



# Treasured Times

**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

JANUARY 12, 2024 7:30 PM  
FEBRUARY 9, 2024 7:30 PM  
MARCH 8, 2024 7:30 PM  
APRIL 12, 2024 7:30 PM  
MAY 10, 2024 7:30 PM  
JUNE 14, 2024 7:30 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:**  
OPEN

**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
MARY P

**Treasurer:**  
TERRY R

## **From The President**

**by Acting President Mary P**

Looking forward to our first meeting of 2024!!

We will welcome our quest speaker, Sue R visiting us from Lone Star  
Treasure Hunters.

One of the first things on our agenda, we will need to elect a new  
President. Please consider volunteering for this very important position.  
I will continue as Vice President and will help in any way I can.

Second reminder, we will begin collecting our dues for 2024. \$20 for a  
single membership, \$25 for family membership.

Find of the Month. Please bring two finds for each of the five boards:  
COINS, JEWELRY - PRECIOUS METALS, RELICS, MOST UNUSUAL  
and SECOND CHANCE. There will be two first place, two second place  
and two third place winners per board.

Treasure Hunter of 2023 will be announced and the two follow up  
names.

Here's wishing us the very best of 2024!! See you all on the 12th at 7:30.

Mary

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## **From The Vice President**

**by Mary P**

Here's hoping the beginning of 2024 has treated you well. I can tell this  
is going to be an awesome year!!

**SECRETARY:**

ANDRETTA L

**OTHER CONTACTS****HUNT MASTER:**

FRANK M

**REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:**

OPEN

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

MIKE S

**WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:**

OPEN

**FACEBOOK CONTACT:**

JANET C

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

*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.*

*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.*

Lone Star's own Sue R will be our guest speaker at our January 12th meeting. She is quite the detectorist and has amassed a great bottle collection which she will be showing some of her special bottles.

Don't forget that we have moved our meeting time to 7:30. Also remember we will have our Silent Auction. Bring an item or two to sell and an extra dollar or two to buy something you just can't go home without!!

Mary

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**Minutes of the Last Meeting****by Andretta L**

December 14, 2023 Meeting

The annual Christmas dinner/party meeting with Golden Triangle and East Fork clubs was hosted by East Fork on December 14, 2023 at Keystone Church. The blessing was led by Stan R before dinner. A wonderful time was had by all present. Both clubs purchased coins to be used for the Fund Raiser. Fund raiser winners were:

Sherry D – US Capitol dollar  
Ken K – Congressional C  
Bill A – USO silver dollar  
Sam G – DAV  
Debbie C – Ellis Island  
Mike S – 1980 Olympic  
David S – 23<sup>rd</sup> Olympiad  
Ann S – Special Olympics  
John G – James Madison silver dollar  
Mike S – American Eagle  
Rheia D – LA Olympiad  
Rheia D – Liberty dollar  
Bill A – Olympiad  
David S – Ellis Island  
Sam G – State ?  
Rheia D – Constitution C  
Joe G - ?  
Mary P – Lewis & Clark  
Ann S – Olympic dollar  
Sam G – American Eagle

FOM will be double entries/double prizes at the January meeting on January 12, 2024. The Silent Auction will also be held that evening, so bring your items.

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**Huntmaster's Report****None Received**

Garret ACE 250  
Never used, Still like New.  
Larry V 972-816-5808  
E-mail  
[wwaviation@aol.com](mailto:wwaviation@aol.com)

#### 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 903-464-9962

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**- DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**- JANUARY: ELECT OFFICERS**

#### 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.**

## FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

No contest held in December.

## INTERESTING ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

### Coin Cleaning

by Harold Rosee

I know everyone has their own way of cleaning coins as I do. I thought I would share how I clean my coins that I find in the ground. "Found in the ground" is key to this article.

Most of the 90 percent silver coins we find in the ground are just worth melt value. Even if you think it looks mint to the eye using a loop will show its defects. Still, I don't tumble my silver to keep from doing more damage just in case. I mix up some dish washing liquid in a little water and use a soft toothbrush to clean it up. That's as far as you want to go. This is also how I clean any tokens I find. If they are discolored and hard to read, you can put a coat of clean nail polish on them, and it will make them easier to read and display.

For years I have been cleaning my clad and pennies by tumbling then in aquarium rocks with water and Ajax or Dawn dishwashing liquid. I use 3-pound tumblers like the ones you can buy at Harbor Freight. I fill them half way with the rock and then fill with water up to the top of the rocks. Then you add some Ajax or Dawn you'll have to experiment to get the right amount of coins and cleaner. Don't overload your tumbler. Also rinse the loose dirt off the coins before you put them in the tumbler. You NEVER MIX the silver color coins with copper or brass. It will discolor the silver ones. I have a double tumbler and have them labeled for each. Depending on how dirty the coins are you will have to tumble them anywhere from 1 hour to overnight. As I said, this is how I have been cleaning my clad for years but have never been 100 percent satisfied with the results.

