**Valuing Your Finds**

Find out as much as you can about the object

* Examine closely. Look for condition, identifying marks, dates, maker etc.
* Test item – i.e. diamonds, gold etc.
* Weigh item, if appropriate

Look at resources to help you determine value range

* Internet searches – Ebay, Coin sites, Jewelry sites etc
* Coin Books, (Red Book of Coins, Blue Book of Coins) Books on Artifacts
* Professional Appraisers

Values – to Buy or Sell

* Difference in what it would cost to BUY the item vs. what you might SELL it for
* Condition is a factor
* Is item rare; in demand?
* Look at Red Coin Book and Blue Coin book for coins
* Value to YOU (sentimental, need, something you just like!)

Selling Finds

Shop around so you can get good price

* Ebay
* Craig’s List
* Neighborhood Sale sites
* Hobby Clubs