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Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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Next Monthly Meeting

NEW WORLD UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
5134 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY
GARLAND, TEXAS 75043
SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 7:00 PM
OCTOBER 13, 2023 7:00 PM
NOVEMBER 10, 2023 7:00 PM
DECEMBER 8, 2023 7:00 PM

NOTE CHANGE IN START TIMES!

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

EACH MEMBER IS
ENCOURAGED TO BRING
REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE
WITH OTHERS.

HELP WANTED!

Come early to our meetings and
help set up the tables and chairs.
The pay is low but the rewards are
many!

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

MARY P

VICE PRESIDENT:

CODEY K

Treasurer:

HAROLD R

SECRETARY:

ANDRETTA L

MARY'S MESSAGE

by Mary P

Ed. Note: Mary and Bill are somewhere "up north" but will be back in time for the meeting. She would remind you that we elect officers at the September meeting.

From The Vice President

by Codey K

Just wish to say that it has been a pleasure serving for and being a member of the Golden Triangle Explorers Society club. It appears I am definitely under way of moving to North Carolina with my Son Jeremy. It saddens me to move away from so many friends and acquaintances that have given purpose and meaning to my life. I thank you all for inviting me into your family and providing the care and companionship over the years. I wish you all the very best and hope the club continues with its growth and activities.

Thanks again for everything and Happy Hunting!

Codey

From Our Treasurer

by Harold R

I didn't get to hunt in August due to school starting up again but I'm off for the Labor Day weekend so I'm getting out at least one day.

No activity as far as treasurer this month. We will have another great fundraiser this month so please buy as many tickets as you can.

Remember we will have our next big hunt on December 12th, rain or shine. I'm

OTHER CONTACTS

HUNT MASTER:

FRANK M

HAROLD R (ASST.)

REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

TBD

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

MIKE S

WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:

OPEN

FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:

VELMA S

LLEWELLYN D (ASST.)

SEE YOUR MEMBER

DIRECTORY FOR

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NOTICE!

**SELL YOUR SILVER COINS
TO OUR CLUB RATHER
THAN TO A STRANGER!
CHECK OUR PRICE
BEFORE YOU SELL! CALL
TREASURER HAROLD R
AT 214-274-5984**

NOTICE!

**SUGGEST A PLACE FOR
OUR MONTHLY FUN
HUNTS OTHER THAN A
CITY PARK AND RECEIVE
A SILVER DOLLAR!**

MEMBER

ADVERTISEMENTS

DISPLAY CASES

Do you need three display cases for your finds? They are in rough shape but can be easily "prettied up" with a little work. If interested, make me an offer (to be donated to the club).
Mike S

This space is reserved for free member ads. Do you have something you wish to sell or buy? Member ads, including pictures, will be printed as space allows.

still working on the location and should have that soon at which time I'll send out a flyer so you can register.

See you at the meeting.

Harold R.

From The Nominating Committee

Terry R chaired the nominations committee and offers the following slate of nominees:

Logan Puckett - President

Mary Penson - Vice President

Harold Rosee - Treasurer

Andretta Lowry - Secretary

Nominations may also be made from the floor. Please do not nominate anyone who has not agreed to serve. If you wish to serve in any position, please arrange for a member to nominate you and another to second.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for August 12, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. President Mary P. called the meeting to order. Codey K. introduced our four (4) guests who became members. If you didn't get to meet them tonight be sure to introduce yourself to them at the next meeting.

Glad to see the Voyles back with us. Mary P had successful heart valve replacement and appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers.

Pro-rated dues for 2023 are being collected.

If you have damaged coins found while detecting you can add them to the jar at each meeting.

New Business

The club's silent auction will be held during our November 10th meeting. Someone's trash is someone else's treasure! Donated items do not have to be metal detector related. If the item(s) do not sell, you will take them home. There will be a metal detector in the auction.

We also have space for paid ads. If you have a business or service available and wish to advertise to club members (and those who visit our newsletter on the Webpage), reasonable rates apply.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**- AUGUST MEETING:
WRITTEN AUDIT REPORT**

**- SEPTEMBER MEETING:
ELECT OFFICERS**

**- DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS
DINNER**

MEMBER NOTICE:

Jack L. reminds us all to save our foreign coins. These are used in hunts involving kids who often spend silver coins, especially in vending machines. Bring your foreign coins to any club meeting so we can have a reserve.

**We don't need
Metal Detectors
in Congress, we
need Lie
Detectors.**

Have you done all you can to

GTES Invitational Seeded Hunt will be December 9th, place TBD. East Fork and Lone Star Clubs will be invited.

The new slate of officers was listed in this month's newsletter. Thanks to Nominating Committee Chair Terry R and members Velma S and Dave T. Voting will take at the September 8th meeting. Nominations may be submitted from the floor. New officers will close the meeting.

Since there was no scheduled speaker an open forum was held. Discussion included where to hunt, hunt what you're interested in, know your detector.

Break

During the break, please buy marble game and fund raiser tickets and vote for FOM.

