



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
MEETINGS ARE ON 4TH FRIDAY OF EACH
MONTH

MAY 24, 2024	7:30 PM
JUNE 28, 2024	7:30 PM
JULY 26, 2024	7:30 PM
AUGUST 23, 2024	7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 27, 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

From The President

by Bill A

Hello,

Your Executive Committee had a meeting to discuss changes to the by-laws. Those changes will be sent as a different item with the newsletter. Please take time to check them over. We will have a vote to accept the changes and then a discussion on the changes at Fridays meeting. A final vote will be taken at the June 28 meeting. The Bylaws as amended will then become our governing rules.

Please come to our May meeting. Several things will be going on.

Don't forget your finds.

Please be safe out there.

Bill

From The Vice President

by Mary P

Greeting Golden Triangle members

We are looking forward to our visit from Sue R of Lone Star Treasure Hunters. She has been metal detecting for years and has a very nice bottle display to show us. Sue also has a great story or two to share. Please come listen and see some of her treasures.

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!

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.

See you on Friday May 24th, 7:30, New World Church.

Mary

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for April 26, 2024 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland in the Parlor. Because the basketball court was in use Golden Triangle met in the Parlor. Meeting was called to order. February birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Two guests, Herman D and Gary R, were introduced, both of whom joined. Former member Don B rejoined.

Mary P introduced our speaker, member Reggie C. He talked about his trips to England and Ireland and showed several finds, some very old. He also discussed the differences in ownership of discoveries.

New Business

We still need a volunteer for the Hunt Master position. There will be no Fun Hunt this month.

A brief report of suggested By-Laws revisions was published in the newsletter. The Executive Committee and any interested members will meet on Thursday, May 2nd, at the Penson/Abbott home to discuss the final revisions for presentation to the membership.

Old Business

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

March Treasurer's report was presented and accepted as read and will be filed for audit.

Door prize winners were:

Eden L	Andretta L	Debbie C	Frank M,
Reggie C	Gary R	Janet C	Mary P
Steve T	Don B.		

Don B won the marble drawing AND drew the blue marble!

In the Fund Raiser winners were:

1885-S Morgan dollar – Frank M	1897-O Morgan dollar – Harold R
1921-D Morgan dollar – Mary P	1922 Peace dollar – Bill A

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

1923 Peace dollar – Don B
 2004 Lewis & Clark Bicentennial 90% Silver dollar – Janet C
 1846 Large cent – Janet C 1977 Mexican 72% silver 100 peso – Frank M
 1 oz 2010 Silver Eagle – Harold R
 one pint Two Doves Apiaries honey (beekeeper John Wright) – Mary P.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Don B won the Name tag drawing.

Thanks to all who brought snacks to share.

Meeting adjourned.

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Harold R	1958 Franklin Half
2 nd	Herman D	Standing Liberty Quarter
3 rd	Dave T	1940 Mercury
JEWELRY		
1 st	Dave T	14kt Jesus
2 nd	Leticia R	Dallas Cowboy Cufflink
3 rd	Herman D	1925 Bracelet
RELICS		
1 st	Harold R	1945 Oldsmobile Token
2 nd	Dave T	Palmolive Token
3 rd	Sherry D	58 Cal Mini Ball
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Dave T	Gold Pikachu (Pokemon)
2 nd	Herman D	Lead Soldier
3 rd	Harold R	Fire Truck
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Herman D	925 Ring w/Stones
2 nd	Dave T	Silver Bracelet
3 rd	Harold R	1908 Indian Head Penny

Report On By-Laws Revisions

By Mike S

The Executive Committee met and agreed to submit additional changes to the

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.

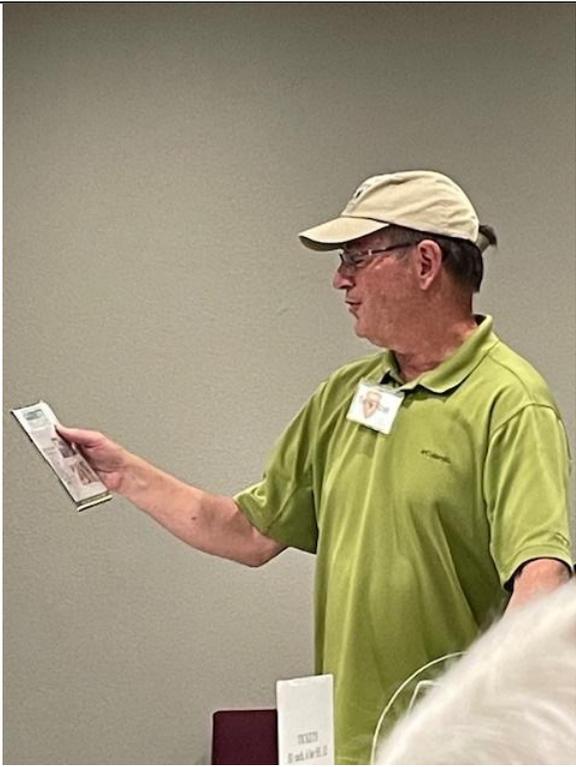
club By-Laws. There are several changes that were not announced in this space in the April newsletter. Rather than describe those changes here, a copy of the By-Laws will be distributed before the May meeting so the members will have a chance to examine them before meeting.

