

LUNCHEON SERIES

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

We are pleased to announce our next lunch hour speaker.

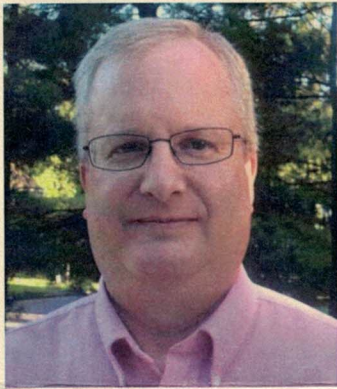
Begins @ Noon

Dr. Mark Bendett

The History of United States Currency From Beaver Pelts to Federal Reserve Notes



While most transactions today are conducted electronically, for over 300 years a large portion of financial transactions in the U.S. were done using currency. Currency designs mirrored the attitudes of the times in which they were created as well as incorporated clever tricks to try to prevent counterfeiting. This talk will provide some insights into the art, politics, finances, and history behind the creation of, and changes to, United States currency from the colonial era (late 1600's - late 1700's) to present day.



Mark Bendett, a native of Wilmington, is a retired tech executive now living in nearby West Grove, PA. He earned his BA in physics from Haverford College and his MSEE and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Delaware. He then embarked on a 35-year career in the photonics industry, working in photovoltaics, integrated optics, fiber optics, and laser technology. During this time, he produced 25 publications and over 60 patents in the photonics area, working in a progression of companies. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2018 and is now deeply involved with the College of Engineering at the University of Delaware, as an “entrepreneur-in-residence.”

When Mark was 12, he and his father, in search of a joint activity, began collecting coins, and this became a very serious endeavor. Later Mark also began to collect currency, in an equally serious and informed manner – hence this presentation.

Menu

Potato and Spring Onion Soup

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FENNEL SLAW - WARM POTATO SALAD

Blueberry Fool

Members will be billed for the cost of the Luncheon.

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