.: Probus antoninianus

Laurin M.: 1837 Capped Bust half dollar

Ivan L.: 1854 Large Cent Necklace

Lucas H.: 2020 West Mint Quarter.

Our general meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary

Quiz Column Answers from page 6: Devious Questions

1. 1776, as part of Bicentennial coins dated 1776-1976 and Semiquincentennial coins dated 1776-2026). 1975. (Obvious but wrong answer: 1793 cent)
2. \$5 silver certificate, series of 1886, which shows 5 overlapping Morgan dollars on its back, four of which show their reverses, allowing the entire motto to appear (below).
3. An ounce of gold, which is measured in troy ounces (31.10 g); any item that is **not** a precious metal is measured in standard or avoirdupois ounces (28.35 g).
4. 1941, for coins minted in Philadelphia for the Dutch colonies of Curacao and Suriname (Obvious but wrong answer: 1942 five cent coins that contain silver)



Board Meeting Minutes from 19 March, 2026

By Steve C.

We had an online Zoom board meeting. In attendance were:

- President: **Gran G.**
- Vice President: **Suzy T.**
- Treasurer: **Emile M.**
- Recording Secretary: **Steve C.**
- Corresponding secretary: **Al L.**
- *Coin Press* Editor, Youth President: **Cam S.**
- Historian: Griffin G.
- Board members (6): **Don P., Dan S., Mike R., Steve T., Mike W.** and **Art B.**

Club President **Gran G.** called our March board meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were thirteen board members and chairs in attendance.

Recording Secretary **Steve C.** reported nothing new.

Corresponding Secretary **Al L.** reported correspondence received:

Magazines and newsletters

- March *The Numismatist* (American Numismatic Association)
- *Central Cal Young Numimatists*

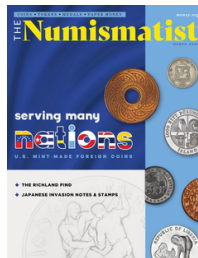
Treasurer **Emile M.** gave the treasurer's report. All was well.

Historian **Griffin G.** reported that pictures will be uploaded from the March meeting.

Curator **Emile M.** reported nothing new.

Program Chair **Suzy T.** reviewed our upcoming club events:

- **10 April** is the club's fifty-sixth anniversary (start time: 7:00 p.m.) It will be a Hot Dog and Polish Sausage potluck social and we will have our Board Inductions.
- **25 April**, 7:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. is the show bourse set-up at St Joseph's of Cupertino Church Hall.
- **26 April**, 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. is our club's annual coin show.
- **9 May**, 10:00 a.m.–4 p.m is our Scout-O-Rama Coin Collecting Booth at History Park San Jose.



- **15 May (third Friday)**, at 7:30 is our general meeting with a presentation on 1980s Grading Companies History by **Mike W.**

Membership Chair **Al L.** reported an application from **Joshua G.**, birth month June. Board members voted and accepted the new club member.

Coin Press Editor **Cam S.** would like everything for our newsletter by 27 March.

Facebook Chair **Suzy T.** updated the upcoming events, recognized members with March birthdays, and put up flyers for our April coin show.

Youth Advisor **Emile M.** reported ten youth present at the March general meeting, including two Scouts.

Nominating Chair **Emile M.** reported that all board positions are filled.

Old Business:

Don P. reported on the By-Laws revision vote results: nineteen "Yes," thirty-two "No," and one abstain, for a total of fifty-two ballots. Therefore, the ballot failed.

Members left comments related to leaving the Life Membership the way it was.

Show Chair **Mike W.** reported on our Coin Show status. Fifty-one tables are confirmed, with one still on the waitlist. The ANACS representative needed to back out due to a conflict. All drawing prizes are secured: two 1/20oz China gold coins (raw), one 1/10oz gold coin, ten prior year 1 oz silver club medals (right), and six Franklin halves, slabbed uncirculated, for the hourly drawings. The show's date is April 26, 2026.



Don P. moved to adjourn. **Suzy T.** seconded. President **Gran G.** adjourned our board meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary