

SVCC Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Gold: \$1,988.23

Silver: \$ 24.85

Club Officers in attendance:

President – Bruce Williams

Vice President – Troy Dinin

Treasurer – Marlain Minardi

Corresponding Secretary, Mike Grieneisen

Recording Secretary, Patrick Carpenter

Assistant Treasurer – Nick Shel

Guests: Two guests attended:

Attendance - 34 members and two guests. Mike Rek from Salt Lake City and Paul Koch from Ontario.

New Member – Two new members joined the club, Heather Garcia and Michael Ettner. Welcome to Heather and Michael.

Past Meeting Minutes: Minutes of our last regular club meeting on April 12, 2023, were provided to club members by email several days before the meeting. The reading of the minutes of our last meeting were waived and the minutes were approved one revision – the original offered price for John Bither's Civil War dog tag was just fifty cents.

Future Coin Show:

On April 28, 29 &30 – Friday, Saturday & Sunday – at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento, a wonderful coin show will be presented by Sacramento Valley Coin Club.

Great Coin Giveaway – A record breaking Ninety-Five books of tickets have now been sold for the big prize drawing that will happen at the conclusion of the coin show. This means that we will add all three additional gold coin to the prizes to be given away at the conclusion of the coin show.

Progress on Dealers' Participation – Bob Shanks announced the good news all dealer tables have been sold for the coin show.

Patrick Carpenter reported that we have a full schedule of volunteers to assist with the coin show. We also have a full list of folks doing a coin exhibit. All volunteers and exhibitors will receive very nice “thank you” gifts from the club.

A drawing for a 1/10th ounce gold coin was held by everyone who has purchased a book of tickets for the Great Coin Giveaway. Scott Newens was the happy winner.

Educational Talk

Mike Grieneisen presented “Numismatics in Art” – a survey of several dozen pieces of fine art that portray some aspect of Numismatics. Some of the highlights include:

- Painting by Hans Memling, 15th century, showing a Roman coin of Nero.
- Painting by the great Italian renaissance artist, Sandro Botticelli, showing a man displaying a medal with Cosimo de' Medici, the Elder, circa 1474.
- The Flemish painter Quentin Matsys' work from 1514 entitled “The Money Changer and His Wife.”
- A French painting by Francois Lemaire showing a young King Louis XIV learning history from an instructor displaying six historic medals.

- “The Coin Collector,” circa 1655, by the Dutch painter Hendrik Pot showed an older man, holding a coin improperly, making a catalog of his coins.
- Another painting with the same title, “The Coin Collector,” by the German artist Max Gaisser, from the early 20th century, shows a man holding his coin properly and using good lighting as he examines his coin. Interestingly, the scene appears to be set several centuries before the time the painting was created.
- From 1904 we saw a painting by Vilhelm Hammershoi called “The Collector of Coins.” This painting showed a seated man possibly looking at a coin by the very dim light of two candles. The painting and the scene were both so dark one can only hope the subject had better eyesight than those of us looking at the painting.
- The popular American painter Norman Rockwell created “The Collector” in 1971 while on commission by the Franklin Mint.
- Mike also shared two clever trompe l’oeil paintings by John F. Haberle, “One Dollar Bill” and “Reproduction.” Both are meant to seem so real that the viewer thinks that they are the actual objects and not paintings of the objects.
- Two paintings by Victor Dubreuil, “Barrells of Money” from 1890 and “American Paper Money” from 1890. The depictions of currency by this artist were so realistic that US Treasury authorities saw the artist as a possible counterfeiting threat!

Mike indicated that nice prints of the artwork listed above all available at low cost for those of us who wish to dress up homes.

Mike also showed...

- Several World War I posters encouraging folks to turn their coins into bullets, buy war bonds with their coins, or other patriotic uses for their money.
- Giant sculptures of coins, one in Ontario, Canada and the other in Lincoln Park in Long Beach.
- Two massive clasped hands, covered in one million one cent Euro coins, intended to raise awareness about solidarity. Mike indicated that the coins alone weigh 2.3 tons and have a value of about \$11,000.
- A car in Tuscan covered in about ninety thousand Lincoln cents.
- A bar in Montana with over eighty thousand silver dollars displayed on nearly every available surface.
- Several displays of money from casinos.

Finally, Mike showed a photo of a gold coin from Australia that has a face value of \$1,000,000, weighs 35,000 ounces and has a diameter of 31 inches. Mike posed the question, is it a coin or is it art?

Break started at 7:50 p.m. and we were back in session at 8:01 p.m.

The drink duty was taken on by Patrick Carpenter who indicated that he’ll be doing it for the rest of the year.

The auction started at 8:05 with John Degen doing his excellent job as auctioneer. There were five donation items and about fifty items offered for sale by members hoping to make a bit of money on their money.

The raffle’s top prize was a 2023 British bullion coin with 1/10th ounce of gold. It was won by Troy Dinin.

The meeting ended at 8:52.

Respectfully submitted, May 6, 2023
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC