

Rocky Mountain Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Club

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Find of the Month/Year Award Program

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1. There are presently nine defined categories:
 - Oldest Coin (by date, which **MUST** be visible; coins with no visible date may be submitted into a Most Unique Find category)
 - Most Valuable Coin (all entries rates as good or G-4 in coin guide)
 - Largest Raw Gold (single nugget by weight)
 - Most Raw Gold (by total weight)
 - Best Jewelry (popular vote)
 - Best Bottle: Complete bottle but may be chipped or cracked (popular vote)
 - Most Unique Find – Non-Excavated (includes Tokens and by popular vote)
 - Tokens (popular vote)
 - Best Rock, Gem, Mineral or Fossil (popular vote)
2. Categories may be added by member submittal and majority vote of the membership.
3. One item may be entered per category per meeting by each member.
4. Items submitted must have been ***found*** since the last monthly meeting unless prior special approval is given by the Board of Directors. Only ***found*** items may be submitted.
5. Each find must be entered into category in which it is best defined. (i.e., coin in coin, jewelry in jewelry, etc. - example: a coin ring is a ring)
6. Finds of the Month and Finds of the Year will be voted upon by attending members at the monthly meeting. Find must be present at time of voting so it can be viewed by voting members. ***Photographs or drawings will not be eligible***
7. Finds of the Year will be determined from Find of the Month winning entries, ***which must again be resubmitted at the December meeting for popular vote.***
8. Find of the Year Awards will be made at the following January meeting. There will be no Find of the Month program in December.
9. Only dues paid members in good standing are eligible to enter items or to vote on submitted items.
10. Items obtained by illegally trespassing or dangerous items such as live explosive munitions or projectiles or items illegal to possess may not be brought to meetings or entered in any category.
11. All items must be entered in the name of the actual finder. In the event of family membership, each family member is eligible to participate.
12. Members submitting items for vote must be present to qualify.
13. Members wishing to enter finds must register at the beginning of each monthly meeting with the program coordinator(s). Submitted item must then be placed in area designated with items of same category (coin with coins, etc.) for display and voting during the meeting.
14. Only one item from each category will be identified as monthly winner at each meeting.
15. In the event of a tie vote there must be a vote-off until the tie is broken at that meeting.
16. Each winning entrant will receive one (1) free door prize ticket.

Note: The Find of the Month/Year Program is intended to be a fun and educational event rather than solely competition. Have fun and good luck!