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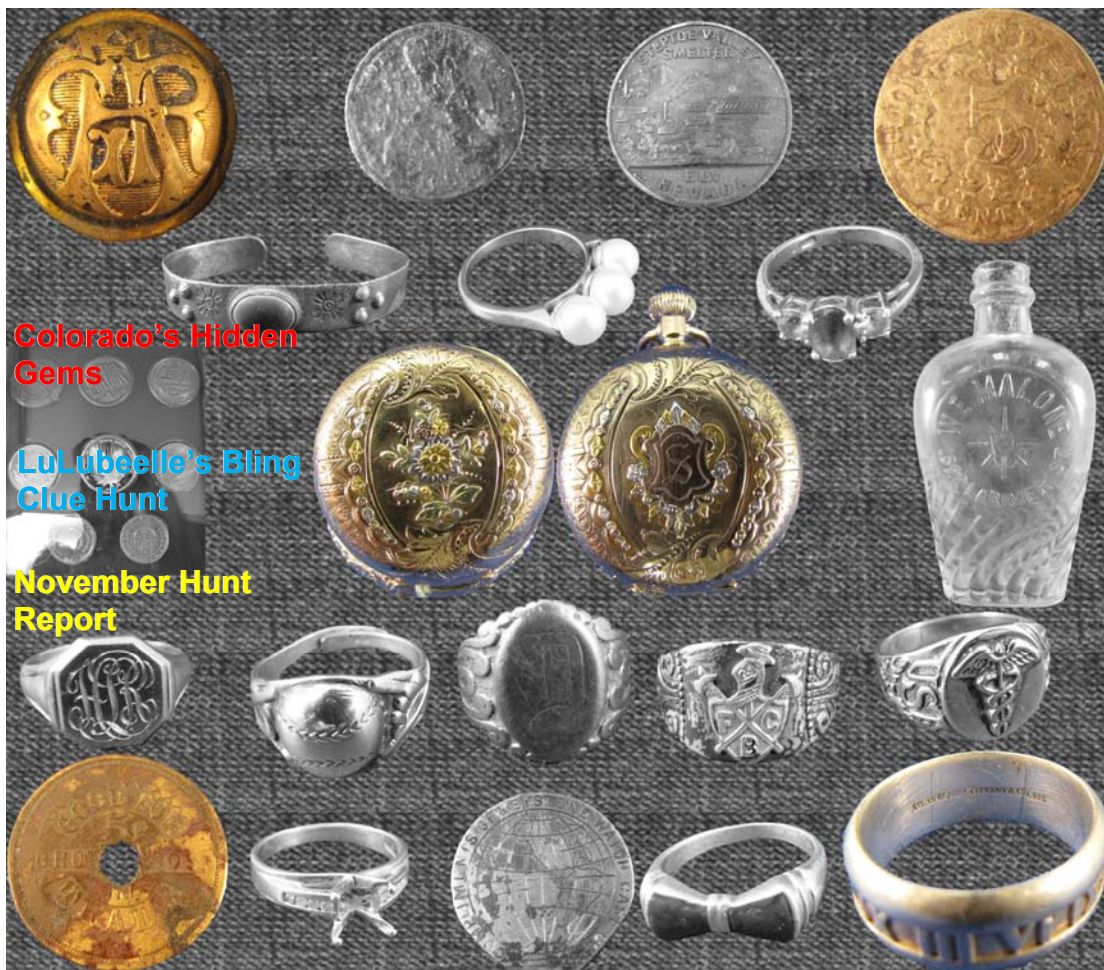
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## About Eureka!

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 a subscription to *Soundoff*, all general meetings and selected seminars. Annual dues are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for a Junior membership. Pro-rated dues may be paid by any member joining the club after the May 1 dues date. Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., on the second floor of the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado.

