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HART Presents Loretto Heights Artifacts to Property Owners/Developers and Community Group

by Norm Ruggles
HART Team Leader

During the past year, the Historical Artifact Recovery Team (HART) searched the prominent Loretto Heights property in southwest Denver. Loretto Heights began as a Catholic girls school in 1891. Over the years it went through various changes as a school and college, ceasing operations in 2017. The plan now is for the property to be developed for residential and commercial purposes.

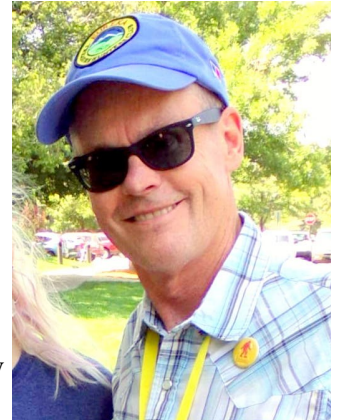


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Loretto Heights encompasses more than 70 acres. HART conducted searches of sections of the property on 10 occasions—5 on weekdays and 5 on weekends. 25 HART members volunteered their time, effort and expertise during one or more of the searches. I want to particularly recognize and thank Chris Davis, Dan Pierson and Sue Ruggles for helping me organize this major project. Dan lives two blocks away from Loretto Heights and for decades tried unsuccessfully to obtain permission to metal detect on this private property. When the property was sold in the summer of 2018, Dan spoke to one of the new owners, Mark Witkiewicz, about the possibility of HART searching the property.

Having a strong interest in the history of Loretto Heights, Mr. Witkiewicz was intrigued by Dan's idea. I then got involved and negotiated the terms of various legal issues of importance to the new



owners and

to Eureka, and after several weeks of discussions we entered into a formal search agreement in November 2018.

HART followed a systematic process for detecting this large property. Chris Davis prepared detailed maps of the property and we detected by using mapped "Search Areas". We kept records of the artifacts that were found, where and when they were found, and who found them. We bagged them according to the date found. To say the least, numerous interesting artifacts were located.

Throughout this project, Dan and Chris took outstanding photographs of the artifacts, the HART team at work, and the historic Loretto Heights campus. Dan prepared an excellent photo gallery and I encourage you to view it. Use the following link to the photo gallery <https://www.danspictures.com/Places/Loretto-Heights/>.

Chris, Dan, Sue and I met with the owners/developers at their office on November 19, 2019 to present the artifacts to them. They were very pleased and impressed and, during the meeting, they invited us to give a presentation to a Loretto Heights community group on December 3, 2019. The group meets monthly with Mr. Witkiewicz. We of course accepted the offer! 60 people were in attendance at that night meeting, held at Loretto Heights. They were extremely interested in our presentation and slide show, and were excited to see the actual artifacts found by HART.

In the future the owners will put the artifacts on display in a glass case at Loretto Heights that can be viewed by the public. Credit will be given to HART and Eureka Treasure Hunters Club.

Just to mention a few of them, the artifacts recovered by



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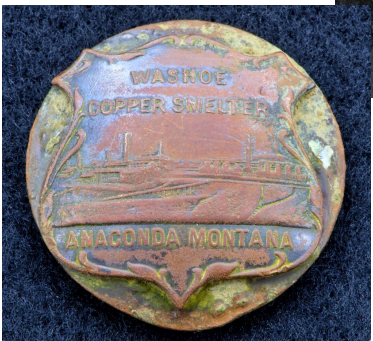
HART include: a heavy gold signet ring with an official seal for making impressions in sealing wax; crucifixes, religious pendants and medallions; a 1902 Liberty Head “V” nickel (our oldest coin); old, small glass bottles; a rusty circular saw blade; horseshoes; the head of a ball peen hammer; a high school class ring from Oklahoma; and an identification plate from a 1951 Jeep.

In total, we dug up 17 rings of varying quality; a whopping 52 keys of all types; and coins from 6 nations. HART may conduct further searches at Loretto Heights, especially after construction and related ground disturbance occur which should make deeper detecting possible on the site.

The purpose of HART is to perform voluntary community service. The goal is to assist museums, historical societies



and institutions who are studying or have an interest in historical properties. HART turns over all artifacts to the party for whom we are detecting. To join HART, an individual must have been a Eureka member for at least one year, must complete and sign a HART Application and legal Waiver of Liability, and must be committed to serving the community.



