

The Diablo Die Break

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Our next meeting: 06/20/19

This month's program:

John Ward - Washington Quarters

Concord Museum & Event Center
1928 Clayton Road
Concord, California

2019 Officers:

Robert E. Luna (President)
Kyle Anderson (Vice President)
Charles Ludvik (Treasurer)
David Davis (Secretary)
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Neil Robertson (Board Member)

Mission Statement

The Diablo Numismatic Society of Concord, CA is a non-profit coin collecting club dedicated to serving all its members from beginner to expert – with focus on three priorities: education, fellowship, and fun!

**The SOCIETY meets monthly on the third
Thursday of the month at:**

**Concord Museum & Event Center
1928 Clayton Road
Concord, California**

[Our Web site is: www.diablocoinclub.org](http://www.diablocoinclub.org)

Youth Section

Connecting America Through Coins

[Kids' interactive timeline: http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/timeline/](http://www.usmint.gov/kids/campCoin/timeline/)

United States Mint Education pages:

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/games/>

Upcoming Coin Shows

June 21-22, 2019

East Bay/Concord Coin Show
The Clarion Hotel

Jun 2nd, 2019

Sacramento Coin Show, Lions Gate Hotel

July 27-28, 2019

Fremont Coin Club 46th Annual Show. Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont

Diablo Numismatic Society Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/16/19

The meeting called to order: 7:03pm
by President: Bob Luna

Total Attendance: 38 New Members/Guests: 2

New Members/Guests:

Jeff Bennet and Milan Jackson

On time prize: Athena Replica from Silvertown

Treasurer's Report by Charlie Ludvik

General Account: \$4,722.38

Coin Show
Account:

The following announcements were made:

Tonight's Program: The Oldest Living Pioneer
Don Kagin, PhD

Show and Tell: None

Entries: Prize: Winner:

50/50 Drawing: \$25.00 Total Pot: \$13.00 Winner:

Drawing Grand Prize: no grand prize - several top coins of equal value

Membership Drawing Prize: 1961 Proof Half

Membership Drawing Winner: Tom Spahn

Miscellaneous: We have \$1100.00 towards an ANA scholarship

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:58pm

Respectfully submitted by:

David F. Davis Jr. Club Secretary

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JANUARY 17th

NEIL ROBERTSON – HISTORIC GERMAN COINAGE

FEBRUARY 21st

RYAN ANDERSON – EAGLE SCOUT'S JOURNEY THROUGH SCOUTING &
BSA'S COINS - 2010

MARCH 21st

Annual Club Anniversary Awards Banquet – To be held at our regular meeting place and it will be catered by Back Forty BBQ. Check with Charlie Ludvik for dinner tickets. Members without tickets are welcome to attend the awards presentations and coin drawing.

APRIL 18th

Glen Lindwall - Tiny Coins - Ancient and Modern

APRIL 21-27, 2019 - NATIONAL COIN WEEK

THE GREAT AMERICAN COIN HUNT!

THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST COIN DROP IN HISTORY! DEALERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL BE PARTICIPATING! MAKE SEARCHING YOUR CHANGE FUN AGAIN!

MAY 16th

Don Kagin - The worlds Oldest Living Pioneer and Other Hobbies Night

JUNE 20th

Program - John Ward on Washington Quarters.

JULY 13th (SATURDAY)

ANNUAL CLUB SUMMER BBQ – BORGES RANCH (No Meeting)

AUGUST 15th

BRUCE BERMAN – ANNUAL COIN GRADING CLINIC

SEPTEMBER 19th

EXHIBIT NIGHT – A THEMED TOPIC BOXED or FRAMED

OCTOBER 17th

SCOTT GRIFFIN – TONED MORGAN DOLLARS

NOVEMBER 21st

KYLE ANDERSON – HISTORY OF MODERN OLYMPIC COINAGE

DECEMBER 7th (SATURDAY)

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – ZIO FRAEDO'S, PLEASANT HILL
(NO MEETING)**

Don Kagin: The World's Oldest Pioneer



Don gave an excellent program; putting gold coin issues in order, both U.S. Mint issues and private issues.

Don is an excellent actor. If you missed it, I recorded this program to DVD. Let me know if you want to view it.