A move to approve the amendments to the By-Laws will be made at the May meeting so that the amendments may be discussed. A final vote to approve the changes will be taken at the June meeting. Please review the amended By-Laws (the changes will be clearly marked – deletions will be highlighted in yellow and new words will be in red) and be prepared to ask questions, make suggestions, or propose revisions.

PHOTOS FROM APRIL MEETING

Thanks To MARY P







ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

Check Your \$2 Bills — They Could Be Worth Upwards of \$4,500

2 MIN READ
July 9, 2023

By Vance Cariaga



If you have a \$2 bill [burning a hole in your pocket](#), you might want to think twice before spending it at a store. The bill itself [might be worth a lot more](#) than two dollars — as in thousands of dollars more.

Certain \$2 bills can fetch \$4,500 and up on the collectibles market, according to the [U.S. Currency Auctions](#) (USCA) website. Just about all of the really valuable ones were printed in the 19th century. But even bills printed within the last 30 years might be worth hundreds of dollars — if you have the right one.

The \$2 bill was first printed in 1862 and is still in circulation today. It originally featured a portrait of Alexander Hamilton, but that changed with an 1869 redesign that put Thomas Jefferson on the bill. The most recent edition of the \$2 bill was designed in 1963, according to WFLA, which cited information from the U.S. Treasury Department.

If the \$2 bill was minted and printed before 1976, it will likely be worth more than its face value on the collectibles market. In some cases, it might be worth only \$2.25. The highest value is \$4,500 or more for uncirculated notes from 1890, although most of those bills range in value from \$550 to \$2,500. The values are the same whether the bill has a red or brown seal.

An original uncirculated \$2 bill from 1862 ranges in value from \$500 to more than \$2,800. You might get \$3,800 or more for an 1869 note.

More recently, the USCA lists a value of \$500 on certain uncirculated \$2 bills from 1995. If you have a \$2 bill from the 2003 premium Federal Reserve set of 12, you could get \$700 or more.

Most \$2 bills in circulation are worth exactly that: \$2. And even though you don't see a lot of \$2 bills in everyday life, they are still being printed. The Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) planned to print up to 204 million \$2 bills in 2022, CNN reported. There were 1.4 billion \$2 bills in circulation in 2020, according to the latest data from the Federal Reserve.

Just keep this in mind: No matter how much your \$2 bill is worth on the

collectibles market, if you spend it at a store, you won't be able to get more than \$2 worth of merchandise, so shop wisely.

Couple Who Bought a 140-Year-Old Mansion Haven't Stopped Finding Hidden Treasures Since

BY [Louise Chambers](#) July 7, 2023
(Courtesy of Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats)

A couple who fell in love with a historic manor when they first moved to Leavenworth, Kansas, 12 years ago, made a dream come true when they bought the property. As it turned out, the house of their dreams was also a trove of hidden treasures.

Thad Krasnesky and his wife Robin Krasnesky were captivated by their 140-year-old Victorian mansion that spans 7 acres (2.8 hectares) when Mr. Krasnesky was attending military school.

“That’s what the manor does for people,” Mr. Krasnesky, who now works as a financial advisor and children’s book author, told The Epoch Times. “It says, ‘Hey, remind that little kid in you that there is a place where you can step away, where magic things happen.’”



The 140-year-old Victorian mansion. (Courtesy of [Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats](#))

A Dream Come True

Mr. and Ms. Krasnesky moved to Leavenworth in 2011 and initially rented a space. It was when they were driving down Broadway, a street lined up with historic houses, that they found their mansion. They were quickly smitten but never dreamed the house would be listed for sale.

In 2021, they were gobsmacked when a friend's aunt saw the manor listed on a Facebook page for vintage homes.

“Robin and I were having breakfast,” Mr. Krasnesky said. “Robin pulled up the pictures on her laptop, and she turned her laptop around to me at the breakfast table and said, ‘Please buy me this house!’ ... she was mostly joking.”

Mr. Krasnesky called his wife's bluff. He spoke to his bank to get approval for a mortgage, then called the realtor to arrange a viewing. There were a lot of renovations needed, but he believed it could work.



