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Editor's Message

Hello CCC members! Welcome to our busy October! Our events this month include our general meeting on the Friday the ninth, our awards banquet on Saturday the seventeenth, and our scout merit badge workshop on Saturday the third. At our general meeting, we'll be celebrating Youth Night. Youth President Jason A. will be running the meeting, and I will be presenting on Youth Involvement in Numismatics. Our banquet will feature awards, games, and a delicious pasta



dinner. To reserve a place, please fill in the banquet reservation form and hand it in with payment at our October meeting or mail them in by the ninth.

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-Cam S.



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The background of the advertisement is a collage of various coins, including a 1907 coin, a 1991 coin, and a 1992 coin.

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Club News

Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 3: Scouting America Coin Collecting Merit Badge Workshop

October 9: General meeting; Youth Night!; Guest speaker: Cam S.; topic: "YN Involvement in Numismatics"

October 15: In-person board meeting; St. Jude's Episcopal Church

October 17: Forty-second annual awards banquet

November 13: General meeting in the Church hall (where our coin show is); guest presenter: Emile M., on "Red Book Key Coin Prices Across the Decades 1947–2027"

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. 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!

42nd Annual Awards Banquet

By: Suzy T

Key details:

- Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 5:00–9:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Episcopal Church
- **Meal options:**
 - Angel hair pasta with shrimp, creamy pink sauce, salad, and garlic bread: **\$27**
 - (Optional bacon can be added to your dish.)
 - Pasta primavera with the same sides: **\$25**
 - Gluten-free pasta and bread available upon request.
 - Marinara sauce available instead of the creamy sauce.
- **Included:** Lemonade, water, coffee, tea, and dessert, games (BINGO & guessing) with prizes
- Guests may bring their own wine or other favorite beverage.
- **Bring-your-own-meal option: \$10**, includes socializing, drinks, dessert, and games with prizes.
- Invite your family/friends.
- **Reservation Form & payment deadline: Friday, October 9, 2026**
- Early reservations are encouraged so organizers can plan for attendance.
- Questions? Email cupertinocoinclub@gmail.com

We thank Board Director Don P. & his wife, Charlotte, for securing the venue again this year. Meal planning, shopping,



preparation, and cooking are being done by Chef Victor Sanchez (Chef Vic). We request some attendees to help with being our servers for the food service line and

clean-up in the hall and kitchen after the event. Your help is greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work! Thank you!

Fifth Annual Gary L. Acquistapace Memorial Donation Fundraising Auction

By Don P.

The annual Fundraising Auction for the Cupertino Coin Club will be held at our February 12, 2027 meeting since we will be meeting in a classroom in December. As in the past, the auction will follow a club supplied Lasagna and garlic bread dinner, with attendee supplied salad and dessert potluck.

Members are encouraged to donate items to the club for the auction. All proceeds will be used to support the monthly meetings and ongoing club operations. To submit items, email me with pictures, description, and estimated value. The deadline to submit is the December 11, 2026 meeting. Earlier is better!

Some ideas of items to donate:

Gifts

- themed gift baskets
- boxes of chocolate
- bottles of wine

Collectibles

- collectible coins or currency
- coin supplies
- coin folders
- books (in English)
- other hobbies: stamps, baseball cards, comics, etc.

Events/Sports

- tickets for a museum, movie tickets
- tickets to local sporting events
- sports memorabilia

Social/Food

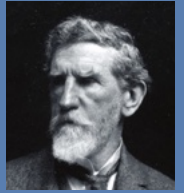
- gift certificate for a restaurant
- gift cards for coffee shops
- baked goods



Quiz Column: Designers and Engravers

By Dan S.

1. At the same time he was commissioned to redesign the eagle and double eagle, Augustus Saint-Gaudens was also commissioned to redesign the cent. Why did he not redesign the cent?
2. John R. Sinnock was the designer of the Roosevelt dime (1946) and the Franklin half dollar (1948). Why were his initials on the Roosevelt dime "JS" and on the Franklin half dollar "JRS"?
3. Gilroy Roberts, the U.S. Mint's ninth Chief Engraver, retired from the mint in 1964. What was unusual about his retirement?
4. The Renaissance of American Coinage refers to the time period in the early 20th Century when all of the nineteenth century circulating coins were redesigned. Name as many of the new designs, along with their designers, as you can.
5. Since 2003, a U.S. Mint program brings many outside artists and sculptors to develop designs for U.S. coins and medals. What is the name of that program?



Why Collect Coins?

By Keith S.

This question was recently asked to me and I decided that I should explain myself.

I refer to my specific experiences when answering this question. Often, at a young age interests in new hobbies seem to be spontaneous and can persist through a lifetime or be abandoned in favor of something else quickly. Often, it begins with a gift of a book, coins themselves, or a coin album. The first stage is that of amazement, discovery of new knowledge, and the thrill of the hunt. Mentors will accelerate interest and provide guidance of, especially, what not to do. Coin Clubs provide a glimpse into the big picture of endless possibilities. And it's fun.

The next step is often to choose a specialty area of the greatest interest and gain knowledge. This is easier today with internet resources including the Newman Portal that has a vast selection of publications that would otherwise cost a fortune. Free is always good! There are many examples of today's experts who were part-time dealers at a young age. It requires more than typical funding resources and negotiation skills to be successful. This is definitely not for everyone, especially those who want to focus on collection building.

A major goal is often the completion of an entire set, however that's defined. The inclusion of a major rarity costing over six figures is often off the table for most collectors. It's still fun to window-shop and view rarities with graphics software that keeps getting better. Also, attending an auction virtually can be exciting, but attending it live is the best experience. Identities of buyers are carefully guarded until they identify themselves by choice, if ever. Fun to guess.

Long-term collectors are often pleasantly surprised by appreciation that can exceed inflationary indices. Registry sets have guidelines that aren't for everyone, but is a great way to securely show your collection to the world. The coin show exhibit (with security) is the most viable option for most collectors. Once again, fun!

Just as with my favorite topic, archeology, the thrill of the hunt and anticipation of finding something is the best part. I've been described as an expert by some, except for the facts that: X is an unknown quantity and spurt is just a drip under pressure.

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday cheers go to our members with October Birthdays. Happy Birthday: Ralph K, Pearl L., Aurelie M., Lucy M.-L., Diego R., John S., Matthew W. Last month, Gabriel L. won the birthday prize. Congratulations to Gabriel!



Upcoming Coin Shows

- **6–7 November:** Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover Street, Sacramento, CA 95652
- **13–14 November:** Sunnyvale Coin Show, Domain Hotel, 1085 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087
- **22 November:** Marin Coin & Collectibles Show, Best Western Novato Oaks, 215 Alameda del Prado, Novato, CA 94949

General Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2026

By Steve C.

Club President **Gran G.** called our September general meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. and welcomed everyone. At this meeting there were twenty-seven adults and six youth in attendance.

Don P. conducted our club auction, **Gran G.** was our auction chair. **Mateo** and **Diego R.** were our runners. **Bill H.** drew our winning Buyer's Prize ticket. **Lewis B.** won the Buyer's Prize, a 0.999-fine one-ounce copper round.

Announcements:

Gran G. announced the upcoming coin shows:

- **September 24–26:** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, Four Points Sheraton
- **October 2–3:** Fifty-ninth Annual Fresno Coin Show
- **October 9–10:** Contra Costa Coin and Collectibles Show.
- **October 25:** Scott Griffin Vacaville show

Melody T. drew our winning Attendance Prize ticket. Our attendance prize winner was **Preston C.**, who received a 0.999 fine one-ounce copper round.

We wished Happy Birthday to our September Birthday members. Our Birthday Prize winner was **Gabriel L.**, who won a 0.999-fine one-ounce copper round.

Gran G. introduced show and tell:

- **Bill H.:** 1924 Saint-Gaudens double eagle
- **Melody T.:** 1964 Silver Quarter.
- **George T.:** 1862 Louisiana \$50 bill
- **Preston C.:** BEP bag and 2026 dime
- **Don P.:** 1896 \$2 Silver Certificate
- **Howard W.:** coins purchased at CoinExpo San Jose earlier in the day
- **Paul J.:** English schilling
- **Ken B.:** \$20 Gold Certificate.