See related material on following page

Loretto Heights history unearthed



Left: A painted medal is missing its chain. **Middle:** A gold signet ring found on the campus has a reverse engraving reading, in Latin, "Faithful Friends Forever." **Right:** Dormitory room keys on a chain were among 52 keys found on the grounds.

Treasure hunters bring back 130 years of history

The Loretto Heights campus has its recognizable historic buildings, but there's a hidden history on the 70-acre hilltop site that it took members of the Eureka Treasure Hunters Club to unearth.

About two dozen members of the club's Historic Artifact Recovery Team (HART) made nine visits to the campus between last December and August with their metal detectors, and recovered numerous items that help bring back the 130-year history of the site.

"We have a member who lives literally two blocks away from the campus, and he's had his eye on doing this for probably 40 years or so," said Norm Ruggles, HART's team leader. "He was so anxious but never could get permission to go on private property.

He contacted Mark (Witkiewicz of owner Westside Investment Partners), and Mark was really interested in helping showcase the history of the property."

The team concentrated on the areas around the buildings as the most likely locations, but Ruggles figured they scanned over half of the total grounds. They found dozens of artifacts, but they don't keep

any of them. Everything is turned over to the owner.

"We don't do this to keep any of it, we do it for the camaraderie and the thrill of the hunt," Ruggles said. "Mark told us he wants to display these artifacts somewhere on the property at the appropriate time."

Among the most interesting items found was a gold signet ring with a reverse engraving for making impressions in sealing wax. The engraving has a heraldic shield and, in Latin, words translated as "Faithful Friends Forever." They found a total of 17 rings.

The team also found a 1902 V nickel, crucifixes on necklaces, religious medallions, coins from six nations, 52 keys including dormitory room skeleton keys, a horseshoe (Loretto Heights College at one time had an equestrian program), and a high school class ring from the early 1980s from Jenks, Okla. They are attempting to locate the owner.

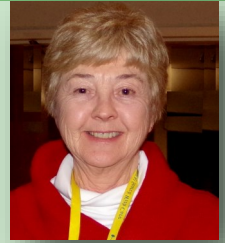
"It's a lot of work and it's a dirty hobby," Ruggles said. "Sometimes you go an hour and half and don't find anything, then in 15 minutes you can find a lot."

Loretto development monthly meetings

The owner of the Loretto Heights campus is holding monthly open meetings for the public to get up-to-date information on the project. The gatherings are the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 6 p.m., in Machebeuf Hall on the campus. The

next meeting will be Jan. 7. They are set up so that people can drop in, ask questions, give suggestions and feedback, and learn the status of planning for the campus. All are welcome.

Eureka Holiday Dinner by Nancy Faires



On December 15th, eighty-three Eureka club members, family, and guests were greeted by Ron and Linda Erickson at the annual Holiday dinner at **3 Sons Italian Restaurant**, in Arvada, Colorado.



Everyone enjoyed an Italian buffet and good company. Participants received a 1/10 ounce Buffalo silver round and drawings for prizes were held. **Dennis White** won the grand prize of a Garrett AT Gold detector and **Raffi Soria** won the monthly **Spyderco** knife.

The 2020-21 Club Board members recently elected were announced: **Roy Neys**, **Brian Henry**, **Kevin Llewellyn**, and **Jeff Lubbert**.

Thank you to **Garrett Metal Detectors**, **American Digger Magazine**, **Creative Awards**, and **Jeff Lubbert** for donating prizes, Ron and Linda for their assistance, and Win and Addie for their help. Thank also to **Michael Scarafiotti** and the staff at **3 Sons** for a lovely holiday evening.



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Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to:

Eurekathc.org

Download and complete the application form under the *About* tab. Membership dues can be paid to the Treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.

Reminder:

The February meeting is our annual potluck dinner meeting which starts at **6:30 p.m.** Come early enough to set out your dish for sharing and socialize with your fellow members.

TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
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- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
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- I WILL NOT litter.
- I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the **Eureka! 2019 Food drive.**

We donated **386 pounds of food, non -perishable goods and \$260** to the Food Bank of the Rockies.

Thank you to **John Olson** for delivering our donation.



Eureka's Coinhuna, **Tony Frangella**, wins Garrett Favorite Find November 2019

Use link below to access the article at Garrett.com



<https://www.garrett.com/favorite-finds/us/november-2019-has-four-winners>

The following article appeared in the Austin American-Statesman (Austin, TX.)
Blaine Nelson, who many of us know, is the sister of our own Jan Hallez.
This story details yet another example of the good works performed by the metal detecting community.
~ Ed.

