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A MAN AND A METAL DETECTOR: IN SEARCH OF BRISTOL HILLS' BURIED TREASURE

Thanks to a single half-dollar coin, Joe Miller has sunk untold hours – and quite a bit more hard currency than 50 cents – into his metal-detecting hobby. Miller will reveal some of the buried treasure he has found on local historic sites in a free public lecture with tips on how to catch the metal-detecting bug.

Miller, a Naples native now living with his family in Honeoye, will give his talk on Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the South Bristol Town Hall, 6500 Gannett Hill Road, Naples. The event, sponsored by the Bristol Hills Historical Society, is open to the public and free.

Miller, a small-business owner, scoutmaster and outdoorsman, has long been interested in learning about local history. As a young man, he and his father spent many days digging up vintage glass bottles and rummaging through flea markets. He came to treasure hunting and collecting when a friend introduced him to it. "One 1875 half dollar later, I was completely hooked," Miller said. "I could hardly wait to see what else is out there, just waiting in the dirt, ready to be discovered."

In his presentation, Miller will display some of his local finds and discuss what we might learn from them. He will also give a basic overview of metal detecting equipment and accessories and take questions from the audience.

The Bristol Hills Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was formed in 2020 through the merger of the historical societies of Bristol and South Bristol, N.Y. It cares for two of the region's most distinctive historic buildings, the 1923 Grange Hall in Bristol Springs, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and the 1846 Methodist Episcopal Church in Bristol Center. The society's website at bristolhillshistory.org and Facebook page at facebook.com/bhhistorical provide calendars of upcoming history presentations and other events, articles on local history, and a convenient way to become an annual donor at levels starting at \$15 for individuals and \$30 for families.

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ATTACHED: Photo of Joe Miller and his gear

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