



A treasure chest hidden in the Rocky Mountains for a decade has finally been found

The adventure has finally come to an end. The treasure has been found. Forrest Fenn, the 89-year-old art and antiquities collector who created the treasure hunt, made the announcement Sunday on his website. "It was under a canopy of stars in the lush, forested vegetation of the Rocky Mountains and had not moved from the spot where I hid it more than 10 years ago," Fenn wrote in his announcement. "I do not know the person who found it, but the poem in my book led him to the precise spot." the treasure was found a few days ago by a man who did not want to be named, Fenn told the Santa Fe New Mexican. He noted, however, that the man was from "back East" and that he confirmed his discovery by sending Fenn a photograph of his newfound riches.

The treasure, estimated to be worth over \$1 million, was a way for Fenn to inspire people to explore nature and give hope to people affected by the Great Recession, he said. A sheriff warns searchers to respect the land as 2 people have died hunting for treasure in the Rocky Mountains.

Clues leading to the treasure's location were included in a 24-line poem published in Fenn's 2010 autobiography "The Thrill of the Chase." Fenn estimated that as many as 350,000 people from all over the world went hunting for the treasure, according to the New Mexican. Some quit their jobs to fully dedicate their lives to the hunt and some even died. "I congratulate the thousands of people who participated in the search and hope they will continue to be drawn by the promise of other discoveries," Fenn said on his website.



YAVNE, Israel — A group of teens in Israel made an amazing discovery.

The teens were volunteering at an excavation in central Israel that is going to be developed for a new neighborhood. "I dug in the ground. And when I excavated the soil, saw what looked like very thin leaves. When I looked again I saw these were gold coins. It was really exciting to find such a special and ancient treasure," Oz Cohen, one of the teens who found the treasure

Israeli archaeologist Shahar Krispin displays a gold coin that was discovered at an archeological site in central Israel, Tuesday, Aug 18, 2020. Israeli archaeologists have announced the discovery of a trove of early Islamic gold coins during recent salvage excavations near the central city of Yavn Tel Aviv. The collection of 425 complete gold coins, most dating to the Abbasid period around 1,100 years ago, is a "extremely rare" find. (Heidi Levine/AP)

They weighed about 30 ounces and were worth a large sum when they were buried in a jar.

"The person who buried this treasure 1,100 years ago must have expected to retrieve it, and even secured the vessel with a nail so that it would not move,"



The medieval gold coin hidden in a secret drawer
Courtesy Hansons Auctioneers

A woman from Derbyshire, England had an incredible surprise in February, when she took this George II-style writing bureau she'd inherited from a distant cousin into Hansons Auctioneers for valuation. While checking the piece of furniture, valuer Edward Rycroft found a tiny secret drawer the woman had no idea existed.

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PA On closer inspection, the drawer was found to contain a beautiful Raymond IV Prince of Orange Franc, a "pied" (very thick) 22-carat gold coin dating from 1365. The coin went on to sell for \$1,025 (£850), fetching almost four times more than the bureau in which it was found.



A rare 1794 silver dollar believed to be one of the first — if not the first — to be struck by the US Mint is going up for sale. Dubbed the "Flowing Hair" dollar, the coin features a portrait of Lady Liberty on one side and an eagle on the other. The last time it was up for auction, in 2013, it sold for \$10 million -- surpassing the world record for the most ever paid for a rare coin.

"This is a dream coin -- a priceless artifact that I have been proud to own, and I'm very sorry to see it go," Bruce Morelan, who owns the rare 1794 silver dollar, told CNN.

Morelan, a collector who is putting an assortment of historic coins valued at about \$20 million up for auction alongside the silver dollar, added that, "It's time to move on to other challenges and I hope that the new owner of the coin treasures it just as much as I have."

Over 200 years ago when the United States was a fledgling nation eager to cement its independence, Congress passed the Coinage Act of 1792, which established the country's first national mint. The US Mint, a bureau of the Department of the Treasury responsible for producing coinage for the United States, was established in Philadelphia. It was housed in the first federal building erected under the Constitution.

"The Constitution had specified that the dollar was going to be the cornerstone of the US monetary system," Douglas Mudd, the curator and director of the American Numismatic Association's Money Museum, told CNN.

After assembling the equipment and preparing the coin dies, the Philadelphia Mint started production of the silver dollar in October 1794, when 1,758 coins sporting the Flowing Hair design were struck in one day, according to the National Museum of American History.

The coins were not meant for the general public, but were taken to Mint Director David Rittenhouse for distribution to dignitaries as souvenirs.



(Left) A gardener at the Ricci Oddi modern art gallery was stunned when he opened a metal panel on the back of the museum building, obscured by ivy vines, to discover a Gustav Klimt painting hidden inside. The work, *Portrait of a Lady*, was stolen back in 1997, its mysterious disappearance giving rise to all manner of conspiracy theories. Currently valued at €60 million (\$66 million), the canvas may or may not have been on the premises the whole time.