Statesman

Opinion

[Herman: When metal detecting has a ring to it](#)

By [Ken Herman](#)

Posted Dec 6, 2019 at 7:48 AM

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Thank you for joining me today for a tale of loss. And find.

And a redemptive moment for a sometimes-maligned demographic. And a local foreign dignitary. And the inanimate things that forever bind a man to his parents. And neighbor helping neighbor. And have I overcooked this enough?

Pete Slover of Dripping Springs is an attorney. I've known him since the olden days when he was an investigative reporter for The Dallas Morning News here in Austin.

Pretty darned good digger.

Since 2015, he's been the honorary consul here for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, so designated by the Grand Duchy's Grand Duke Henri. Really.

Key fact No. 1: In 1986, in honor of his graduation from the University of Texas Law School, Slover's parents gave him a ring. Not just any ring, but a custom-designed, cast-in-14-carat-gold ring from Sheftall Jewelers. "In short," Slover says, "it was irreplaceable."



Key fact No. 2: Slover has a pump house at his Dripping Springs home. "For you city dwellers," pseudo-country boy Slover helpfully tells us, "a pump house is a detached structure that includes all manner of devices to provide us country dwellers with water from a well there. The well pump's connected to the well tank, the well tank's connected to the water softener and so on. Bottom line, no electricity means no water to our house in Dripping Springs."

Key fact No. 3: For reasons undetectable to me, people who enjoy using metal detectors (think person on the beach, not the TSA folks) often are mocked in the movies and on TV.

I'll let Slover tell major chunks of the story, starting with this: "Recently, we discovered there was no dripping in Dripping, because our pump house electrical wires failed and were in need of replacement. The electrician explained new wires were to be buried in a ditch running 20 feet from our home to the pump house."

Let me interrupt here to insert another key fact: Slover is a husband. See if you recognize any husbands you know (or are) in this next part. Pete, please continue.

"Rather than paying a licensed professional to dig the trench, I got out a shovel and dug it myself," he reports, husbandly. "As I took a shower later that evening, I realized I had somehow ditched an heirloom. My law school ring was missing."

But Pete had a plan. Many husbands have plans. On this day, faced with this predicament, Catharine lover's husband had a plan.



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"The next morning, I hustled to a nearby rental center and checked out a high-end metal detector. It took all of 15 minutes of directionless beeping, clicking and dirt poking to realize a truth my wife rephrased as, 'Just because you own a hammer it doesn't mean you can build a house.'"

Which reminded Slover of something.

"Well, I do own a hammer," he told me. "So, I built a sifter out of two-by-fours and quarter-inch screen metal hardware cloth. That led to about an hour of my loading and shaking dirt, a veritable Gollum scrabbling for an elusive band of gold."

Lord of the Rings. Loser of the ring. Whatever.

"I knew I was looking at probably eight hours to sift through all the trench tailings," he recalled.

And then he remembered the wondrous times in which we live.

"I theorized that in this day of outsourced dog walking, pre-cooked-and-shipped meals, gig-economy drivers and housekeepers, maybe there were for-hire metal detectors. People, not gizmos. Research led me to Ringfinder, a worldwide directory of independent metal-detecting specialists," he told me.

Eureka! Or not.

"Unfortunately, that site listed no Austin-area specialists."

Unringed, but undaunted, Slover ungave up.

"My online exploration of this subterranean subculture led me to the Austin Metal Detecting Club," he reported. "Since 1963," its website proudly proclaims, "the AMDC has been serving the needs of metal detectorists in the Central Texas area, acting as a clearinghouse for information and providing an enjoyable social environment for folks interested in the fascinating hobby of metal detecting."

We all have needs, but I'm ill-equipped to checklist "the needs of metal detectorists in the Central Texas area" or elsewhere.

Slover's desperate eyes (and ringless finger) were drawn to a banner that spoke to him atop the club's website: "Need an item found? Click [HERE](#) to contact a member of our Search Team."

"Obediently, I clicked and filled out a form describing my ring and the circumstances of its loss," he recalled. "Within hours, I got a call from AMDC search team member **Blaine Nelson**, who agreed to meet me the next day at my house."

Nelson and fellow search team member Jeremy Scroggins showed up as scheduled and, Slover reports, "after a few pleasantries, unpacked a metal detecting arsenal, including pole-mounted scanners of various head diameters and hand-held probes known as pinpointers."

Pete, take us home with the play-by-play:

"They observed protocols unknown to outsiders, including a rule that no one searcher should rush ahead to the site and preempt the find. Within 15 minutes, probing in a

small heap next to and under a brambly rose bush, **Blaine found the ring.**" [Emphasis added, Ed.]

