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# Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists

SUNKEN TREASURE at PAN FALL COIN SHOW



Is there sunken treasure in Pittsburgh? by Ben Costello

You won't find any sunken treasure in the Ohio River. But the week from Thursday, October 23, 2014 to Saturday, October 25, 2014, you will find sunken treasure at the Pennsylvania Association Numismatists Coin Show and Convention at the Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, PA 15146

There you will experience actual treasure from a Spanish Treasure Fleet lost off of the East Coast of Florida in 1715. An Exhibit displaying artifacts and coins salvaged from the 1715 Fleet will be featured.

**PANKidZone** The PAN 2014 Fall Coin Show and Convention is next week and the KidZone activities will take place on Saturday, October 25 beginning at 10:00am by filling penny folders. Kevin Flynn will be present a talk at 2:00pm and a talk about sunken treasure will be given by Bob Evans. The kid's auction will follow. Along with prizes and give a ways.



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Shipwreck Treasure

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Sunken TreasureIn addition you willfrom p1have the opportunity totalk to Mr. Bab Errors

talk to Mr. Bob Evans, historian and curator of America's Lost Treasure recovered from the side-wheeler SS *Central America* lost off of the coast of North Carolina in 1857. This shipwreck, rediscovered in 1988, contained gold coins and ingots from the California gold rush.

There is sunken treasure in Pittsburgh? You bet. Experience a once in a lifetime opportunity to see and hold sunken



treasure. Bring the kids and take a picture of them actually holding a piece of history. The Pennsylvania Association of Numismatist Coin Show, Thursday, October 23, 2014 to Saturday, October 25, 2014, at the Monroeville Convention Center. Be there.



PAN website for more Coin Show Info www.pancoins.org



PAN LECTURE SERIES AT THE PAN FALL COIN SHOW AND CONVENTION

Strahov Monastery Library, Czech Republic

### Monroeville Convention Center Meeting Room # 5 Our meeting room may not be as elaborate, but our speakers and topics are quality.

### Friday, October 24th 2014

12:00 pm **Mr. Simcha Kuritzky**, - "Israel's Innovative Designs that Avoid Graven Images"

1:00 pm **Mr. Bill Bugert**, - "Martin Luther Beistle – Numismatist Extraordinaire"

2:00 pm **Mr. E Tomlinson Fort** - "Les ateliers de l'Aquitaine pendant le règne de Charles le Chauve 840-877 " (The mints of the Aquitaine during the reign of Charles the Bald (AD 840-877)"

3:00 pm Mr. Bob Evans, - "The Many Treasures of the S.S. Central America"

Please allow yourself time on Friday to attend the Lecture Series. Our speakers volunteer their time to present very informative and interesting presentations. We hope that you are able to support the PAN LECTURE SERIES with your presence!



PAN GROWTH	11/25/12	2/27/13	5/28/13	7/28/13	10/28/13	1/28/14	5/28/14	10/17/14
FACEBOOK LIKES	182	248	299	434	577	780	1,021	1347
TWITTER FOLLOWERS	396	488	576	627	695	873	1,064	1240
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PAN MEMBERSHIP				522	607		573	591
MAILING LIST				2,659	2,674	]]	2,946	3,237
SHOW ATTENDANCE			1,206		1,399	J	1,291	

**\$50 PAN DONATION - THANK** 

YOU GIFT PAN has acquired a limited number of 120 American Numismatic Association's, 1989 Pittsburgh Convention Badges. The medal was designed, sculpted, and engraved by 12<sup>th</sup> U. S. Mint Chief Engraver John Mercanti. PAN has had a long and friendly relationship with Mr. Mercanti from PAN's early beginnings to the present day. John has hand signed 120 numbered small cards that are placed with each medal in its original box. This is a very special item that we are making available for the first 120 - \$50



donations to PAN. They will be available at the Coin Show or if you mail a check we will ship this nice gift. As with most non-profits, funding enables us to continue our numismatic programs.

**PANeGRADE** This coin was featured in the last issue for identification and grading. It is a half crown of James II who in 1689 was engaged in a struggle for the English throne with William of Orange. James went to Ireland to try to raise an army that had an interest in being paid. Old artillery, muskets, church bells etc were melted to produce a temporary non precious metal coinage

to pay the troops with the understanding that they could redeem



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the "gun money" for silver after the pending battle was won. The Protestant William at the Battle of the Boyne defeated the Catholic James and the exchange of religious pleasantries has continued through the centuries in Ireland. The piece above is likely a VF with even wear, nicely centered and worth about \$150 - \$200. Coins are dated only from 1689 to 1690 and have the month on them.