Fun Hunt for August has been cancelled because of the heat. Frank M will be the Fun Hunt Huntmaster; Harold R will be the paid hunts Huntmaster.

Mike S. publishes the newsletter the week before the meeting. If you have anything to contribute, email it to him. He welcomes submissions!

Old Business

Dave T presented the results of the financial audit.

Since the July meeting Minutes were published in the newsletter and no one requested that they be read aloud, they were approved. However, the June meeting Minutes were not considered because of the dinner/celebration. At this time they were approved.

Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Kathy P won the marble drawing, but did not get the blue marble!

Door prize winners were:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Logan P, | Terry R, | Velma S, |
| Llewellyn D, | Gary S, | Janet C, |
| Ed D, | Arabella D, | Kathy P. |

In the Fund Raiser winners were:

1922 Peace dollar – Codey K;
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1923 Peace dollar – Ed D;
1943 Walking Liberty half – Gary S;
1944 Walking Liberty half – Mary P;
1945 Walking Liberty half – Velma S;
1884 Morgan silver dollar – Ed D;
1883 Morgan silver dollar – Janet C;
1921 Morgan silver dollar – Kathy P;

recruit new members? Invite inactive former members to become active again? Our club can only grow if we all work at it.

History of First Ladies on U.S. Currency!

Martha Washington is the first and only woman to grace the primary portrait of U.S. paper currency. Martha Washington's image appears on the \$1 Silver Certificate. The certificates were first printed in 1886, six years after the first legal tender dollar bill featuring Washington was issued, a slightly re-designed Martha Washington also was produced in 1891.

It was the nation's second-longest issued paper money and as the name suggests was backed by the U.S. Government's silver deposits and could be redeemed at any time for silver from the U.S. Treasury.

HELP WANTED: THE CLUB NEEDS A WEBMASTER/MISTRESS TO MAINTAIN OUR WEBPAGE.

1921 Morgan silver dollar – Velma S.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Name tag drawing won by Larry V.

Thanks to all who brought snacks to share.

Meeting adjourned.

Huntmaster's Report

by Frank M

Fun hunt was cancelled due to the hot weather.

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

| Place | Winner | Item |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| COINS | | |
| 1 st | Harold R | 1963 Franklin Half |
| 2 nd | Harold R | 1953 Mexican Silver Special Coin |
| 3 rd | Mickey C | 1954 Rosie |
| JEWELRY | | |
| 1 st | Dave T | Gold Brass Ring |
| 2 nd | Codey K | Gold Diamond Ring |
| 3 rd | Dave T | Silver Ring |
| RELICS | | |
| 1 st | Codey K | Humpty Dumpty Rattle |
| 2 nd | Dave T | Lipstick |
| 3 rd | Harold R | 50 Cal WWII Cartridge |
| MOST UNUSUAL | | |
| 1 st | Harold R | Pig |
| 2 nd | Dave T | Brass Duck |
| 3 rd | Dave T | Altoids |
| SECOND CHANCE | | |
| 1 st | Harold R | 2 Quarters in One Hole |
| 2 nd | Harold R | Pendant |
| 3 rd | Codey K | Arab Pendant |

Editorial

Our By-Laws require that all officer positions are limited to two consecutive terms. This has presented problems in the past and may very well do so in the future.

If the younger members of the club are unwilling to serve in these positions, maybe it is time to amend the By-Laws to provide longer terms or to allow more than two consecutive terms. This could either be without qualification or could require a "super majority" (either 2/3 or 3/4) vote of the members.

Amending the By-laws is more difficult than most motions but is not onerous.

Of course, the simplest solution is for more people to step up to responsibility and agree to serve. Ask the guy sitting next to you when he served – it might surprise you to learn that some of us have served in both elected and appointed positions. As Will Penny said in the TV show of the same name, "No brag; just fact.", I myself have served both as president and VP as well as newsletter editor – twice.

The President shall preside at all meetings, conduct meetings, appoint committees, call for reports at monthly meetings, have final authority to settle all disputes, and shall answer directly to the membership.

The Vice-President shall preside over and conduct meetings in the absence of the president, recognize and greet visitors and new members, and introduce the speaker at each meeting. [by default, the VP actually recruits speakers]

The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking and reporting of official minutes of each meeting, accepting new memberships, and updating the membership list, keeping it current for any mail-outs. The Secretary shall sign all forms or papers requiring signatures including membership cards and certificates.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters of the club, including the deposits and withdrawal of funds from club account(s), the payment of debts, and shall make a financial report to the membership at each club meeting. A written copy of the financial report should be available at each meeting for the membership to view. [By default, the Treasurer shops for and buys the prizes for the fundraiser raffles]

Have you offered to assist any of the officers in their duties?

INTERESTING ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

Remains From 14th Century Shipwreck Discovered in Israel Contain Hundreds of Artifacts

Story by Madeline Hiltz • 5h ago

A discovery made by Israeli archeologists truly sounds like it could be the plotline for the next *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie. Late in 2021, archeologists discovered the remains of two [sunken ships](#) filled with a trove of Roman treasures off the Mediterranean coast.