Mr. and Ms. Krasnesky. (Courtesy of [Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats](#))

He surprised his wife with the good news, and the couple put in their first offer, a little below the asking price, however, it was rejected. By now emotionally invested, they would make five more offers and beat numerous other bidders to the finish line before closing on their dream home five days ahead of Christmas that year. Since they had guests visiting for the holiday season, everyone slept on mattresses on the floor, surrounded by moving boxes.

“It was fun,” Mr. Krasnesky said. “When we bought the house, the real estate agent was telling us, ‘All your kids are going to love it, your grandkids are going to love it’ ... one of the things I told her is, I really love the house, and I love that I'm buying the house, but what I really want is to be 8 years old and I want *my* grandparents to buy the house so that I can come and just run around and play in it.”

A Lot of Room

The magical mansion had documentation tracing back to the original owners from 1885, a man named AJ Angell and his wife, Mary Angell. Mr. Angell passed away just three months after moving in, and the house stayed in the Angell family until 1975 when the couple's granddaughters vacated the home.

The deeds passed through the hands of a doctor, and then another owner. Mr.

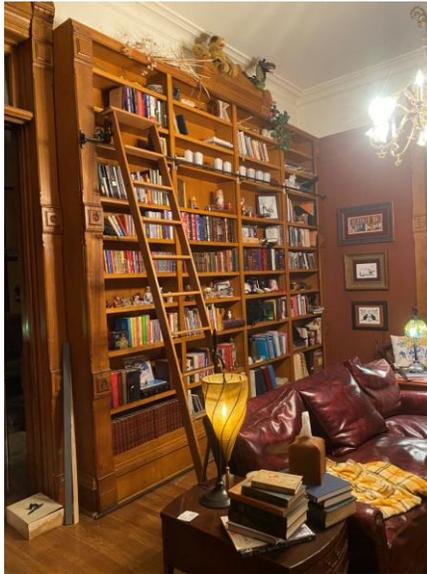
and Ms. Krasnesky are the fourth owners of the home.

“There are 25 rooms in the house. ... between 9,000 and 10,000 square feet [2743 and 3048 square meters],” Mr. Krasnesky said. “We have a carriage house, and that’s another 3,000 square feet [914 square meters], then there’s attic space. It’s a lot of room.”

With deer, coyote, foxes, and possums frequenting the backyard, an abandoned 1930s railroad behind the house, and even records of two murders on the property, the Krasneskys’ new home was brimming with history. Then came the treasures.

“The very first thing that we would call treasure, I guess, was in the first couple of weeks we were there,” Mr. Krasnesky said.

One day as Mr. Krasnesky was in the library—which has a ceiling measuring 14 feet (4.2 meters) tall—dusting the shelves, he found three items laying on top of the bookshelf.



The library in the mansion. (Courtesy of [Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats](#))



(Courtesy of Krasnesky [Manor for Wayward Cats](#))

He found a Civil War presentation cane, a gold watch, and a box containing ribbons from equestrian events. Mr. Krasnesky located the surviving family and passed on the heirlooms.

However, the treasure train didn't stop there but only continued.

A Huge Surprise

Then, while dealing with raccoons in the attic and trying to fix the damage that was caused by them, Mr. Krasnesky stumbled on the next interesting thing.

“I stepped on this loose board ... there was an old carpet covering part of it. I moved that aside, pulled the board up, and I see something metallic under the fiberglass,” he said.

Mr. Krasnesky pulled out two jars of silver coins. Under another floorboard, he found a quarter from 1916 and a dime from the 1890s.



(Courtesy of [Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats](#))

During Thanksgiving in 2022, elsewhere in the house, the couple, and their kids, who were growing increasingly interested in the magical mansion, found an ornate ring and gold jewelry.



(Courtesy of [Krasnesky](#)

[Manor for Wayward Cats](#))

Next came a huge surprise: a hidden room. The couple and their friends found a room when they moved some shelves in the basement.

“There was this piece of metal that’s bolted to one of the stones,” Mr. Krasnesky said. “We suspected that it probably went into a crawl space ... we pulled the metal off, and it turned out to be an entire room.”



The hidden room. (Courtesy of [Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats](#))

Mr. Krasnesky and his friends have since sifted through 6 inches (15 centimeters) of the room's 3 to 4 feet (0.9 to 1.2 meters) of dirt, using a homemade motorized sifter, to make sure no treasure goes undetected.

One of Mr. Krasnesky's most recent discoveries came after one of the couple's foster cats led them to a scattering of pennies under the floor after losing a toy mouse.

Mr. Krasnesky pulled out two jars of silver coins. Under another floorboard, he found a quarter from 1916 and a dime from the 1890s.

"Probably it was some little kid, 100 years ago, dropping pennies down through the floor," he said.



(Courtesy of [Krasnesky Manor for Wayward Cats](#))