

# THE NORTHWEST COIN CLUB

## Newsletter – October 2020

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The **October Meeting** of the Northwest Coin Club comes early in October with the second Thursday of the month falling on October 8. Our meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. and be conducted on Zoom as in previous months. The Zoom invitation is expected to go out on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Watch for that invitation.

### The Landing of Columbus



This 12x18 painting by John Vanderlyn (1775-1852) was commissioned by Congress to hang in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington D.C. It depicts the landing on the island Columbus named San Salvador on October 12, 1492. It was commissioned in June 1836, painted in Paris, and was installed in January 1847.

The painting is filled with symbolism showing captains of ships and flags of monarchs. The armed crew look warily at the watching natives. On the left sailors search the sand for nuggets of gold.

Versions of the painting were used for a 15-cent stamp in 1869 and a 2-cent commemorative stamp in 1893.



The painting appears on the back of a five dollar National Bank Note of 1875. These were issued for hundreds of local banks.



Have trouble reading the text? This is what it says: "FIVE / NATIONAL CURRENCY / LANDING OF COLUMBUS 1492 / US / 5 / THIS NOTE IS RECEIVABLE AT PAR IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN PAYMENT OF ALL TAXES AND EXCISES AND ALL OTHER DUES TO THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT DUTIES ON IMPORTS AND ALSO FOR ALL SALARIES AND OTHER DEBTS AND DEMANDS OWING BY THE UNITED STATES TO INDIVIDUALS CORPORATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT / EVERY PERSON MAKING OR ENGRAVING OR AIDING TO MAKE OR ENGRAVE, OR PASSING OR ATTEMPTING TO PASS ANY IMITATION OR ALTERATION OF THIS NOTE AND EVERY PERSON HAVING IN POSSESSION A PLATE OF IMPRESSION MADE IN IMITATION OF IT OR ANY PAPER MADE IN IMITATION OF THAT ON WHICH THIS NOTE IS PRINTED IS BY ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED JUNE 3D 1864 GUILTY OF FELONY AND SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING FIFTEEN YEARS OR BOTH."