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Editor's Message

I'm sending this newsletter about a week after returning from the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar, held in Colorado Springs, where six CCC members attended the weeklong seminars (page 5). We all had a great time at Summer Seminar; I highly recommend attending next year if you're interested in deep-diving into a particular numismatic topic.

This newsletter contains the first of Dan S.'s new column profiling members, beginning with longtime member and numismatic advocate Michael T (page 3).

Our next general meeting will be held on 10 July, where we'll hear from Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee member Art Bernstein discussing its Semiquincentennial coin selection process (page 2). In August, we'll have our annual picnic on 15 August, the day after our general meeting on 14 August. At the August general meeting, we'll have a food night potluck and vote on our 2027 medal design.

Please reach out to me if you're interested in contributing to the newsletter: advertising is only \$5 for a business-card sized ad, and I'm always happy to work with you if you'd like to write an article.

-Cam S.

An advertisement for "TIME CAPSULE COINS" by Mike Wagner. The background is a collage of various US coins. The text is as follows:

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Club News

Upcoming Meetings and Events

10 July: General meeting;
“Beauty and the Beast” Contest
guest presenter: Art B.
Topic: Semiquincentennial Coin
Selection by CCAC

16 July: Online board meeting

14 August: General meeting;
2027 Medal Design Contest;
Costco sub sandwiches and
potluck

15 August: CCC & SJCC Annual
Join Picnic; 12:00–2:00 p.m.

20 August: Online board
meeting

11 September: General meeting;
guest presenter: Don P.

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, begin at 8:30 p.m. 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!

U.S. Semiquincentennial Quarters: Celebration and Controversy

Club member Art B. is a member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) of the U.S. Mint. He will speak to us about the designs for the 2026 series of quarters including those that are being produced as well as designs that were rejected. Each attendee will receive the new Declaration of Independence Quarter.



New Board Bios: Alex R. and Jason A.

This May, the CCC board welcomed our board newest members, father-son duo Alex R. and Jason A. Here are their bios:

Jason A.

I am a ninth grader advancing into tenth grade, and I first became interested in coin collecting while working on the Coin Collecting Merit Badge in Scouting. Since then, I’ve enjoyed collecting numismatics connected to personal interests such as school projects, aviation, and specific countries. I also began collecting stamps and patches after meeting people in the CCC who introduced me to those hobbies. I am excited to be serving as the CCC Junior President, and I look forward to expanding my collection and continuing to learn more about the hobby.

Alex R.



My passion for collecting began in middle school with a dedicated focus on stamps. Though I later passed my cherished collection down to my nephew when I left for college, my enthusiasm for the hobby never truly vanished. Recently, my son Jason’s Scout activities reconnected me to the world of collecting stamps and coins.

As a board member, I appreciate the structured environment of the CCC’s monthly meetings and the stories shared during the show-and-tell sessions. I look forward to leveraging my role to expand our club’s outreach and inspire the next generation of youth to discover the joy of numismatics.

Member Profile: Michael T.

(This is the first column in a new series of CCC member profiles by Dan S.)

By Dan S.



A self-proclaimed history buff with a degree in history, Michael T. has embraced the coin collecting hobby for decades, as an author, educator, promoter and leader of clubs on the local, regional, national, and international levels. He enjoys looking “beyond the coin to the time and people who created the coin.”

A native Californian, Michael’s interest in numismatics was piqued by two Barber coins given to him for Christmas by a neighbor, Mrs. Tripple, when he was a boy. Among early mentors was Bill Cummings who sold Michael an 1861 half-dollar, musing “If that coin could talk!” Michael still possesses those coins, and knows many others “who have that first coin” of their collection.

Michael was a Junior High and High School teacher in Vacaville, CA, teaching U.S. History, World History, Government, Drafting, Architecture, and Small Engines.

