



Treasured Times

Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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February, 2024

Next Monthly Meeting

NEW WORLD UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
5134 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY
GARLAND, TEXAS 75043

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:

BILL A

VICE PRESIDENT:

MARY P

Treasurer:

TERRY R

SECRETARY:

ANDRETTA L

From The President

by Bill A

Thank you so much for your confidence in me. I will do my very best as your president.

Please remember, this is your club and let any one of your executive committee members know if there is anything you need or would like to have changed.

Remember too, to follow our metal detecting ethics while out digging in the dirt for treasure.

See you on Friday the 23rd at 7:30, New World United Methodist Church. Mary and I will be there at 6:30 to set up tables and chairs, any help would be greatly appreciated.

Take care and be safe out there.

Bill

From The Vice President

by Mary P

I'm looking forward to our new meeting day with our new president and listening to Terry R's presentation about a World War II story.

I will do my very best to have an interesting speaker at each meeting. If you have a hobby or an interesting story to share please let me know and you will be put on our calendar. maryp1941@verizon.net

Anxious to see all of you on the 23rd at 7:30.

Mary

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.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for January 12, 2024 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. Vice-President Mary P called the meeting to order.

Mary P introduced 2 guests. We have learned that Greg W passed away in October; Bob and Velma S celebrated 70 years of marriage in December. Please sign both cards.

Treasure Hunter of the Year is Codey Klee – since he has moved to NC his plaque will be mailed to him. New address: 1725 Terry Lane, Yadkinville, NC 27055.

There were no January birthdays or anniversaries.

The meeting then moved into recess so members could buy fundraiser tickets, marble game tickets, vote in the FOM contest, shop the Silent Auction, and enjoy snack items brought by members.

New Business

Mary P learned that our speaker, Sue R, was ill and unable to present our program. Instead Mary P read an old story about seven bags of gold in Idaho.

Bill A volunteered to be President, and was duly elected.

Our meeting date has been changed to the fourth Friday of each month – next meeting will be February 23rd.

Because of expected inclement weather the fun hunt has been cancelled.

Mike S won the marble drawing but did not get blue marble!

Door prize winners were Frank M, Bob S, Andretta L, Janet C, Mary P, Rheia D.

In the Fund Raiser winners were:

1880 Morgan dollar – Bill A	1921 Morgan dollar – Cesar R
1921-S Morgan dollar – Mary P	1921-S Morgan dollar – Janet C
1923 Peace dollar – Terry R	1923 Peace dollar – Harold R
1923 Peace dollar – Bill A	1923-S Peace dollar – Terry R
walking Liberty half – Mike S	walking Liberty half – Bob S

Silent Auction purchases were paid for and unsold items picked up.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Garret ACE 250
Never used, Still like New.
Larry V 972-816-5808
E-mail
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:

-FEBRUARY – SILENT AUCTION CONTINUES

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.**

Leticia R won the Name tag drawing.

Meeting adjourned.

From Our Treasurer

By Terry R

Thanks to everyone who attended the January meeting and participated in the silent auction which raised \$218 for the club. If you weren't there you missed a fun time! As a reminder, it is time for 2024 membership dues if you missed paying in January.

GTES ended the year in good shape financially, in large part due to the successful December open hunt. A huge 'thank you' to Harold R for all the effort put into planning and organizing this event and also to the volunteers that helped at the hunt. It was a lot of fun and we got to meet detectorists that came from outside of our area.

Be sure and join us at the next meeting and bring visitors, we will do our best to make our meetings a fun time for all!

Terry

Note about our February Program:

Not all 'treasure' is recognized by everyone as having value. The proverb "One person's trash is another person's treasure" rings true for both the detectorist and the historian.

In November the Grayson County Historical Society hosted a speaker whose topic was "GI Souvenirs of World War II". Even though I was not able to attend, that did remind me that I have a collection of World War II items that have a story to tell.

I hope you will join us for our Friday February 23rd 7:30 PM meeting where I will present 'Agent Atlas, North Africa CID'.

Terry

Huntmaster's Report

Submitted by Mary P

Fun Hunt

It is East Forks turn to host the Fun Hunt this month. John G has volunteered to be East Fork's Hunt Master. This month's hunt will be held on Saturday the 24th at 10:00. There will be maps and information available at our Friday meeting.

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.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ed. Note: OK, so we don't really have a recipe of the month but we do like to publish recipes of interest to our members.

