

Guidelines for Find of the Month Contest

Club members participating may enter one item found since the previous month's meeting into each category for the Find of the Month contest.

The categories for items are:

Display

Foreign Coin

Token

Ring

Jewelry

Artifact

Button

Wild Card

Oldest US Coin

Most Valuable US Coin

Rules for submission in these categories to be listed below.

Members will submit each item along with a corresponding sheet listing the category and description of each item. This sheet will be included in the newsletter. Entries into the Most Valuable US coin will need to be looked up by the submitting member in the "Red Book" and entries will be judged by the G4 value. If there is no G4 value, silver coins will be judged on 10 times the face value of the coin. A copy of the current Red Book will be available at each meeting.

Judging:

Judging will be done by members and visitors marking one vote on the item they believe to be the best in the category, excepting Oldest US Coin and Most Valuable US Coin. One winner will be chosen in each category except for a tie situation, in which both winners will be chosen. There will be no cumulative points for the calendar year. Category winners will be posted in the newsletter.

Find of the Month Rules

Foreign Coin - a foreign, legal tender coin

Token - a trade coin good for some value in a trade (may include good luck tokens, president tokens, etc.)

Rings – any metal ring

Jewelry – any other metal jewelry type, including cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medals, medallions, charms, etc.

Artifact – man-made object, either metal or non-metal

Button – metal clothing fastener type button or snaps only (does not include advertising pin type)

Wild Card - anything

Oldest U.S. Coin - U.S. legal tender coin, including cents, dimes, nickels etc.

Most Valuable U.S. Coin – value based on G4 value in the **current red book**. (Available to check at the meeting). (coins will not be graded but must have G4 value greater than face (or silver/gold value). If there is no G4 value for the coin, it will be valued at 10 times the face value. Cent (before 1943), Nickel (war, buffalo and older), Dime (before 1965/silver), Quarter (before 1965/silver), Half (before 1971/silver), Dollar (before 1936/silver).

Display – Items found since last FOM and separate from items above. They do not need to be in a display case, but need to be contained (not arranged on the table).

1. Entries must be items you have found since the last monthly Find of the Month.
2. You do not have to be present to enter the FOM competition. You may arrange to have your finds brought to the meeting by someone else.
3. Only one item can be entered in each category unless the items were found and must remain together to make the entry complete. For example a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item unless they are fused together.
4. In certain instances, a photo of the find may be entered – i.e. you find an item of historical significance which needs to be given to a historical group, owner of the property etc.
5. 3x5 card with description of find allowed