**Next Club Meeting**  
**2nd Friday, December 7:30 p.m.**  
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**Colorado**  
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## 2011 Food Drive and Hunt

Well of course it was a success. Twenty people amassed enough food to fill my wife's car trunk.

The food was much appreciated by the Jeff Co Action Center which like many places are heavily used and always nearly depleted. Thank you one and all!

And I have been told we had a pretty fun hunt. I put out 53 silver dimes and a hundred clad quarters in a 200 by 100 foot area along with a few goodies. Jim Parrott fond the Spider so get ready Boots he always comes to the meetings.

December we won't be having a hunt but in January maybe we should meet at the Denver Library for some research and fun. Get in touch with our intelligent side.

See you all at the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.





# Secretary's Report

November 11, 2011

**President Ron Erickson** called the November meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 47 members present and several guests, including **Brad Johnson**.

Thanks to everyone who brought food! **Mary Sable** and several other members brought treats. The December meeting is Dessert Night—all members are to bring a dessert.

The Club had a fun hunt at Harvard Gulch Park. Thanks to everyone who brought snacks to the hunt.

**Roy Neys** is working with HART (Historic Artifact Recovery Team) in Central City as the town has been putting in new sidewalks/pavement. There have been few great finds. The project isn't finished but could wrap up by the end of November.

**Ron Erickson** was the speaker at the November meeting. Ron covered how to clean targets recovered metal detecting.

Sheri Muehlbauer, Terry Weatherly, Harry Barcroft and Cindy Bockenstedt have been elected as board members.

On December 10, the Club will have a Christmas dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Denver. Each member will pay \$7, and the Club will pick up the rest. Contact Steve Montañó, (303) 460-8206, to learn details and to make a reservation.

We're always looking for articles and news for this newsletter. If you have anything to submit or any suggestions, contact Jeff Lubbert, [coindigr@hotmail.com](mailto:coindigr@hotmail.com).

The Club has made a large purchase of coins. Stay tuned for info about next spring's Moose Hunt.

Master Sgt. Lance Dreiling was present at the November meeting to receive a \$500 donation from Eureka! for Operation Warm Heart of the Buckley First Sergeants. This program provides support to personnel who are experiencing financial difficulty where no other resources are available.

## Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt

**Cindy Bockenstedt** found Lulu's Bling planted at Sloan's Lake.

## General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (1.1g)

Linda Kibler

Christmas Drawing (Silver Dollar)

Bernice Ortiz

## General Drawing

1846 Seated Quarter

Therese Curtin

1847 Large Cent

Ron Dinsmore

1925 Standing Liberty Quarter

Jim Parriott

1853 Seated Dime

Sheri Muehlbauer

1857 Flying Eagle Cent

Bob Flier

1907 V Nickel

Fran Espinosa

1901 Barber Half Dollar

Jim Parriott

1865 Barber Dime

Bernice Ortiz

Dos Peso

Boots Lewis

1897 Barber Dime

Jay Reed

## Last Chance Drawings

Colorado Headlines

Cindy Bockenstedt

## Membership Drawing

1864 2 cent

Marty Kletus

# The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson



Ho Ho Ho! Are you ready? I hope you made your reservation for the Christmas dinner. It should be lots of fun.

Our December meeting will be Show and Tell. We are opening up the Guest Speaker time to talk about your favorite finds. We are trying something new and hoping for success. We need you to bring in your finds and a story to tell about them. We hope to have a lot of good stories, so make your story concise and limited to 10 minutes or less. If we have no response it will be a slow meeting.

December is also dessert month so bring your sweet tooth and get a head start on raising your blood sugar for the holidays.

In January we are offering you an opportunity to either buy or sell. Bring in your hobby related items that you would like to sell or trade and it might just be the item someone else has been looking for.

If you have been Naughty or Nice I hope you enjoy the Holidays and stay safe.

Happy Hunting, Ron

## December is Show and Tell!



**No not that!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Bring in you Hobby related items and we will give you a short time to tell us about it or if you are shy just bring them to display.