Coin of the Month

2013-W Enhanced Silver American Eagle

This is my favorite enhanced mint issue to date. It photographs very well. A very dramatic looking coin.



So-Called Dollars

by Robert Luna

LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION 1904 ST. LOUIS, MO

Purpose: To commemorate 100th anniversary of Louisiana Purchase, "second in importance in nation's development only to American Revolution."

Organization: This was our 4th largest exposition. With St. Louis having been Territorial Capital in 1804, civic leaders and Missouri Historical Society campaigned vigorously within organization of Louisiana Purchase states and territories to secure celebration. Favorably decided at January, 1899, convention of delegates in St. Louis. Exposition Co. chartered May 1901; public subscription to stock. City floated large bond issue; state granted \$1,000,000; Congress \$5,000,000.

Site: About 1270 acres, parts of Forest Park and campus of Washington University. Of hundreds of structures, only portion of Art Palace was permanent; now serves as City Art Museum.

Dates, Attendance: Original opening set for April 30, 1903 but size and scope caused deferment. However, "Dedication Ceremonies" were held then, attended by President Roosevelt and Ex-President Taft. Finally opened April 30, 1904; closed Dec. 1, 1904. Attendance about 20,000,000; 13,000,000 paid.

Participants: On Aug. 20, 1901, President McKinley invited "all countries of the world to participate in this greatest of Expositions" which would "demonstrate America's progress since the Louisiana Purchase...promote friendly relations and the exchange of knowledge throughout the peoples of the world." All states and territories and "dozens" of foreign countries represented, scores erecting own buildings. Extensive Federal displays *included Mint Exhibit*.

Comment: Fifteen major exhibition Palaces radiated in fan pattern from central Festival Hall in "setting of lagoons, boulevards, gardens, fountains and sculpture" (1,200 pieces of statuary). Electric light, sign of progress then, used "lavishly" for both decoration and illumination. Featured were motor car, aeronautics and wireless telegraphy--all at their earliest, most exciting stage of development; spotlight on auto which had traveled from New York City to St. Louis, then "an unprecedented feat and a hazardous journey." Olympic Games held during Exposition in first concrete stadium built in U.S.

Medals: Official Souvenir medals below struck in Mint Exhibit on grounds; total of *all* medals "about 90,000." Silver was .600 fine; sold first for \$1, later for \$1.25. Yellow Bronze "tarnished quickly" so was replaced by plain Bronze; these, plus Gilt, sold for 25 cents each; in Gold-plate for 50 cents. *Only one medal was struck in solid Gold* (see *The Numismatist*, January 1911, p. 5). Charles S. Muir had the contract to sell official medals. In addition to the official medals, Exposition was prolific issuer of private medals of all kinds.

OFFICIAL SOUVENIR MEDALS



Diablo Numismatic Society's July 2019 BBQ Picnic

It's that time of the year again! It's time for our annual July BBQ to be held on **Saturday, July 13th, 2019** at **Old Borges Ranch** in the foothills of Walnut Creek located at **1035 Castle Rock Road**. Our BBQ will go from **2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** We will start with snacks and drinks. Dinner will be catered by our very own Tony Stankoff & Company and be served at 4:00 p.m. Our coin drawing will follow dinner and be held around 5:00 p.m.

The menu is as follows: marinated tri-tip, BBQ chicken quarters, mixed green salad with House Italian dressing, baked beans, fresh corn, scalloped potatoes, potato chips, watermelon, soft drinks, and cookies. Feel free to bring some snacks to share before the dinner. Ice cold bottled water will be made available during the whole event. Admission price is **\$20 per person** which will be collected at our May and June meetings.

Directions:

From Highway 680, take the Treat Blvd exit and head east on Treat toward Mt. Diablo. In about one mile, turn right onto Bancroft Road. As you cross over Ygnacio Valley Road, it turns into Walnut Avenue. Continue on Walnut Avenue for about 1.5 miles. Turn right at the traffic circle onto Oak Grove Road. As you pass Northgate High School on your right the road turns into Castle Rock Road. Continue for about one mile and turn right at the Old Borges Ranch sign. Enter the gate and follow the signs on the one lane private road for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the **lower parking lot**. Due to scheduled construction in the upper parking lot picnic area, we will be holding the event at the lower parking area. If construction has not begun, then we will meet at the upper parking lot area. Again, follow the signs.