And the joyful noise in the city of Dripping Springs was heard all the way to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Being an American, Slover knew what came next. So he asked.

"When I inquired about the charge or costs for the service," he says, "they demurred. I gathered the hassles of payment and remuneration, accounting and taxes, would cast a cloud over the sheer delight of their treasure hunt and my fascination and delight at their generosity and skill."

Nelson has been metal detecting since her interest was piqued about it by a TV news story back in about 2002. Now 72 and retired from a state agency, she still loves it.

"Sometimes, if I'm driving, I just stop and detect for a little while," she told me. "I keep my detectors in my trunk. I take them on the plane, too."



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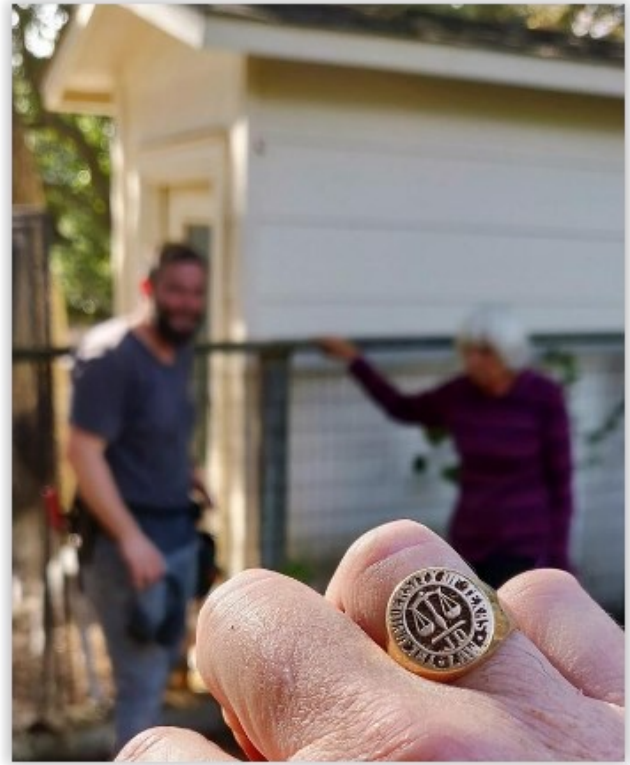
She's aware of the negative image under which her hobby suffers.

"I'm thinking the obvious one is greed and maybe taking artifacts or taking something that we shouldn't have," she said, "when in reality, more of what we find we return and we don't damage the grounds." "It's like, 'Oh, I found this cache of gold! I'm rich!'" she said of the stereotype. "I'll admit I

have my share of nice rings I've found over the years. But there's no way of knowing who they belong to. And if they're not found they're just going to be sitting in the earth for infinity."

"I think I speak for the others on our little search team," Nelson said. "We just really love finding things that other people are missing that they may not ordinarily be able to find."

Nelson, though glad to have helped, dismisses finding Slover's ring as "really relatively easy, not noteworthy." More memorable, she said, was her 2005 find and return of a Hutto plumber's wedding ring he'd lost on the job six days after his 1946 wedding. Downplay it though she might, a grateful Slover wants it known that what Nelson found for him has far more value than its weight in gold.



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January 2020 **NEW YEAR**

- 3rd - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 3rd - Newsletter Published
- 8th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 10th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 12th - **Metal Detecting Clinic and Sale**
See flyer in this edition
Linda Kibbler 303.517.1189
- 18th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 31st - *Soundoff* Deadline



February 2020

- 7th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 7th - Newsletter Published
- 12th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 14th - **General meeting 6:30 p.m.**
Potluck
- 15th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 16th - **North Pole Hunt**
See Preview in this edition
Jan Hallez 303.913.7346
- 28th - *Soundoff* Deadline

March 2020

- 6th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 6th - Newsletter Published
- 11th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 13th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 15th - Club Hunt
- 21st - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 27th - *Soundoff* Deadline

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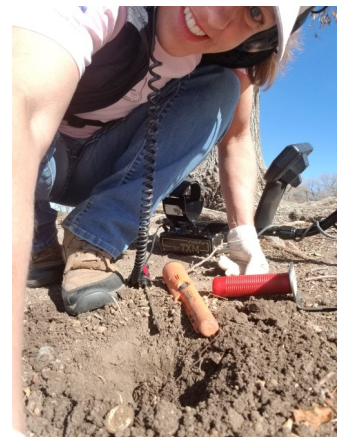
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**Cindy Bockenstedt Finds the Tenacious Treasure Tracker Token
 for an Unprecedented 6th Time!
 ...and promptly vows to retire from competition**

Cindy solved the 9 clues posted on the TTT website, located, and recovered the token seemingly under the noses (or coils) of her competitors. The “2019 Hunt” token was located in O’Kane part in Lakewood, CO. She received a custom mug, a trophy, and \$100 for her efforts. The next TTT competition will be in May, 2020. Good luck (perhaps it will be easier for us mere mortals if Cindy really retires!)