A couple of weeks ago I decided there had to be a better solution. I asked around and most people were using some kind of cleaner as I was with varying results. I even talked to one person who cleans his one at a time on a buffing wheel. So off to YouTube I went. I watched many videos and tried their methods, finally running across one that worked like a charm. This may not be a surprise to you, but it was to me. The guy in the video was cleaning his coins using a mixture of white vinegar and table salt. His clad came out looking like new. I thought I would give it a try in my tumbler. With the tumbler loaded

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

half way with rocks, I filled it with white vinegar to the top of the rocks. Then I added a generous amount of salt. I did not measure, so you'll have to experiment but don't skimp on the salt. I added about 30 quarters and 10 dimes to see what would happen. I only tumbled them for one hour and couldn't believe the results. The coins came out looking like new coins! You do need to rinse the coins in water once you are done. I only use this one the clad coins.

I tried it on copper and zinc pennies and found it didn't clean them as well or better than using Ajax. So, when I clean pennies, I'll continue to use Ajax.

My main reason for writing this article was to share the white vinegar and salt mixture with you. If you haven't tried it please give it a try and let me know your results. If you have some other ways to clean coins that works for you by all means share them with other at the meetings. Please feel free to submit articles on any topic of interest to our newsletter editor. See you at the meeting.

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## PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

Photos of the seeded hunt by Steve D are posted at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/urTCh8MKZjGRmRsF9>

Photos of the joint Christmas party are below:







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## INTERESTING ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER



(Courtesy of ALSH)

# Metal Detectorist Uncovers Hoard of Gold, Jewels, Silver Coins Buried in Viking Gravesite 800 Years Ago

BY [Michael Wing](#) TIME

March 6, 2023

The traveler deposited the stash of gold, jewels, and silver coins near the Viking burial mounds in Haithabu some 800 years ago. Whoever that traveler was, and for whatever reason, he or she never returned to collect their treasure.

Just recently, this hoard of precious items has again seen the light of day after it was found by a volunteer metal detectorist in a farmer's field southwest of Schleswig, Germany, a press release stated.

Buried in soil, the precious items were discovered by detectorist-in-training Nikki Andreas Steinmann. Among numerous valuable objects hidden were two exquisite, jewel-studded gold ear pendants.



Viking burial mounds at Haithabu, southwest of Schleswig, Germany. ([Frank Vincentz](#)/CC BY-SA 3.0)



Nicki Andreas Steinmann poses with the stash he found at Haithabu, southwest of Schleswig, Germany. (Courtesy of [ALSH](#))

Steinmann had been assigned to a quadrant of the plot to hone his detectorist skills. After finding several coins and two gold items, he and his instructor, Arjen Spießwinkel, notified excavation official Jan Fischer.

Fischer then took the lead in caring for the artifacts and continuing the excavation.

A 4-square-meter perimeter around the find was drawn, and with permission from the farmer, they commenced an excavation that uncovered a number of silver and gilded objects.

The researchers determined that the artifacts had been slightly displaced by agricultural activity, though several of the coins still lay stacked one atop the other as originally deposited, indicating they were buried together.



The front of one of the gold earrings. (Courtesy of [ALSH](#))



A frontal view of one of the gold earrings. (Courtesy of [ALSH](#))





A view from the back of one of the golden ear pendants. (Courtesy of [ALSH](#))

Additionally, remains of textiles were found preserved on several of the coins so it can be assumed they were at one time buried in a cloth bag, the press release stated.

The contents of the stash include said pair of “very high-quality” gold pendants set with stones; a gilded faux coin brooch, crafted to imitate an Islamic Almohad gold dinar coin; two gilded, stone-set rings and a ring fragment; a small, once-gilded perforated disc; a small ring brooch; as well as about 30 fragmented silver coins.

The most remarkable of all were the two golden ear pendants, which probably date back to sometime around or after 1100 A.D. They are crafted in the tradition of Byzantine goldsmiths.

Instrumental in dating the stash, inspection of some 30 silver coins indicate the reign of the Danish king Waldemar II (1202 – 1241). This suggests the hoard was deposited in the first half of the 13<sup>th</sup> century.



A gilded faux coin brooch, crafted to imitate an Islamic Almohad gold dinar coin, now reworked into a garment clasp in the Scandinavian tradition. (Courtesy of [ALSH](#))



A selection of the 30 silver coins dating from the time of Danish King Waldemar II (1202-1241). (Courtesy of [ALSH](#))



The excavation team who uncovered the find at Haithabu. (Courtesy of [ALSH](#))

Haithabu is regarded today as an outstanding testament to the Viking Age and encompasses two large grave mounds and what are known as Danewerks—earthen fortifications dating back to the Vikings.

Haithabu was also a thriving Viking trade center from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> century before its destruction in 1066. The researchers believe the coins were deposited in the ashes of its heyday.

Now known as Haithabu-Danewerk Archaeological Frontier Complex, the site was inscribed on the UNESCO World World Heritage List in 2018 and remains protected today.

The aim of the investigations within this historic area is to recover remaining finds such as this one and document the circumstances surrounding their discovery which will serve as a basis for further research.

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