Option to mail checks to:

Diablo Numismatic Society
P.O. Box 177
Concord, CA 94522-0177

Reservations must be received by July 1st

Name _____ Party
Number _____

Amount Paid _____

Coin Drawing Ticket Price Tier

1 through 9 tickets are \$2.00 apiece.

For example: 5 tickets are \$10.00, 9 tickets are \$18.00

\$20.00 is the first price break, you will receive 20 tickets for \$20.00.

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| \$ 20.00 | Buys | 20 | Tickets |
| \$ 30.00 | Buys | 37 | Tickets |
| \$ 40.00 | Buys | 50 | Tickets |
| \$ 50.00 | Buys | 63 | Tickets |
| \$ 60.00 | Buys | 75 | Tickets |
| \$ 70.00 | Buys | 87 | Tickets |
| \$ 80.00 | Buys | 100 | Tickets |
| \$ 90.00 | Buys | 112 | Tickets |
| \$ 100.00 | Buys | 125 | Tickets |
| \$ 110.00 | Buys | 137 | Tickets |
| \$ 120.00 | Buys | 150 | Tickets |
| \$ 130.00 | Buys | 162 | Tickets |
| \$ 140.00 | Buys | 175 | Tickets |
| \$ 150.00 | Buys | 187 | Tickets |
| \$ 160.00 | Buys | 200 | Tickets |

June Coin Drawing

| | Date | MM | Description | Cond. | Grade | Coin Value |
|----|------|----|-------------------------|-------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | 1890 | | Morgan Dollar | PCGS | MS 64 | \$ 130.00 |
| 2 | 1881 | S | Morgan Dollar | PCGS | MS 64 | \$ 55.00 |
| 3 | 2007 | P | Jamestown Commemorative | NGC | PF 69 UC | \$ 42.00 |
| 4 | 1955 | | Washington Quarter | NGC | MS 66 | \$ 40.00 |
| 5 | 1963 | | Washington Quarter | PCGS | MS 66 | \$ 37.00 |
| 6 | 1958 | D | Washington Quarter | PCGS | MS 66 | \$ 36.00 |
| 7 | 1941 | | Mercury Dime | PCGS | MS 66 | \$ 36.00 |
| 8 | 1957 | | Washington Quarter | PCGS | MS 65 | \$ 32.00 |
| 9 | 1963 | | Washington Quarter | PCGS | PR 67 | \$ 30.00 |
| 10 | 1956 | | Washington Quarter | NGC | MS 66 | \$ 32.00 |
| 11 | 1964 | | Roosevelt Dime | NGC | MS 66 | \$ 32.00 |
| 12 | 1942 | S | Wartime Silver Nickel | NGC | MS 66 | \$ 30.00 |
| | | | Total | | | \$ 532.00 |

Miscellaneous information:

Provided by Charlie Ludvik

News Briefs

The US Mint is considering design changes for the American Eagle silver and gold bullion coins. Approval from Treasury Secretary Mnuchin is required. Anti-counterfeiting options are also under consideration for bullion coins.

DNS member Don Hill was featured in a full page article in the May 14, 2019 issue of Numismatic News.

New Books

The Collector's Handbook-Tax Planning, Strategy and Estate Advice for Collectors and Their Heirs (10th Edition) by James Halperin, Gregory Rohan and Mark Prendergast.

[Link is: https://www.ha.com/information/collectors-handbook.s](https://www.ha.com/information/collectors-handbook.s)

A free electronic download of an estate planning book for collectors. Requires a free Heritage Auctions account.

Useful Web Sites

The Newman Numismatic Portal is the largest online archive of numismatic information in the world. Access is free and does not require registration. It includes books, auction results, periodicals and more. It contains over 25,000 documents and is growing. Search capability is included. Its primary focus is numismatic research and reference material, especially in US coinage and currency.

Check out this useful resource at: <https://nnp.wustl.edu/>

I do have a new e-mail address, check below.

Articles are always needed for this paper.

If you have an area you are interested in or would like more information on that topic, please feel free to notify me.

If you have a special coin you would like to showcase, let me know. Send a photo or I can photograph the coin for you and include it in the Die Break.

My thanks to Bill Hickman for his article on Travelling With Our Hobby.

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