THE PREZ SEZ

by
Chris Davis



January, 2020

Welcome to the New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and Santa brought you loads of good stuff. Once again, Santa was very good to me. He brought me a big bag of coal and sticks, which I am happily burning in my fireplace. I expect many of us indulged too much at the dinner table during the holidays. Of course, a great way to get some exercise and work off some of that holiday overindulgence is to get out there and go metal detecting... if it ever thaws out. The snow and frozen ground put a hitch in my December productivity.



I would like to congratulate (or offer condolences, as the case may be) the 4 new **Board Members** we elected at our December meeting. Our new **Board Members** are: **Roy Neys, Brian Henry, Kevin Llewellyn, and Jeff Lubbert**. I thank them for their willingness to serve and devote their time and energy to making our Club great. At our *December, 2020 meeting*, we will be electing a new President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and 3 more Board Members. That is only 11 months away. Give some thought to running for these offices and talk to current holders. New blood and new ideas keep the club alive.

We had our Holiday Party on Dec. 15. **Nancy (and Win)** put in a great deal of very hard work and did an excellent job. Everyone had a great time. Thanks for all your effort!

I would also like to express my thanks to the "Secret Santa" whoever he or she might be.

Just like I had good sense, I keep meticulous records of my "valuable" finds. I carefully record how many days I hunted each month, how many hours I hunted



each month, the number of coins I found, how much these coins were worth and how many rings I found (or didn't find). I also keep track of where and when I went, so I can tell when a particular site has rested long enough to be productive again. This year, as of December 22, I had hunted on 106 days, spend 374 hours hunting, found 6,066 coins worth \$478.55, and 78 rings of which 11 were silver, and 5 were gold. I have found 53 gold rings in my metal detecting career. But, who is counting?

January "Hunt" Metal Detecting Clinic and Sale

Rather than trying to hunt in the frozen ground this January, come join us for an opportunity to learn from experts. Get your questions answered about detecting technique, detectors in general, and your detector specifically.

This will be an excellent chance for you to sell, or perhaps purchase, metal detecting related items.

Sunday, January 12th, 10:00 a.m. til Noon
Clements Community Center
Aspen Conifer Balsam Room
1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood, CO

Contact: Linda Kibler 303.517.1189



Eureka! Breakfast Club

by
Chris Davis



December 21, 2019



After a month of frozen weather, conditions finally thawed enough to make a Breakfast Club outing. We had a pretty good turnout with 14 attendees. It was a nice day, with temperatures in the 50's, pushing 60. We opted to go to Cheeseman Park to make our hunt. The Park had a good bit of southern exposure. Some of the ground was frozen, some was semi-frozen and some was very diggable. We made no spectacular finds, but it was good to get out again.

Randy S. did best on

change with \$3.21. I fell in second with \$3.06.

Mary S. dug up a nice bracelet. I recovered what might/possibly/could be a gold bracelet. I will have to have it tested at the next meeting. We did not find any finger rings, but Bruce M. did find what appears to be a very interesting "ring".

As a group, we found a nice variety of electronic devices. We dug up 3 or 4 vaping tools. Marcus L. got a neat battery charging hub, which should still work. Randy S. came up with a Pet Tracker which lists for \$130.

We had



considered going to George Washington High School, but it is a good thing we opted for Cheeseman. I stopped by George Washington HS on the way home, just to check it out. There are signs by all the access points, "No Trespassing".



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In-Town Hunt Information

In-Town club hunts are meant to be fun, first and foremost. They provide a context outside of the meetings for fellowship with club members. To put on an in-town hunt you need to:

- Schedule with the Hunt Coordinator or President (see the contact list).
- Provide the Hunt Coordinator a plan.
- Send the hunt flyer to the newsletter editor in an appropriate format for insertion into the newsletter (see the contact list).
- Provide flyers at the monthly meeting.
- Ensure the hunt rules are discussed BEFORE the hunt.
- Police the hunt.
- Decide if the hunt is a members only or an open hunt (non-members may hunt).
- Write a story for the newsletter and send it and accompanying photos to the newsletter editor prior to that month's deadline.