Have you enjoyed the Sopapilla Cheesecake being brought by Terry R? Here is the recipe, compliments of Karen R:

- 2 cans Crescent Rolls
- 2 8oz Cream Cheese, Softened
- 1 Cup of Sugar, Plus 1/2 cup for topping
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 to 2 tsp Cinnamon
- 1 stick melted butter

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9x13 glass dish. Roll out 1 can of crescent rolls in bottom of dish, smoothing together all of the perforations.

Beat together cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and vanilla. Spread on top of layer of crescent rolls. Cover the above cream mixture with a 2nd layer of crescent rolls.

Mix melted butter, 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Pour on top.

Bake for 30 minutes. Let cool before cutting into squares.

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Because we did not have FOM contests at our previous meeting, there are two separate contests in January.

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Harold R	1941 & 1940 Quarters (Same Hole)
2 nd	Letticia R	70+ Coins In Same Hole
3 rd	Letticia R	1964 Rosie
JEWELRY		
1 st	Cesar R	Relious Key
2 nd	Harold R	Silver Pendent
3 rd	Janet C	Cross Brooch Part?
RELICS		
1 st	Cesar R	Revolutionary War Badge
2 nd	Janet C	?
3 rd		
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Janet C	Watch Band
2 nd	Letticia R	Silver Spoon
3 rd	Cesar R	Bracelet Hook
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Harold R	Silver Ring
2 nd	Terry R	? Coin
3 rd	Harold R	Silver Quarter

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Harold R	1917 & 1936 Six Pence (Same Hole)
2 nd	Cesar R	1911 Barber Dime
3 rd	Janet C	1973 20 Centavos Coin
JEWELRY		
1 st	Harold R	Silver Ring w/Stones
2 nd	Terry R	Silver Dolphin Ring
3 rd	Cesar R	Pirate Ring
RELICS		
1 st	Cesar R	1892-1894 Bicycle Head Bar
2 nd	Harold R	1939 Token
3 rd	Janet C	Piston Gear
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Harold R	Hammer
2 nd	Harold R	Iron Animal
3 rd	Cesar R	Silver Moon Circle

SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Cesar R	Long Trophy
2 nd	Letticia R	1944 Mercury
3 rd	Cesar R	Hot Wheel Car

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ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

Submitted by Mike S

Microhistory – Is it a real word? Should it be a real word?

We used to have the winner of each category of the Find of the Month contest tell us a little about the item and where he/she found it. Then former member Susan Phillips introduced a new concept. For each prize, she gave the date and told us about important things that happened that year.

I immediately liked the idea and applied the word “microhistory” to it, meaning the process of identifying and describing a relic dug out of the ground. I had only used that word once before, at the June meeting of the Denison Genealogical Society. I used it to describe the process of investigating the local history of a particular place and time in an effort to learn more about ancestors. I’m not sure whether it is even a real word (it is not important as I can always use micro-history), as it just seemed to come to me out of nowhere to fit the occasion.

I have long recognized the importance of understanding history in both my hobbies and my career. Like most people I remember the complaints heard about having to study history in school. Such as, “I don’t mind history except I hate having to memorize all those dates and stuff.” I have exerted a lot of effort over the years attempting to tie things together using those very dates.

I won’t bore you with my use of history in my career – after all, I’m retired and don’t have to do it anymore – but I would like to explore the similarities I have experienced in the pursuit of my two favorite hobbies. Genealogy and relic hunting have a lot in common, at least the parts concerned with identifying items and people.

When I find a relic using a metal detector, or any other method, the first order of business is to identify the object through experience (most “common” objects such as locks and watches are pretty apparent), other peoples’ knowledge, or by looking at similar objects until a pattern reveals itself. The second thing I look for is the time frame in which the object was used. That is why such an object is often referred to as a “find” until a time frame is established. If the object is old enough, it is common to start referring to it as a relic.

Next, greater detail is sought. Where was it manufactured? Where was it used? Some relics are easy: a Dallas dog tag from the 1950’s tells its story

without any coaxing. But a flat, round, metal-alloy plate of unknown composition with iron or steel lugs at the edges might be a wheel cover, a wagon hub, or who knows what? I carried such an object around in my car for months, showing it to other treasure hunters, museum curators, and anyone else who was willing to look at it. It may be junk or it may be a historic relic. I may never know and, indeed, my children may find it in my box of unknowns after I'm gone only to throw it out in the trash. But I hang on to it with the hope that someday an observer will say, "Hey, where did you get the old"

I used to carry a pocket notebook to record all sorts of things I needed to research on my next trip to the library. I also gathered lots of books, building quite a library so that I would have more information closer to hand. These days, the internet has made our research much easier, and certainly quicker, but many of us still spend hours digging out as many facts about our "treasures" as we can. We help each other; more than one fellow treasure hunter has brought a find to my house so I could help learn its history.