Michael joined the Vallejo Numismatic Society in the mid-1970s, then realized the value of participating in multiple coin clubs when he gained new perspectives after visiting, and then joining, the Napa Coin Club in 1975. Now, Michael has “taken it to the extreme” and is a member of local clubs from New Hampshire to Illinois, Alaska, Alberta (Canada), Ottawa, Florida (to name a few), and all of the coin clubs in Northern California, including the Cupertino Coin

Club, where he attends meetings as regularly as he can. Michael also has held leadership positions in the Northern California Numismatic Association and the California State Numismatic Association, where he served as President. Regarding the CCC, he recalls: “I had the privilege of being invited to talk at the Cupertino Coin Club in 1984. I loaded up my 1966 Nova, and brought my father who had never heard me give a talk before. He came back and told my mother: ‘Man, this kid we raised knows a lot of stuff!’”

Michael’s advice to new collectors includes: keep good records, build a numismatic library, specialize in your collecting, collect friends, join more than one coin club, network with others, and take advantage of the many opportunities the hobby has to offer. Not taking himself too seriously, however, Michael admits that he does not take his own advice in terms of collecting in only one or two numismatic specialties. Furthermore, his collecting interests extend beyond numismatics, to include matchbooks, old maps, seashells, railroad tie nails dated starting in 1900, postcards, stamps, historical autographs, milk bottles, and a 25-book library of Titanic volumes.

Michael lives by the mantra that serves as a signature to his emails and numismatic writing: “Work hard. Play fair. Give back.”



Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our members with July Birthdays. Happy Birthday: Blanca A., Bob B., Julia B., Jevon C., Steve H., Ryan J., Larry L., Suzy L., Sean M., Alex R., Dylan R., Steve S.! Last month, Griffin G. won the birthday prize. Congratulations to Griffin!

Annual CCC & SJCC Joint Picnic

July means summer — and summer means outdoor fun and picnics!

A nice shady spot has been reserved at Las Palmas Park in Sunnyvale for our annual joint picnic with members and guests of Cupertino Coin Club and San Jose Coin Club. The picnic will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

The clubs will provide hamburgers, cheeseburgers, all the fixings, drinks, plates, napkins, and plasticware. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, chips, salad, fruit, or dessert to share and complement the BBQ lunch.



Our grillmasters will once again showcase their barbecue skills during

this celebrated annual tradition. Grilling will take place from noon to 1:00 p.m., so plan to arrive by 1:00 p.m. to enjoy the burgers while they're fresh off the grill.

Don't miss out on the fun! Please turn in your [reservation form](#) and payment at either club meeting no later than August 7, so we can plan for the correct number of attendees. Turn them in to Steve C. at SJCC meetings and Gran G. at CCC meetings. Members are welcome to bring guests; just include them on the

reservation form.

We look forward to seeing you there for what should be a bright, sunny day!

Some Scenes from our Last Meeting

Photos by Gran G. and Griffin G.



ANA News: CCC at Summer Seminar

By Dan and Cam S.

CCC members Rob B., Dave G., Don P., Cam S., George R., and Dan S. recently attended the American Numismatic Association's 2026 Summer Seminar held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, taking classes on subjects like advanced grading, errors and varieties, artificial toning, and branch mint coinage. We had a great time!

More than a dozen classes were offered both in the first session from Sunday, 21 June to Wednesday, 24 June, and in the second from Sunday, 28 June to Wednesday, 1 July on the campus of Colorado College, with most attendees living in the campus dorms and eating in the college's dining halls, which provided many opportunities to meet and interact with professional and hobby numismatists from all corners of the country.

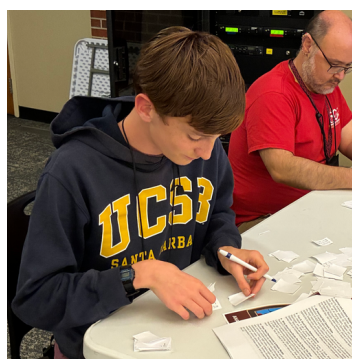
Saturday evening, before classes started, was marked by a Welcome Meeting and a sale of used numismatic books run by the ANA Library. During the days, seminar attendees took classes in the main college classrooms, taught by instructors expert in their fields. After classes, attendees had several options for evening activities. Some attended formal classes on Sunday and Monday nights, when instructors gave three-hour mini-seminars. Others attended bull sessions, which are shorter, informal presentations held every hour from 5:30 to 8:30. Cam and Dan S. presented a longer version of their Free Silver Movement and the Wonderful Wizard of Oz presentation that they presented two years ago at a CCC meeting (above right). Young Numismatists worked on the YN Scholarship