To ensure the continuation of this hobby and to provide the best impression of Eureka! and its membership, you, as hunt master, MUST enforce all rules, including:

1. Pouches to store finds and trash must be worn and used at all times

during the hunt.

2. All hunters must wear headphones.
3. Absolutely no tolerance of holes left open (a first warning, followed by a time-out or expulsion from the hunt).
4. Hunters digging and leaving trash of any sort on the hunt field will receive the same treatment discussed above.

All hunts will need to be okayed by Hunt Coordinator (see the contact list) prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

Failure to follow the guidelines may result in hunts being cancelled.

Hunts may be paid for in advance. This helps the hunt master with planning for how much should be planted in the field. In case a person must miss the hunt, their prepaid fee may be refunded if they call the hunt master before the hunt and cancel, other circumstances will be reviewed. No refund will be given for just plain failure to show up to the hunt.



December 2019

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GOLD CATEGORY

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Jeff McClendon14K White Gold Ring
Jeff McClendon Gold/Quartz Nugget

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Win Faires Silver Ring
Jeff McClendon 925 Ring
Jeff McClendon 925 Fish Bracelet
Jeff McClendon 925 Ring
Jeff McClendon 925 Ring
Marty Stone OROMO Pendant
Cindy Bockenstedt 925 Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Jeff Lubbert 1958 Silver Dime

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Jan Hallez Cap Gun Grip
John Olson Flattened Bullet
Norm Ruggles Silver Fork
Cindy Bockenstedt Chinese Pendant
Jeff Lubbert Shot Charger Spout

TOKEN CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt Transit Token

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

Gold: natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item, except gold coins which are entered in the Coin Category.

Jewelry: objects of metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment, except jewelry qualifying for the Gold Category.

Coin: a piece of metal issued by governmental authority as money.

Token: a piece resembling a coin issued by some person or entity, not of a governmental authority (with the exception of tax tokens), that could be redeemed for services or specified items. Advertisement tokens with no redeemable value are entered in the Artifact Category.

Artifact: simple object showing human workmanship or modification, and all other items that do not meet the criteria for other categories.

Find of the Month Winners - December 2019

GOLD - Jeff McClendon

Gold Quartz Nugget



1.8 gm and 0.3 gm
Cache Creek, Colorado

JEWELRY - Cindy Bockenstedt

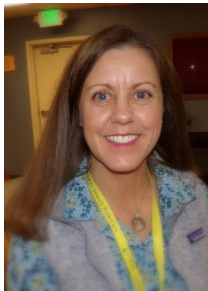
925 Sapphire and Diamond Ring



Recovered in elementary school playground
in wood chips.

TOKEN - Cindy Bockenstedt

Capital Transit Co - Washington, DC



Found in Jefferson Park in dirt where
sprinkler had been repaired.

COIN - Jeff Lubert

1958 D Roosevelt Dime



Recovered from 5"-6" deep in curb strip.

ARTIFACT - Jeff Lubert

Shot Charger Spout



Found at old military site in eastern Colo-
rado plains, about 2" deep amongst a
great deal of iron.

Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:

Nametags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions

Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, and Eureka! merchandise

Finds ~ to share

Ideas ~ for speakers and outings

Meeting Program this month:

HART: Loretto Heights presentation by Dan Pierson, Norm Ruggles, and Chris Davis
Voting for Find of the Year

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

www.fmdac.org Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

www.spreaker.com/admrr

Relic Roundup Radio Show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert, 7pm Mondays)

TenaciousTreasureTracker.com

See Brian Henry's website for the TTT Hunt clues, and new merchandise available.

www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

Compilation of the best weekly metal detecting channels and finds, by Ken King (Eureka! member). See his **Weekly Dirt** show at 3:00 PM on Sundays (and available thereafter)

www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures

A variety channel of metal detecting, coin hunting, and other outdoor activities by Tony Frangella (Eureka! member) with his son, Caden.



EUREKA! EVENTS

Breakfast Club

3rd *Saturday*, January 18th, 2020

1st *Friday*, February 7th, 2020

Contact: **Chris Davis 225.235.2642** for place and time to meet or to get added to the email list.

