



# 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  
MEETING ARE ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY OF EACH  
MONTH

JULY 26, 2024	7:30 PM
AUGUST 23, 2024	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024	7:30 PM
OCTOBER 25, 2024	7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 22, 2024	7:30 PM

## **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

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## **From The President**

**by Bill A**

Loving this rain and cooler weather. But still be safe and hydrated.

So sorry if you had to miss our fantastic Fourth of July of July Hot Dog celebration, the food was great. Dave T is going to present his his coin cleaning tool collection this Friday the 26th. Please come and learn his tips and tricks New World Church Parlor, 5134 Northwest Highway, Garland at 7:30.

Remember, due to our celebration last month we did not have FOM, so bring two finds for each board this time.

Take care, remember to follow our metal detecting ethics.

Bill

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## **From The Vice President**

**by Mary P**

We are truly looking forward to this month's speaker, Dave T's message on how he cleans coins.

I am trying to have an interesting topic each month. This is your club and if you have an interest you would like to share or learn about, please let me know. Don't be shy.

Put these meeting dates on your calendar: October 25 Silent Auction, November 22 Chili Cookoff (think about your favorite chili recipe). Plans are in the making for our annual Christmas celebration with East Fork Treasure Hunters.

## OTHER CONTACTS

### **HUNT MASTER:**

OPEN

### **REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:**

OPEN

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR:**

MIKE S

### **WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:**

OPEN

### **FACEBOOK CONTACT:**

JANET C

### **FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:**

VELMA S

JANET C (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!**

## **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.*

Garrett ACE 250 we wish to sell, Purchased New, Never Used, still in the box,  
Make an Offer.  
Larry Voyles, 972-816-5808 or,  
[wwaviation@aol.com](mailto:wwaviation@aol.com)

REMEMBER bring two finds for Find Of the Month boards this month. FOM is an awesome way to win some nice coins for members.

See you on the 26th, 7:30.

Mary

## **From The Treasurer**

**by Terry R**

Our 'all silver' fundraiser for July has:  
3 Morgan dollars (1899-O, 1921, 1921-D),  
3 Peace dollars (1922, 1922-S, 1923-D),  
1938 Mexico 1 peso (.3843 oz silver),  
1982-S silver proof Washington 250th birthday half dollar,  
2008 silver proof Oklahoma and Alaska quarters,  
1998 one ounce silver eagle

Join us at our next meeting on Friday July 26 at 7:30 PM .  
We will be meeting in the church parlor.



## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**by Andretta L**

Minutes for June 28, 2024 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland in the Gym. Meeting was called to order, and one guest Dan O was introduced. There was one June birthday and one anniversary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**OCT 25 – SILENT AUCTION**

**NOV 22 – CHILI COOKOFF**

**DEC 13 – CHRISTMAS  
DINNER, W/ EAST FORK**

## 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.

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

Peanut Butter Pie Recipe From  
Velma S

1 - 8oz. cream cheese – softened  
1 1/4 Cup powdered sugar, sifted  
1 16oz, carton whipped topping  
1 - cup peanut butter  
1 - 9" graham cracker crust

Mix cheese & peanut butter in large bowl at medium speed until light & fluffy. Gradually add powder sugar & whipped topping – continue beating until smooth. Spoon into crust. Put in refrigerator or freezer for at least 8 hours or overnight.

We learned former member and club president Ed B passed away on June 4, 2024.

There is no speaker because we're celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with our annual hot dog dinner.

## New Business

Our Holiday Hunt will be December 7<sup>th</sup>, place to be announced later. Harold R, along with Terry R, will be in charge.

## Old Business

The changes and amendments to the Bylaws have been published and discussed. The vote was in favor of adopting the changes.

Bring two finds for FOM to the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Harold R declined to accept the Hunt Master position, so there will be no Fun Hunt this month. East Fork will conduct the August Fun Hunt.

Since the May minutes were published in the newsletter and no one requested that they be read aloud, they were approved.

May Treasurer's report will be accepted as stated and will be filed for audit.

Door prize winners were Gary R, Mike S, Ralph G, Steve T, Terry R, Karen R, Dan O, Mary P, Velma S, Debbie C, Sherry D.

Frank M won the marble drawing but did not draw the blue marble.