Attention Big Foot users!

If you have used your Big Foot coil as hard and as long as I have you will someday need to replace or repair it.

Instead of shopping E-Bay for some sight unseen coil of doubtful providence get it repaired.

Call William Lahr at: 1-310-635-0869 and for the paltry sum of \$50.00 plus shipping and boxing it will be like or better than new.

# LuLubelle's Lost Bling

## Treasure Puzzle

A cryptogram is an encoded message. The code used is called a simple substitution cypher. This means that the message is encoded by replacing each character in the message with a letter of the alphabet. Every time a particular character occurs in the message, it is replaced with the same code letter. Word spacing and punctuation are not changed.

Some people like to solve cryptograms much like some people like to do crossword puzzles. The cryptogram is solved by looking for frequently used characters and clues provided by letter patterns and word spacing. Solve the cryptogram shown below, find LuLu's bling and bring it to the next regular Eureka! meeting to collect a prize.

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# Finds of the Month

## **GOLD - Dewayne Hilterbrand**

### ***14 kt. Pocket Watch***



Dewayne was searching Berkeley Park Lake with his V3i with his 6"X9" DD coil when found this 14kt. Pocket watch. The watch was 18" deep in the sand found while digging in the dried lake bed.

## **JEWELRY - Jeff Lubbert**

### ***Tiffany & Co. Sterling Ring***

Jeff was searching a sports complex with his V3i with 12" spider coil for a lost wedding band that was posted on



Craigslist. During the search he came across this ring 3" deep. The wedding band was found and returned the next day.

## **COIN - Cindy Bockenstedt**

### ***1866 Shield Nickel***

Cindy was searching Berkeley Park Lake with her MXT when she found this nickel. Digging down 18" through layers and layers of muck and sand she was rewarded with this nice find.



## **TOKEN - John Steel**

### ***Brohm Brothers 5 Cent in Trade***

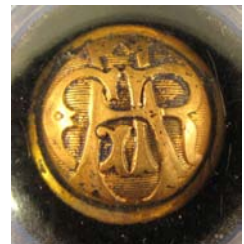
John was searching Berkeley Park Lake with his V3i with 6"X9" coil when he found this token.



## **ARTIFACT - Ron Erickson**

### ***GAR Button***

Ron was searching Berkeley Park Lake with his Shadow X2 when he found this nice button. Ron was digging the typical 18" - 24" down moving sand and muck when his X2 sounded off on the button.





## Eureka!'s December Birthdays

- Therese Curtin
- Tom Delgiorno
- Harold Harvey
- Sherry Muebauer
- Jon Mueller
- Joann Petrella
- Aubry Pharo
- Sandy Shafer
- Joseph Shubert
- Colter Rex
- Roy Ramond
- Steven Romies
- Tyler Romies



## TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
- I WILL fill all excavations.
- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.
- I WILL leave gates as found.
- I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.
- 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.



# January is Garage sale month



**Bring in your items and it might be just what some one is looking for. Tables will be set up with limited space.**



# December 2011

**Sun   Mon   Tue   Wed   Thu   Fri   Sat**

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# January 2012

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# Eureka! Treasure Hunters

## Membership Handbook Excerpts

### General Requirements of a Member

Members are required to abide by the Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics and By-laws of the club.

Members should attend as many meetings and outings as possible.

Members should be willing to serve on a committee if asked.

Members are encouraged to participate in events.

Members are encouraged to promote fellowship within the club, with other organizations of similar interests and with the community.

Members, if eligible, are encouraged to run for any elective office.

Members in violation of the Club's bylaws are subject to disciplinary action, as determined by the Executive Board.

### Board of Directors

1. Board members, along with the other officers of the Club, shall comprise an Executive Board which shall aid in Club policy-making decisions.

2. The Board of Directors shall represent the Club when dealing with community agencies or other Clubs with mutual interest.