Sunday, January 12th, 10:00 AM

Metal Detecting Clinic and Sale

Clement Center, Lakewood, CO

No fee

Contact: Linda Kibbler 303-517-1189

See flyer in this edition

Sunday, February 16th, 11:30 AM

North Pole / South Pole Hunt

Aurora, CO

Fee: \$15 Members only

Contact: Jan Hallez 303.913.7346

See preview in this edition

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-Articles for *Soundoff*

-Assist at Club Hunts

-Cleanup after meetings

-Present a topic of interest to the club

Please contact a Club Officer or Board Member to get involved!



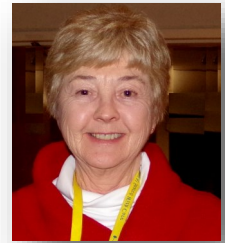
Eureka! 2019 Finds Of The Year

	Gold	Jewelry	Coin	Artifact	Token
January					
	14K Ring / Seal	925 Onyx Ring	1865 3¢ Nickel	Skeleton Keys	Golden Detectors
February					
	18K / Diamonds	925 Spring Coral Ring	1906 V Nickel	Military Combat Bdg.	
March					
	14K Wedding Ring	925 Class Ring	1884 Std Lbty Dime	Excelsior Shoe Co.	
April					
	14K Rubies/Diam.	925 Wedding Ring	1857 Half Dime	1894 Tx Rng. Reunion	5¢ in Trade
May					
	10K Class Ring	925 Hershey Pendant	1880 Indian Hd. Penny	44 Magnum Pistol	
June					
	14K White Gld/Diam.	925 Pendant w/Stone	1920 Half Dime	Silv. Plate Salt Shaker	Bunk & Drum Saloon
July					
	14K Bracelet / Diam.	Silver Ring / Quartz	1858 Fly. Eagle Cent	Cavalry Officer Button	2½¢ Saloon
August					
	10K Horse / Diamonds	18K Ring	1877 Seated Lib. Dime	Brass Knuckles	Johnny Nolan Saloon
September					
	14 K Ruby Ring	925 Amethyst & Diamonds	1727-60 Cu Half Penny	Victorean Lady's Face	Central Station Casino
October					
	18K Ruby & Diamonds	Egyptian 2 metals	1793 Flowing Hair Cent	Key to London	Menter Clothing Co.
November					
		Roman Brooch	1832 Large Cent	Civ. War Cavalry Pins	Massoni & Porta 5¢
December					
	Quartz/Gold Nuggets	925 Sapphire/Diamonds	1958 Roosevelt Dime	Shot Charger Spout	U.S. Capital Transit

Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club - January 2020

Secretary's Report

by
Nancy Faires



Eureka! THC Club Meeting
Lakewood, CO
December 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER 7:50 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday December 13th at the Clement Center, Lakewood, Colorado. The meeting was called to order by Chris Davis after everyone enjoyed some social time with desserts. There were approximately 65 members and guests present.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Eureka Board members



TREASURER'S REPORT – Linda K

Elections were discussed and the floor was open for nominations.

Board nominations from November: Roy Neys, Jeff Lubbert, Brian Henry and Kevin Llewellyn.

Ballots provided for voting during the break tonight.

REPORTS

Minelab Equinox 800 Detector ticket sales - \$5 each. Proceeds go to purchase silver for the club.

Coin Buyback – the club is buying silver dimes, gold coins, Buffalo nickels and war nickels. See Alan Bravo.

November Hunt – Turkey Hunt – Brian Henry November 17th Majestic View Park, Arvada, CO - 35 participants

Spyderco token was found by Chris Coates. He received a Spyderco knife from Boots Lewis.

December Hunt – Holiday Dinner Nancy Faires December 15th 3 Sons Italian Restaurant, Arvada

January Hunt – Metal Detecting Clinic Linda Kibler January 12th Clement Center 10 AM – 12 Noon No fee

February Hunt – Jan Hallez February 9th Dartmouth Park

December Food Drive – collecting non-perishable food items and /or personal items for our December 2019 Denver Food Bank food drive. The Club will add a cash donation. Thank you for your donations.

Food Drive drawing / silver round – Cindy Bockenstedt
Breakfast Club – December 21st

RUSH to the Rockies – June 26 – 28, 2020 Golden, CO

Tenacious Treasure Tracker (TTT) was found by Cindy Bockenstedt in O'Kane Park. She received \$100, a TTT trophy and a mug. This hunt is sponsored by Brian Henry.

Gene Kotlan Award: voting tonight for the fellow club member who has contributed the most for the good of the Club during the preceding year.