Gran G. drew the winning show and tell prize ticket. Our show and tell prize winner was **Gabriel**

L., who won a 0.999-fine one-ounce copper round.

Don P. was our guest speaker this meeting, and he gave us an “Intro to Coin Errors from Today's Minting Process”

Our general meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary



Quiz Column Answers: Designers and Engravers

By Dan S.

1. Augustus Saint-Gaudens died before he completed his cent design.
2. An urban legend arose that the “JS” on the Roosevelt dime stood for Josef Stalin. Thus, they chose “JRS” for the later-issued Franklin half.
3. He was the first Chief Engraver to retire. His eight predecessors died in that position.
4. Lincoln Cent (Victor David Brenner), Buffalo Nickle (James Earle Fraser), Mercury Dime (Adolph Weinman), Standing Liberty Quarter (Hermon MacNeil), Walking Liberty Half Dollar (Adolph Weinman), Peace Dollar (Anthony De Francisci), Indian Head Quarter Eagle and Half Eagle (Bela Lyon Pratt), Indian Head Eagle and Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle (Augustus Saint-Gaudens)
6. The Artistic Infusion Program



Board Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2026

By **Steve C.**

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

- Vice President: **Suzy T.**
- Treasurer: **Emile M.**
- Recording Secretary: **Steve C.**
- Coin Press Editor: **Cam S.**
- Youth President: **Jason A.**
- Board Members (7): **Don P., Dan S., Steve T., Mike R., Ivan L., Art B., and Alex R.**

Club Vice President **Suzy T.** called our September board meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were twelve board members and chairs in attendance.

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

Program Chair **Suzy T.** reported on our upcoming club events. October ninth is Youth Night, and **Jason A.** will be running the meeting and **Cam S.** will be the guest speaker, on "YN Involvement in Numismatics."



The October Board meeting will be an in-person meeting. Our Fifty-Sixth Anniversary & Forty-Second Annual Banquet will be on Saturday,

October 17. On November 13 our guest speaker will be **Emile M.**, on "Red Book key Coin Prices Across the Decades 1947–2027. In December we are meeting in a small classroom at St. Joseph's, room #7. Our guest speaker will be **Mike W.**, on "Family Tree of Grading Companies."

Although he was not at the meeting, membership chair **Al L.** reported two new applications from:

- **Lewis B.**, birth month June
- **Melody T.**, birth month December

The Board members voted and accepted these two new club members.

Coin Press Editor **Cam S.** reported he would like everything for our newsletter by September 25.

Website Chair **Ivan L.** reported working on the home page of the website.

Facebook Chair **Suzy T.** updated the upcoming events and recognized members with September birthdays on the Facebook page.

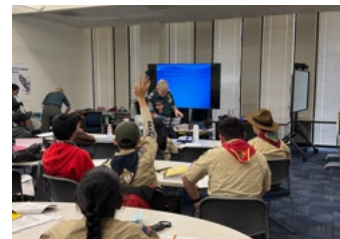
Youth Advisor **Emile M.** reported there were six youths present at the September general meeting.

Banquet chair **Suzy T.** reported that we have confirmed with the caterer the price for the dinner. The club is providing games, prizes, dessert and drinks. We will need volunteers to help with setup, the food service line, and clean-up in the hall and kitchen after the event. The deadline for reservations and payment is Friday, October 9.

Medals Chair **Emile M.** reported he is still waiting on the final design for the medal. The silver medal will be minted based on numbers of pre-orders, and pewter, bronze and copper medals will be available.

Old Business

On October 3 we will have our Scouting America Coin Collecting merit badge workshop. There are currently 18 Scouts signed



up. The Board members also had a discussion about speakers and dates for a future South Bay Numismatic Symposium.

Show Business

Members discussed the details for our next coin show. Possibly sharing the responsibility of the Show chair. The club still does not have a Show Chair or a Bourse Chair.

Art B. moved to adjourn this meeting. **Don P.** seconded. Vice President **Suzy T.** adjourned our board meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve C.

CCC Recording Secretary