Benefit Auction every evening, cataloging and organizing donations. The money raised at the auction, held on the Tuesday of both weeks, funds future YN scholarships to Summer Seminar. A Wednesday evening banquet (above left) closed out each session, with the hundreds of attendees celebrating the week's gatherings in the ballroom of a local hotel.

Other activities included visiting the ANA's Money Museum, the ANA Library, and the nearby coin shop, Hallenbeck Coin Gallery, located only a few blocks from campus.

The American Numismatic Association (<https://www.money.org/>) is the world's largest society of coin collectors and dealers. As District Representative volunteers and beneficiaries of the ANA's resources, 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.



Submit Your Medal Design for 2027!

By Emile M.

Our August general meeting will feature the medal design contest for our 2027 medal. If you want to submit a design, please read the rules below:

- Members in good standing (all dues paid and current) are eligible to submit a design.
- The design must be on unlined paper in a circle of six to eight inches in diameter.
- The subject matter of your reverse design should be something memorable about Cupertino, of cultural significance, or historical in nature. Repeat or similar designs of past medal will not be accepted. Your design may be in the form of a single photo, postcard, or group of drawings in one design. Not all members of our club are artists, so the subject matter may consist of cutout pictures and the like. The better the artwork, the better the design work with our minter.
- You may submit an explanation of your design.
- You may submit a maximum of two designs.
- The designer's name or initials may not appear on the design or design explanation. Initials will be added after the winning design is selected.
- If your entry is of a private, commercial, trademarked, or copyrighted subject matter, then you must obtain written permission from the rights holder. If permission is not granted, then the runner-up design will be used.
- The following information must be included on the design: "53rd Coin Show" and "St. Joseph of Cupertino Church". Because we don't yet know the date of our 2027 show please insert just the year 2027 into your design. We reserve the right to add the full date of the 2027 show once it has been decided upon and confirmed with the location.

- All entries may be submitted at a general club meeting or mailed to the club at: CCC Medal Design, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448.
- All entries must be delivered to Medals Chair Emile M by 8:00 PM at our August 7, 2026 meeting or arrive at our club's PO Box by July 31, 2026. The entries will be voted upon by our membership at our August 8, 2026 general meeting.
- In the event of identical design submissions, the first design submitted will be entered in the design contest.
- The winning design becomes the property of Cupertino Coin Club and will not be returned. All other entries will be returned. The Cupertino Coin Club Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the winning design to meet the requirements of the minting process. Any modifications will be cleared with the designer.
- The winning designer shall receive one copper medal of their design as the winner's prize.

Previous Winners



General Meeting Minutes from 12 June, 2026

By Steve C.

Club President **Gran G.** called our June general meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and welcomed everyone. At this meeting members shared their other hobbies. There were twenty-eight adults and six youth in physical attendance.

Griffin G. conducted our club auction, **Don P.** was our auction chair. **Cam S.**, **Ivan L.**, **Laurin M.** and **Aurelie M.** were our runners. **Preston C.** drew our winning buyer's prize ticket. **Paul J.** won the buyer's prize (0.999 fine one-ounce copper round).

Announcements:

- **Gran G.** welcomed our guests.
- **Lyle O.** announced the upcoming coin shows:
 - 17 and 18 July Bill Green Reno Coin Show
 - 25 and 26 July Fremont Coin Club at the Fremont Elks Lodge.
 - 7 and 8 August Central Valley Coin Show in Modesto.

A guest drew our winning attendance prize ticket. Attendance prize winner: **Bryce B.** (0.999 fine one-ounce copper round)

We wished a happy birthday to our members with June birthdays. **Griffin G.** won the birthday prize (0.999 fine one-ounce copper round).