In the Fund Raiser winners were:

1884-O Morgan dollar – Frank M; 1893 Columbian Exposition half – Dave T;  
1896 Morgan dollar – Terry R; 1921-S Morgan dollar – Bill A;  
1922-D Peace dollar – Bill A; 1923-S Peace dollar – Gary R;  
1924 Peace dollar – Steve T; 1921 Walking Liberty half – Debbie C;  
1977 Mexican 100 peso 72% silver – Dave T; 2010 1 oz Silver Eagle – Frank M

Andretta L won the Name tag drawing.

Thanks to all who brought sides to go with our hot dogs.

Meeting adjourned.

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## HUNTMASTER'S REPORT

## EDITORS NOTE:

WE do not currently have a huntmaster for the club. The lack of a huntmaster and Hunt Committee in a club primarily interested in metal detecting is a strange

situation. One of the most important activities for a club to foster learning from others and the social interactions between members is fun hunts held by the club.

We really need someone to step up and fill these positions. If you are interested, please speak to one of the officers!

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## **FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST**

**Because of the Independence Day “hot dog dinner” no FOM contest was held. You can enter two finds in each category in July.**

Place	Winner	Item
<b>COINS</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>JEWELRY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>RELICS</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>MOST UNUSUAL</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>SECOND CHANCE</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

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## **PHOTOS**

No photos were received this month.

## What Are Clad Coins? A Beginner's Guide



Sacagawea with her child depicted on the US Sacagawea dollar. Vladimir Wrangel/Shutterstock

By [Oxford Gold Group](#)

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Some collectors call clad coins “the ugly ducklings of U.S. numismatics.” Do you know what these “ugly ducklings” are? In this guide, we’ll answer the question “What are clad coins?” and explain whether they make a good investment.

### What Are Clad Coins?

Clad coins, also known as sandwich metal coins, are made of multiple metal layers. The vast majority of clad coins in circulation today have three metal layers.

Most U.S.-clad coins have a core of pure copper surrounded by two identical layers of a nickel-copper alloy resembling silver. The U.S. half-dollar, Washington quarters, and Roosevelt dimes are common examples.

The Sacagawea Dollar, the Presidential dollars, and other “golden” coins are also clad. They have a pure copper core with outer copper, manganese, nickel, and zinc alloy layers.

Note that clad coins are not the same as bimetallic coins. Clad coins have an inner metal core sandwiched between two or more layers of different metals. Bimetallic coins also use two or more metals, but their placement in the coin is different. Usually, there are visible inner and outer metal rings, like in the Canadian \$2 coin.

### Brief History of Clad Coins

Throughout the history of U.S. minting, the intrinsic value of the metal has sometimes surpassed a coin's face value.

A famous early example was the small cent in 1856. Due to rising copper prices, the U.S. Mint reduced the weight of copper pennies from 10.886 grams of pure copper to just 4.670 grams of copper alloy. Otherwise, people would melt the large cents for their copper value, removing them from circulation and causing a slight change shortage.

In the mid-1960s, the same economic forces led to a complete overhaul of silver coinage in the United States. The Coinage Act of July 23, 1965, replaced 90 percent silver coins with much cheaper, clad-composition coins of a pure copper core and a thin copper-nickel outer layer for dimes, quarters, and later half-dollars.

## Composition of Clad Coins

Most U.S. clad coins consist of pure copper and a copper-nickel alloy.

Clad coins are typically made from three metal layers: an inner core bonded to two identical outer layers.

Most clad coins circulating in the U.S. today consist of an inner copper core and two outer layers made of a copper-nickel alloy that looks like silver. The copper-nickel layer covers the entire front and back of the coin. Some coins feature an outer manganese brass layer made of copper, zinc, manganese, and nickel.