Knowing what year particular military buttons changed design help determine how a button we find might have gotten to a particular place. A friend found a Two Reale coin in Bonham a few years back. His first task was to identify whether it was Spanish or Mexican and later he had to form "theories" about how it ended up under the sidewalk in front of the Fannin County Courthouse. Would you be satisfied to enter such a find in the "Find of the Month" contest and only be able to say, "I don't know what it is, but they were tearing up an old sidewalk so I stopped and asked if I could search the area with my metal detector when they went to lunch."?

And isn't genealogy like that? I have a whole collection of "dead-ends" I hope to someday connect to a line of ancestors. I have lots of unconnected facts I hope to someday tie to a now unknown person. I have books of family information about families that may not be related but just might be.

That's why I like the word, "microhistory". If I learn enough about the Civil War General who was murdered after the war, with my ancestor charged with the crime but acquitted, maybe I will learn even more about my ancestors of that era. Heck, I might even solve the crime and open up even more possibilities. If I find out why his son ran off to Texas with a married woman (and settled only 30 miles from his grandfather who was already there) I might end up with a plot for a novel!

But, in any case, I will gain a greater understanding of "my people" and, perhaps, of myself. Just as I gain a greater understanding of all those items in my "unknowns" box.

I have long advocated that each winner in the "Find of the Month" contest give a short description of the find, where he/she found it and any other information likely to be of interest to others. The intent is not to learn other people's favorite hunting place but, rather, to learn what types of finds are to be found in different places. "I found this 1947 Dallas Dog Tag on a house lot in Richardson" doesn't give away any secrets!

And, sometimes, it makes me wish I had paid more attention to my

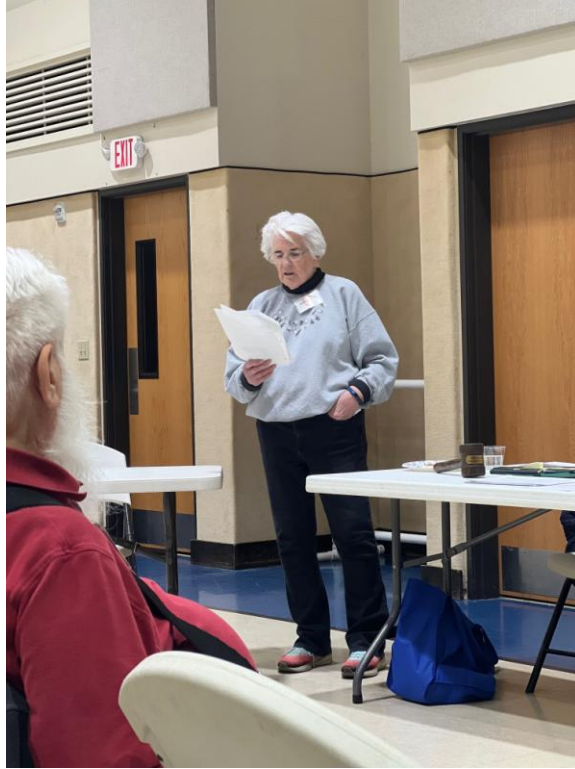
history teachers and memorized a few more dates.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

Photos Submitted By Harold R of Our January Meeting



Our New President Bill A



Acting President Mary P



Our Newest Member?