Gran G. introduced show and tell:

- **Ivan L.:** proof penny from circulation
- **Suzy T.:** 2026-P and -D Semiquincentennial half dollars
- **Don P.:** 2026 "Best of the Mint" Dime.
- **Cam S.:** Eiffel Tower medal
- **Dan S.:** Samurai money



- **Laurin M.:** 1929 \$20 note
- **Martha D.:** 2021 Christa McAuliffe commemorative silver dollar
- **Mike W.:** Great River Road medal
- **Robert B.:** 1850 Moffat \$5 gold coin
- **Bryce B.:** 1796 Dime
- **Ken B.:** 1649-1657 German States Jever
- **Al L.:** Star Note.



Laurin M. drew the winning show and tell prize ticket. Show and tell prize winner: **Mike W.** (0.999 fine one-ounce copper round).

This meeting was our "other hobbies night." Several club members got up and spoke on some of the items they collected besides coins, including pens, pottery, comic book memorabilia, and others.



A break was called and drawing tickets were purchased. The drawing winners were:

- **Gran G.** 1950-S Dime, 1851 Large Cent
- **Paul J.:** 1896 Barber Quarter
- **Gran G.:** 20 Austrian Shillings Casino Bled chip
- **Ivan L.:** 2014 Presidential Dollar Proof Set,
- **Martha D.:** 2008 State Quarter Proof Set
- **Paul J.:** 1906 Barber Half Dollar
- **Martha D.,** Grand Prize winner: 2013-P Australia 10 Cent coin, NGC MS-69.

Our general meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes from 18 June, 2026

By Steve C.

This month we had an online board meeting over Zoom. In attendance were:

- President: **Gran G.**
- Recording Secretary: **Steve C.**
- Corresponding secretary: **Al L.**
- Incoming webmaster: **Ivan L.**
- Coin Press Editor: **Cam S.**
- Board Members (five): **Don P., Dan S., Mike R., Steve T., and Art B.**

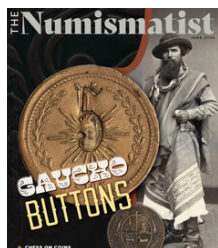
Club President **Gran G.** called our June board meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were ten board members and chairs in attendance.

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

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

Magazines and newsletters

- June 2026 *The Numismatist*
(American Numismatic Association)



Historian **Griffin G.** was not present at this meeting but reported that pictures will be uploaded from the June meeting.

Program Chair **Suzy T.** was not present at this meeting but reported on our upcoming club events:

- 10 July: "Beauty and the Beast contest;" the guest speaker will be **Art B.**, on Semiquincentennial coin selection by the CCAC.
- 14 August: 2027 Medal design contest; Costco sandwiches and potluck.
- 15 August: CCC/SJCC Joint Coin Club Picnic; Las Palmas Park, 850 Russet Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.



Membership Chair **Al L.** reported that he received two membership applications, one for **Gabriel L.** (birth month: September) and **Francis "Frank" V.** (birth month: April). The Board members voted and accepted the two new club members.



Coin Press Editor
Cam S. reported that he would like everything for our newsletter by 26 June.
Old Business

The Board Members discussed the details of our joint coin club picnic on 15 August.

The Board members also talked about the search for a new chair for our coin show.

New Business

Don P. and the Board members discussed the membership dues.

Ivan L. and the Board members discussed ways to improve our website.

Don P. moved to adjourn. **Dan S.** seconded.
President **Gran G.** adjourned our board meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary

Upcoming Coin Shows

- **19 July:** Vacaville Coin Show, Vacaville Elks Lodge, 302 Parker Street, Vacaville, CA 95688
- **7 and 8 August:** Central Valley Coin & Collectibles Show, 3500 Coffee Road, Modesto, CA 95355
- **21 and 22 August:** Santa Clara Coin Show, American Legion Post 419, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara
- **23 August:** Sacramento Coin Show, Lion's Gate Hotel / Officers Club, 3410 Westover Street, McClellan, CA 95652
- **24–6 September:** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Coin Show, Four Points By Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Dr., Sacramento, CA 95834