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PAN SILENT AUCTION PAN is

adding a silent auction as a feature to the Fall Coin Show. Many very nice items have been donated to raise money so that we are able to keep offering the programs and presentations that promote the wonderful hobby of numismatics. The auction items and bid sheets will be on the



ets will be on the show floor on Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> and the items will be



moved to the PAN Banquet in the Doubletree ballroom on the evening of Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> where the final bids and winners will be announced.

There will be at least ten lots of some very interesting items that will include a year set of 1895 Numismatists, a pair if **Ray-Ban Sunglasses**, a 2014 set of signed **Cal Ripkin Hall of Fame Coins** including the gold coin, a framed **signed by** 

**Sydney Crosby** original pencil sketch, a complete year set of 1908 Numismatists when the cover style chanced to a more modern version, six 3" medals pertaining to Pittsburgh including a **sterling silver medal** 



**issue from the University of Pittsburgh**, along with more varied pieces that will have a wide appeal to everyone.

You do not have to be present to win. You will be contacted. You can use a private bidder name to place bids. Your name,

address, contact information can be filled out onto a note card and placed in the show drop box. You can place a maximum absentee bid if you are not able to attend. Send us an email for questions or a more detailed description and give us a user





name and we will place the bid for you. Email us pancoins@gmail.com

JOHN BURNS ESTATE A table will be set up at this PAN Show to sell the remaining coins, medals, paper money, and other numismatic ephemera from John's collection. Long time Pittsburgh collector and dealer, Ed Krivoniak will work the table. I, Pat McBride (John's administrator), will be at the show also but most likely will be tending to the ongoing duties required to make the show a success. I'll have limited time to be at the table. We will be at tables 809 and 810. Stop by and have a look and say hello.

### PAN DEALER CORNER

*WEDNESDAY DEALER SET-UP* is available from 3pm – 7pm October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Set up at your table and conduct dealer-to-dealer business. We will have our hot appetizer buffet set up as we did at the last fall show, compliments of the PAN Board.

**PAN DEALER BADGES** We have made personalized dealer badges including badges for table helpers. If you have any new helpers please let us know so that we can have them ready. This new feature eliminates the awkward moment that we all have when we can't remember a name, especially one that you know and for that fleeting moment it drops from your memory.

*SECRET ADMIRER* I suspect that a number of dealers received an anonymous letter from a "concerned numismatist / dealer" regarding the quality of our security. PAN has disregarded these letters in the past. A crude letter sent in secrecy is not worthy of a response. We must be doing something right to keep this person or persons agitated. These things turn up every so often. The syntax and distribution method are explanation enough as to the viability of the complaint.



**OUR FLAG** A very unfortunate fire occurred on Friday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Flight 93 Memorial site in Shanksville, PA. The fire destroyed the temporary buildings and some of the stored artifacts from the crash site. One of the poignant pieces was a folded American flag that flew over the Capitol Building on that tragic day on September 11, 2001. Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert brought the flag to the recent remembrance ceremony and fittingly donated it to the museum and visitor center that is currently under construction.

The flag was on view along with the gold Congressional Medal of Honor that was bestowed on the passengers of flight 93 posthumously. Pan president Tom Uram and Treasurer Pat

McBride were invited to attend this special occasion on that overcast day in the Pennsylvania Mountains.

Mr. Hastert was the keynote speaker at the solemn ceremony. He described the morning events in the Capitol Building leading up to that horrible day. The conclusion made now is very certain that the hijacked United Flight 93 airplane was headed for the Capitol Building as the intended target. The actions of the brave passengers prevented that from happening thus assuring that flag's survival. The flag was never cleaned and

still had the soot from the Pentagon fire on it. Its ironic fate came to an end along with many personal belongings of the passengers that were donated to the museum by family members. The sadness and sorrow that covers the beautiful Pennsylvania mountaintop is a wound that will never heal but remains a special place of reflective remembrance that will never be forgotten.

A remembrance photo slide show was made by McBride that day and can be viewed on YouTube. I cannot be viewed on a mobile device but can be viewed on a desktop computer.

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