3. The Board of Directors shall be an extension of the President and Vice-President.

4. The Board of Directors shall be called in on all special meetings called by the President.

### Board Meeting

1. Any Executive Board member who misses three (3) Board meetings in succession may be removed from that position at the discretion of the Board.

2. A special election may be held at the next general membership meeting to elect and fill any vacant position.

### Upcoming elections

We will be taking nominations for 4 seats on the Board of directors during the upcoming December meeting. By being a board member you can be on the front lines of what is going on with the club and affect the future direction of the club. Being a board member does not take a lot of time unless you wish to be more involved in the hobby. Just like anything else, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.



## Colorado's Hidden Gems

### By Linda Erickson

After visiting a local museum recently, I thought it might be interesting to do a column for the newsletter on some of Colorado's hidden gems (small museums, shops, etc.) that relate to our hobby. I can't promise a column every month, but thought when I come across some of these places, I would share them with you. This first hidden gem has to do with money and since we all like to find money, I thought it might fit the bill.

This past week provided me with a couple of days to get out downtown on my lunch hour and enjoy the nice weather. I had seen a big sign posted along the side of the Federal Reserve Bank advertising their Money Museum and I thought it would make a nice lunch hour adventure. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City – Denver Branch offers a unique and up-close look at the nation's financial system. After locating the entrance off of Curtis Street, I proceeded through the security check (photo ID required), through the small courtyard and into the bank. To the left of the desk in the entry you will find various informational displays. There is a small room where a short video presentation is shown explaining the Federal Reserve System, banking and the economy. Some of the highlights include viewing \$30 million dollars, examining historical currency, exploring the interactive displays, including one about counterfeit notes, and an area where you can design your own currency (fun for the younger crowd). Self guided visitors are welcome from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding bank holidays.



No reservations are necessary for the self-guided tour and all ages and groups sizes are accepted. If you are a teacher, they also offer guided tours for fifth grade level groups and above and there are additional resources for educators and students. Those tours are offered at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Visit [www.kansascityfed.org/moneymuseum](http://www.kansascityfed.org/moneymuseum) to find out specific information about booking a group tour. I was through the self-guided tour in half an hour so if you are downtown with some time to spare, check it out. The best part-- it's free, and they send you home with a bag of money. Be sure to pick it up on your way out.



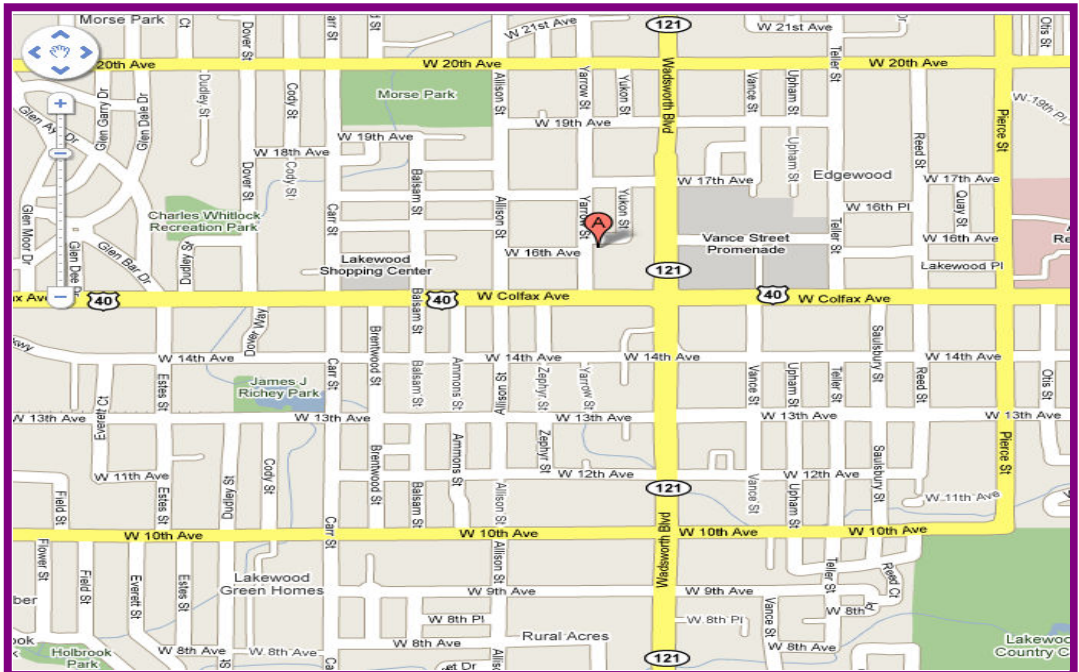
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# In-Town Hunt Schedule