Coins from the Mamluk period that were recovered off the coast of Caesarea. (Photo Credit: AHMAD GHARABLI / Getty Images)© Provided by The Vintage News

The ships' cargoes and their remains were found during an underwater survey conducted by the Marine Archeology Unit of the Israeli Antiquities Authority. Over the past two months, hundreds of Roman [silver and bronze coins](#) were discovered, dating back to the third century. More than 500 silver coins from the Middle Ages have also been found scattered around.

The ships and coins were discovered in shallow water, at a depth of about four meters. The finds were made near the ancient city of Caesarea, and can be dated to the Roman and Mamluk periods- around 1,700 and 600 years ago, respectively.



An ancient figurine of a Roman pantomimus recovered off the coast of Caesarea. (Photo Credit: AHMAD GHARABLI / Getty Images)© Provided by The Vintage News

A number of ancient items were also discovered along with the coins. A bronze eagle symbolizing Roman rule was found in the sediment, along with a figurine of a Roman [pantomimus](#) in a comic mask, pottery vessels, and a number of bronze bells that were thought to help ward off evil spirits.

Metal items from the [hull of a wooden ship](#) were also uncovered. These finds include numerous large bronze nails, lead pipes from a bilge pump, and a large iron anchor that's been broken into many pieces.



Artifacts from the two shipwrecks found off the coast of Caesarea. (Photo Credit: AHMAD GHARABLI / Getty Images)© Provided by The Vintage News

[Jacob Sharvit and Drop Planer](#) of the Israel Antiquities Authority Marine Archeology Unit explain that the ships were probably ruined in bad weather: "The ships were probably anchored nearby and were wrecked by a storm. They may have been anchored offshore after getting into difficulty, or fearing stormy weather, because sailors know well that mooring in shallow, open water outside of a port is dangerous and prone to disaster." The fact that the large anchor is broken attests to the forces it withstood until it inevitably snapped in this storm.



A recently discovered ancient ring that depicts "The Good Shepherd." (Photo Credit: AHMAD GHARABLI / Getty Images)© Provided by The Vintage News

Jacob Sharvit believes the Roman ship [originally came from Italy](#), based on the artifacts. However, it is unclear whether any sort of remnants of the original wooden ship could still be intact beneath the sand.

One of the most surprising treasures found beneath the surface is a Roman gold ring with a green gemstone carved with a figure of a shepherd carrying a sheep on his shoulders. Robert Cole, the head of the authority's coin department, called this ring "exceptional." He went on to explain that "on the gemstone is engraved an image of the 'Good Shepherd,' which is really one of the earliest symbols of Christianity.

800-Year-Old Medieval Chain Mail Vest From Norman Period Discovered in Longford, Ireland

By [Michael Wing](#)

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A link to [Ireland's medieval](#) past was located in a shed after a chance encounter during Granard's Heritage Week this summer.

That find consisted of an authentic, stunningly well-preserved 800-year-old chain mail vest—called a hauberk—discovered fully intact.

Bartle D'Arcy, general manager of local heritage center Granard Knights & Conquests, was wearing a replica hauberk mid-August when some locals approached him and said they had one just like it in their shed.

“I was wearing a chainmail coif when some people from the locality in Longford approached me and said they had some of that in their shed, which utterly amazed me,” D'Arcy told The Epoch Times.

“I said ‘what do you mean you have some of that in your shed?’”



(Courtesy of [Granard Knights & Conquests](#))

Three days later, they brought the vest in, which had been kept in a bucket for two years after it was found by an excavator doing drainage work.

“We thought we had a fragment, but we have the entire hauberk,” he said in a [statement](#) published by Longford Leader.

The chainmail vest is believed to date back to 1172 when the Normans arrived in Longford, linking it to Risteárd de Tiúit and construction of the timber-frame castle on the Motte in 1199, said the center’s education officer Déirdre Orme.

“We think it’s related to the Motte because chain mail is expensive,” D’Arcy added.

“Because it is a historical artifact, it is the property of the state and is now in the National Museum of Ireland.”

Danish archer Rolf Hammer, a re-enactor and medieval weapons expert at Knights & Conquests, examined the chain mail vest. He found no plier or saw marks on the ringlets, which means it could even predate the Normans.



(Courtesy of [Granard Knights & Conquests](#))

“It could be older than the Norman period as it was found in the vicinity of a Ring Fort,” D’Arcy told The Epoch Times.

The hauberk was not found in Granard or on the Motte, said D’Arcy, but somewhere “close to here.” The person who found the hauberk is also being protected.

He believes that the water is what preserved it so well for so many years.

“It only rusts if you have water and air and if its only in water it survives,” he said, reported [Thejournal.ie](#). “When the digger brought it up it was in peat.”

The National Museum will take the artifact to work on it, but D’Arcy hopes to have it brought back to Longford to allow locals a rare glimpse into their heritage.

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