## What Are the Types of Clad Coins?

Common types of clad coins include:

- **Copper-nickel clad.** Until 1965, the U.S. quarter, dime, and half-dollar contained 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper. Today, they are clad coins made of 91.7 percent copper and 8.3 percent nickel.
- **Brass-clad.** The 1962 to 1982 “bronze” Lincoln cents were actually made from brass. In 1962, the U.S. Mint eliminated zinc from the original 95 percent copper alloy due to rising zinc prices.
- **Silver-clad.** From 1920 to 1965, U.S. coins had a [90 percent silver content](#). After 1965, the U.S. Mint stopped producing silver coins as they were no longer economically viable and replaced them with clad coins, including some silver-clad ones like the Kennedy half-dollars from 1965 to 1970 and the Eisenhower dollars from 1971 to 1976. Interestingly, pure silver coins make a higher-pitched noise when you drop them, whereas clad coins sound duller.
- **Gold-clad.** Since 2000, the U.S. Mint has struck “golden” dollars. Contrary to the name suggests, these coins don't contain gold. They feature a pure copper core and an outer layer of manganese brass responsible for the golden color.
- **Platinum-clad.** Platinum-layered coins only function as collectible items, especially as replicas of pure [platinum coins](#) such as the 1997 American Platinum Eagle or the One Trillion-Dollar Trial Coin.

## Advantages of Clad Coins Over Other Coins

Clad coins have numerous benefits over “traditional” coins, including:

- **Durability.** Clad is significantly more durable than silver, which is softer and wears down considerably faster in circulation.

· **Cost-effectiveness.** Modern copper-nickel-clad coinage is much cheaper to produce than the older 90 percent silver coins.

· **Anti-counterfeiting measures.** When the U.S. Mint sought to replace the old silver coins in the mid-1960s, it had to ensure they passed counterfeit rejection devices in vending machines. Clad metal composition allowed the mint to create a coin with the same properties as a 90 percent silver coin, but much cheaper.

## Should You Collect Clad Coins?

Clad coins aren't just for everyday circulation. Many countries make special collector editions, including proof sets and clad coins with special finishes.

The U.S. Mint makes a proof set of the circulating coins every year. Between 2005 and 2010, the mint made satin-finished coins for the Uncirculated Mint Sets. In 2014, the mint made a special anniversary Kennedy half-dollar coin set, followed by the 225th Anniversary Enhanced Uncirculated Coin Set in 2017.

Clad coins also appear in the commemorative coin series. The half-dollar commemorative coin is usually a clad coin and comes at a reasonable price.

Error coins, or coins that are missing a clad layer, are scarce and valuable coins that may sell for hundreds to even thousands of dollars apiece.

## Are Clad Coins Considered Good Investments?

Investing in collectible or rare clad coins can be a great way to [diversify your portfolio](#). Of course, like with any investment, you need to know what you are doing and what you are buying. It's always best to seek advice from a financial adviser specializing in coins.

# 'God Had a Hand in It': Woman Finds 100 Years of Family History Hidden in Goodwill Desk, Tracks Down Kin

BY [Anna Mason](#) TIME August 8, 2023

A couple from Arizona who snapped up a desk at a Goodwill store was surprised to discover a treasure trove of family history that dated back to 100 years ago. Amazed by it, they went the extra mile to reconnect the family with this part of history.

Jenna Riggs, 32, a stay-at-home mom who lives in Gilbert, Arizona, runs her own small business refurbishing old furniture and making jewelry.

Browsing through her local Goodwill store for pieces to upcycle, Ms. Riggs came across a secretary desk she thought would make for a good project. After buying the piece of furniture for \$20, she began painting the desk in her garage.



The secretary desk was bought at a Goodwill store. (Courtesy of Jenna Riggs)

To her surprise, while taking the desk inside her house, it tipped over to reveal unexpected contents.

“There were pillars that I thought were just part of the desk, but they turned out to be secret compartments,” Ms. Riggs told The Epoch Times. “When I found the envelopes and papers sitting there, I was shocked and intrigued as to what they could be.”

The treasure trove had beautiful hand-written letters dating back to 1917, expressive poems and songs written in cursive writing, newspaper clippings, and valuable old stamps that were later discovered to be worth a lot of money.

It was soon revealed that young girl who’d penned the poems about falling in love with a sailor and other funny little rhymes was named Martha McCollough.

A thought then popped into Ms. Riggs’s mind: to go the extra mile and connect the family to this precious piece of their family history.

“When I read the letters and saw how much sentimental value they held, I figured I should try to find out who the desk belonged to,” she said. “I just thought to do unto others as I would have them do unto me.”

Ms. Riggs posted a picture of the desk and Martha’s name on a local Facebook group. Locating a family member didn’t take much time.

