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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- DEC. 12 - MEMBERS ONLY HOLIDAY PARTY
- MARCH 13- 23RD ANNUAL TCAS BENEFIT HUNT

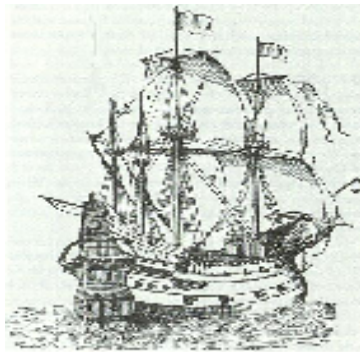
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## Time for Turkey!!

Where has the time gone. Another year is almost approaching and it is time for all contests to come to an end. Starting with the Molasses Raffle., it is time to find out who is the winner of a new detector kit. Good luck to all! The Master Hunter Award will be

awarded soon so I hope everyone is hitting the beach hard.



Good luck to all the participants! Also don't forget about the

holiday party the 12th of December. It is going to be a blast. Well for now, Happy Holidays and see you next issue.

Happy hunting,  
Amy Hart

## Treasure Hunter's Code of Conduct

**Source: South Florida Treasure Hunters Club**

1. We will respect the rights of others
2. We will fill in all holes.
3. We will not deface property.
4. We will not trespass.
5. We will return lost items, if possible.
6. We will support our local Police Department
7. We will dispose of all trash.
8. We will report the discovery of all items of significant historical value to a local accredited historian.
9. We will be a credit to our Club, Community

# Panning for Gold Gets Popular

NORTH CAROLINA - Ashley Michalak and Nate Neitz are dipping pans of dirt into a long wooden trough on a hot summer day. But these aren't ordinary pans, and it's not ordinary dirt.

They're gold pans, and the dirt — they hope — is pay dirt. The two cousins are panning for gold at the Cotton Patch Gold Mine in New London, N.C., in the heart of the nation's oldest gold-mining country. "It's cool. You never know what you're going to find," said Nate, 12.

Ashley, 11, has found two small pieces of gold, about the size of a pencil tip. By the end of the day, the two will bring home 10 small flakes of gold in tiny plastic bottles.

Bob Michalak, their grandfather, brought them to the gold fields just to have fun hunting treasure on a hot summer day. But the nation's shaky economy has sent gold rocketing to close to \$1,000 an ounce, as investors spurn greenbacks for the yellow metal — which, they figure, will always be worth something.

Down the road from the Cotton Patch Gold Mine, in Midland, N.C., is the Reed Gold Mine, site of the nation's first fit of gold fever. In 1799, Conrad Reed, 12-year-old son of farmer John Reed, discovered an unusually heavy 17-pound rock, which his father used as a doorstep until selling it for the rock-bottom price of \$3.50 a few years later. (It was worth \$3,600 then, or about \$193,000 at today's gold prices.)

Today, John Reed's gold mine is a state park and, after more than 200 years of mining, it still yields some gold. That brings 300 to 500 people a day to look at the underground galleries and pan for gold. Workers bring the gold-bearing dirt from the nearby creek, and the park charges \$2 a pan.

"You get a piece of gold in every six or seven pans," said park interpreter Michael Scott. "Nobody's getting rich."

But Cathryn Struck, 8, struck gold at the park's panning site. "I found one tiny little thing of it, a little fleck," Cathryn said. "That was awesome."

It's not just kids panning for gold in North Carolina gold country. John Burns, 64, comes to the Cotton Patch mine nearly every weekend, when he's not searching for gold elsewhere. A Vietnam veteran and retired plumber, Burns wanted something to do — and the money wasn't such a bad thing, either. "There aren't many hobbies that pay you back," Burns said.

## Table Winners and FOM

**Rings: Tom Burkett**

**Jewelry: Mark Holshoe**

**Group Coin: Mark Holshoe**

**Miscellaneous: Howard Howell**

**Artifacts: None**

**Single coin: Tom Burkett**

**Fossils: None**

**FOM: Mark Holshoe for Jewelry**

## Tips From the Pros

I'm 61-years-old. When I was 15 or 16, I lived in Highland Park, California. There was a lot of rain – more than any time I could remember. On the news there was a (report that a) restaurant broke apart and part of it slid down the hill near Highland Park on the old Pasadena Freeway. What caught my eye (was that) the restaurant owner brought in a man with a deep seeking metal detector.

They were looking for was a safe that contained \$10,000 the restaurant had intended to deposit. As far as I know, the safe was never

recovered; it must be under a ton of dirt, but there have been some heavy rains over the years and (they) might have washed some of the dirt away.

Where the...restaurant landed is on county property.

Maybe some hunter will find this treasure.

**James McGee**



## Treasure Coast Archeological Society

Guests are always welcome!

Meetings are held at North Indian  
River County Library on SR512 in  
Sebastian, FL.

The first Wednesday of every  
month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

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## The Last Word

**Have something to share with the club? Let us know! This is your paper. Tell the world about your first find. What machine do you use? Have any advice for beginners?**

**Send an e-mail to [Fun103@aol.com](mailto:Fun103@aol.com). Make sure that your name is on the article so we know who to give credit to. Hope to hear from everyone soon.**

**Dead detectors tell no tails.**





**Party Time!**

**Are you ready?**

**December 12, 2009**

**3:00pm**

**At**

**Carraba's Italian Grill**

**In**

**Palm Bay**

**(1575 Palm Bay Road)**

**Don't forget about the  
gift exchange (\$20 Limit).**

**See you there!**