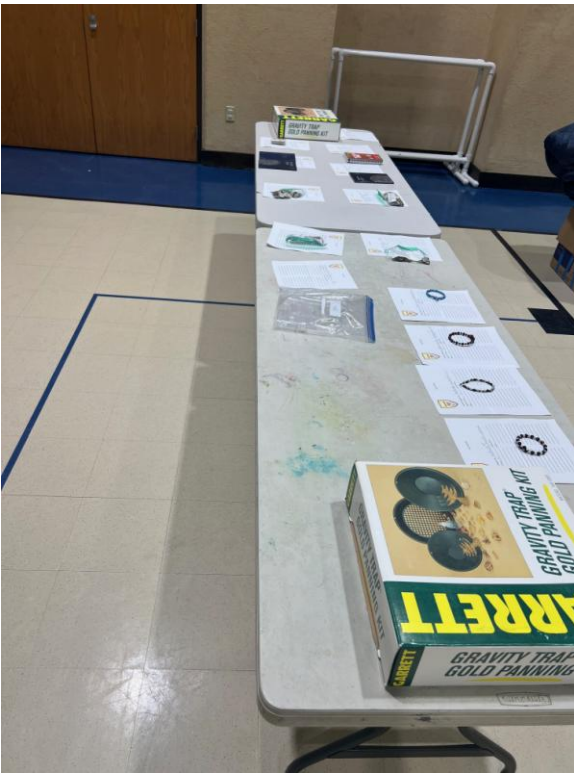


Mary P Conducting Meeting

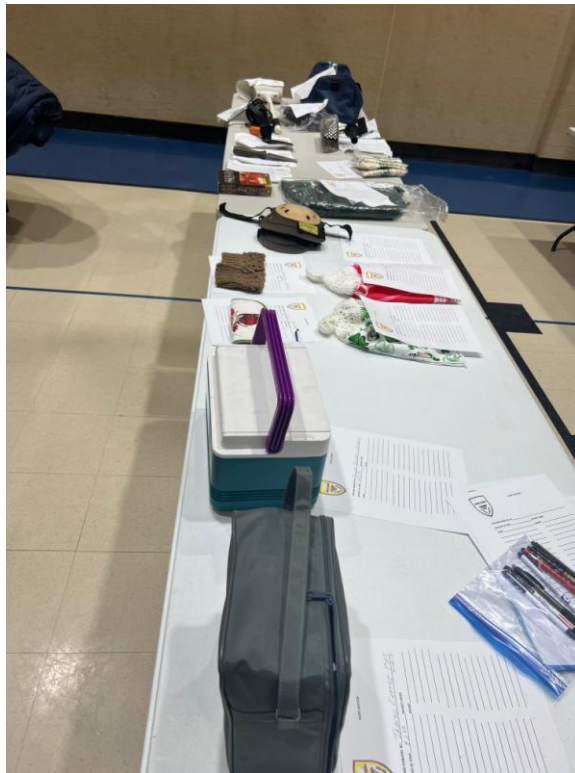
Find of the Month Crew



Items in the Silent Auction



More Silent Auction Items





More Silent Auction Items

RULES FOR THE FIND OF THE MONTH CONTEST

GOLDEN TRIANGLE EXPLORER SOCIETY FIND OF THE MONTH *RULES, REGULATIONS, and GUIDELINES*

QUALIFIED FINDS –

- Any find of lost, cached, trashed or prospected items of significant value or interest may be entered.
- It is not a requirement that finds be made with a metal detector.*
- Guests may vote in the Find of the Month.
- Only those items found since the last club meeting attended are eligible. One item per category may be entered.
- Finds must be fresh; nothing purchased, and nothing recovered from a seeded hunt is eligible.
- Only one item per category may be submitted. **EXCEPTION:** In any month the Find of the Month contest is not held, two items may be entered in each category at the next meeting.
- All finds must be signed in on the entry form for the appropriate category.
- The person(s) in charge of the FOM table may disqualify questionable finds. Should a disqualification be challenged, the challenge must be immediately presented to a member of the Executive Board for resolution.

CATEGORIES –

COINS

- All coins are eligible to be entered.
- Currency worth \$20.00 or more and coin caches are eligible.
- No clad coins or memorial cents are eligible unless there is an obvious extenuating circumstance, i.e., a miss-struck coin.

JEWELRY – PRECIOUS METALS

- Includes anything with or without stones, designed to be worn by mankind.
- Items include, but not limited to, rings, bracelets, watches, etc.

RELICS

- Eligible items must be at least 50 years old.
- Jewelry items may be entered only if they have more significance as a relic.

MOST UNUSUAL

- Any find that does not qualify in the other three categories is eligible here.
- Costume jewelry may be entered.

SECOND CHANCE

- This is an open area in which you can enter that second coin, relic, or piece of jewelry.
- The item must be a “second item,” and only one entry per person per month is allowed.

DISPLAY TABLE

Display table(s) will be set up for members to show their monthly finds.

VOTING

Members will vote with the ballot provided at the FOM table. Only one ballot per person is allowed. Voting is permitted for up to three places (First, Second, and Third) in each category. Votes for all positions in each category IS NOT REQUIRED.

* The metal detector is a popular tool of the treasure hunter, but its use to find the items presented is not necessary. It is only required that the finds be legitimately found items.