“Within three hours, we’d found Martha’s granddaughter,” she said. “A mutual friend had reached out to her, and the granddaughter contacted me.”





A secret compartment in the secretary desk. (Courtesy of Jenna Riggs)



**Go Gilbert**

Jenna Renae Photos · Feb 22 · 🌐

My husband and I refurbish furniture for our small business, and we found this old secretary desk at goodwill. I refurbished it to resell, but fell in love with it and decided to keep it for my bedroom ; but when I was moving it in from the garage, a secret drawer fell out . We found some letters, poems, and receipts hidden in a secret compartment. Some of these are dated as far back as 1917, 1937, etc. the name is Martha McCollough. She lived in Mesa. These would be such a beautiful keepsake to someone if this was their great grandmother or family member. It would be a cool keepsake and I don't have the heart to throw them away! Please someone help me find the family of Martha! There are newspaper clippings and all kinds of cool stuff. As well as journal type notes and letters.

Also the envelopes have addresses so you can confirm if it's your family member! This is so cool !

👍❤️😱 Dawn Evitts and 1K others 234 comments

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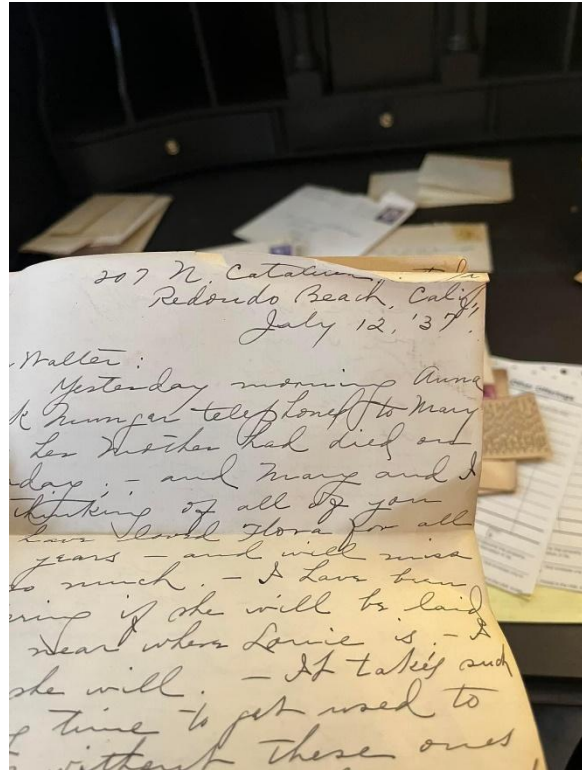
💬 Comment

(Courtesy of Jenna Riggs)

According to Ms. Riggs, the original owners of the desk were from Mesa, Arizona, and she believes they'd farmed in the area for a long time. The next thing Ms. Riggs knew, a news station had picked up the story and reached out to arrange for Ms. McCollough's granddaughter Shirley Knight to see the items for the first time.

While Ms. Knight has no recollection of the desk, she was delighted to discover new family treasures. Alongside articles about her father, several letters, and the prized stamps, the collection gave her fresh insight into her grandmother.

“She said she’d never seen that side of her grandmother before, and it was neat to see her in that light because her grandma was usually quite serious,” Ms. Riggs said.



Letters that were found in the desk. (Courtesy of Jenna Riggs)

Ms. Knight was “very happy” to be able to revisit memories of growing up with her grandmother and “grateful” to be in possession of such a sentimental piece of family history.

Ms. Riggs was happy to have been able to do this for the family.

“I didn’t have the heart to throw it away because it seemed too special,” she said. “I am so glad that the items were reconnected with the granddaughter,” she said, adding that she knows she didn’t act alone and “God had a hand in it.”



Jenna Riggs, 32, from Gilbert, Arizona. (Courtesy of Jenna Riggs)

Ms. Riggs believes in going the extra mile for people.

“You’ll be surprised how little acts of kindness can make the most difference in someone’s life,” she said.

### [Anna Mason](#)

Anna Mason is a writer based in England. She has a degree in Literature and a curiosity about people and places that formal education would not satiate. Anna enjoys storytelling, adventures, the Balearic sunshine and the Yorkshire rain.