Garrett Memorial Hunt IV – March 27 – 29, 2020 Canton, TX



DRAWINGS

1881 O Morgan silver dollar – Roy Neys

1856 Large cent – Chuck Hedberg

1916 D Barber quarter – Chuck Hedberg

1865 2 Cent – Brian Henry

\$5 Silver certificate – Chuck Hedberg

1853 Seated liberty dime – Joe Johnston

1911 S Barber half dollar – Lorie Atencio

1898 Barber dime – John Olson

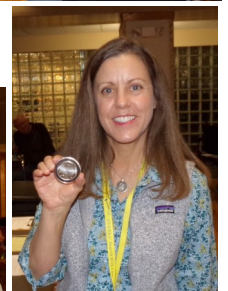
1877 S Seated liberty quarter – Ken Harmon

Dos Peso – Marcus Lieberman

1989 Proof set – Jeff Lubbert

1943 S Walking liberty half dollar – Glen Thompson

Holiday Coin – 1879 O Morgan – Win Faires



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50/50 – Cierra Thompson
Membership – Cierra Thompson
Second Chances:
Gloves – Brian Henry
Tesoro t-shirt – Mike Magee

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold – Jeff McClendon
Jewelry – Cindy Bockenstedt
Coin – Jeff Lubbert
Artifact – Jeff Lubbert
Token – Cindy Bockenstedt

Thank you to everyone who brought food,
and participated and donated tonight.
ADJOURN 9:11 PM



PREVIEW



DESTINATION: NORTH POLE...or is it SOUTH POLE?!?!

I think there may be one of each at the February Hunt!
Come join us on Sunday February 16th for this seeded hunt.
Lots of targets. Lots of fun.

It will take place at the Dartmouth Elementary School playground
3050 South Laredo Street, Aurora CO 80013 at 11:30am

\$15 per hunter to be paid before the end of the regular February meeting

Jan Hallez: 303.913.7346

About Soundoff

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Articles, letters and short items of interest on prospecting, detecting and treasure hunting topics are welcomed and encouraged. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing. Submittals for publication or correction of errors may be made by e-mail in ASCII text format or MS Word. All article submissions must be received by the editor no later than the deadline of the month (see calendar) for inclusion in the next month's issue. Include publication information on articles clipped from other publications. **Let's hear your story, ideas or tips - contact your **Soundoff** editor.**

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Eureka! is a Denver-based, Colorado nonprofit organization established in 1973 for the enjoyment of metal detecting, electronic prospecting and treasure hunting. Its purpose is to provide an educational and social forum of mutual benefit for members. Eureka! holds a monthly meeting and conducts various special presentations, hunts and seminars. Members have voting privileges. Membership includes access to all general meetings, selected seminars and outings. Annual dues run April to March and are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for Junior membership. Pro-rating of dues are done for new members joining the club after the April 1 dues date. Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado. Come early to socialize.

Next Club Meeting
Second Friday of January 2020
7:30 p.m. at the
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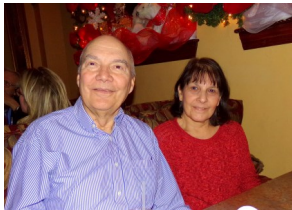
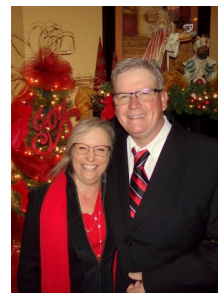
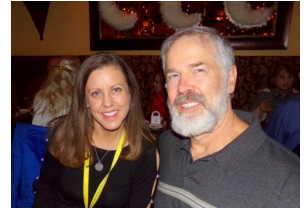
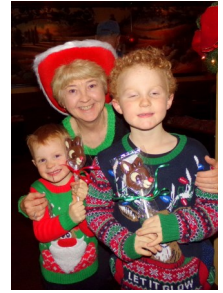
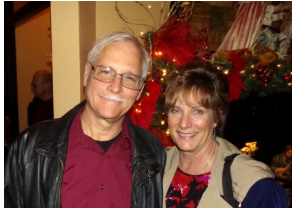
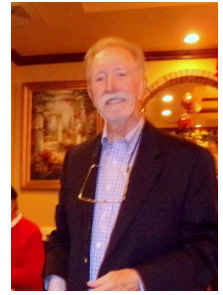
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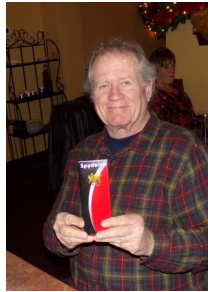


**Prize
Winners**



More prize winner photos follow

Holiday Dinner prize winner photos, continued



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