If this sounds familiar, the rules regarding in-town hunts bear repeating. Again, I want to reiterate in-town hunt rules for those who seem to have missed the obvious by failing to read and follow the instructions the club has provided. We want you to put on hunts. They are designed 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 **MUST**:

- Schedule with the Huntmaster.
- Provide a plan.
- Provide flyers.
- Ensure the hunt rules are discussed **BEFORE** the hunt.
- Police the hunt.
- The hunt master for any particular hunt can decide open hunt (non-members may hunt) or members only.
- 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 head-phones.

3. Absolutely no tolerance of holes left open. A first warning, followed by a time-out or expulsion from the hunt, will usually get people's attention

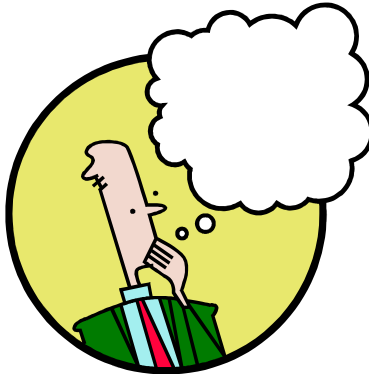
4. Hunters digging and leaving trash on the hunt field should receive the same treatment discussed above.

All hunts will need to be okayed by Huntmaster (Roy Neys) prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

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

**This space is just waiting  
for an article.**

**Yes, you can add to  
Soundoff!**





### GOLD CATEGORY

John Cornelisse.....	14 Kt Engagement Ring
Bill Abercrombie.....	Signet Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	FLR Ring
Mary Norden.....	FICB Ring
Dwayne Hicterbrand.....	14 kt. w/ 3 Pearls Ring
Dwayne Hicterbrand.....	Medical Corps Ring
Dwayne Hicterbrand.....	Baseball Ring
<b>Dwayne Hicterbrand.....</b>	<b>14 kt. Pocket Watch</b>

### JEWELRY CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Sterling Bracelet
Jay Reed.....	Silver Ring with Amethyst Stone
John Cornelisse.....	Silver Ring
<b>Jeff Lubbert.....</b>	<b>Tiffany &amp; Co. "Atlas" Sterling Ring</b>

### COIN CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt.....	1883 Seated Liberty Dime
<b>Cindy Bockenstedt.....</b>	<b>1866 Shield Nickel</b>

### Token Category

Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Colorado 2 Cent Tax Token
<b>John Steele.....</b>	<b>Brohm Bros. Good For 5 Cents</b>

### ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Whiskey Bottle
Dwayne Hicterbrand.....	1905 Ely Hat Pin
John Steele.....	1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition Souvenir
Jim Durkee.....	Assortment of Medallions
Ron Erickson.....	<b>Grand Army of the Republic Button</b>

### FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

**Gold:** Natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item

**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 (includes GOLD coins of any nation).

**Token:** a piece resembling a coin issued as money by some person or body not of a governmental authority; can be redeemed for services or specified items.

**Artifact:** simple object showing human workmanship or modification

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