

Ohio Valley Refinery Arrives Tomorrow in Owego for a 5 Day Event!

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Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box or lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins you should be according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are setting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Miller.

Starting Tuesday at 9am and every day through Saturday, the Ohio Valley Refinery will be setting up a satellite refinery right here in Owego at the **Owego Treadway Inn & Conference Center**. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and next week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically, selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops, and laboratories," says Miller. "We are changing how business is done," he explains. "We want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets. Our teams visits various cities around the country hosting 5 day events allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. The turnout has been overwhelming," says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed by what an old ring or gold coin is worth that they go home and start digging around for more and tell relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand starting Tuesday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay."

During this special event anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include: all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces and dental gold. We also buy coins dated 1964 and before including: Silver Dollars, halves, quarters and dimes. Anything marked "sterling" is accepted including: flat ware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if its gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested

and sorted. This only takes a few minutes using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour so bring something to read.

If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer, you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. You can call our venue to make an appointment at **(607) 687-4500**.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Tuesday from 9am-6pm. The event continues every day through Saturday. No appointment is needed.

If you go:

WHO: Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery Reclamation Drive

WHAT: Open to public to sell gold and silver.

WHEN: January 4th - 8th

WHERE: Owego Treadway Inn & Conference Center
1100 New York 17C
Owego, NY 13827

TIMES: TUESDAY-FRIDAY
9:00am - 6:00pm
SATURDAY
9:00am - 4:00pm

SHOW INFO: (217) 523-4225

Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Owego with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!

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Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Tuesday and continuing through Saturday, the International Collectors Association, in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery, will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. According to collectors I talked with, the better the grade the more they are worth. With the current silver and gold markets, prices are up for older coins too. Any coins minted in 1964 and before in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now. Even well worn and heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washington quarters and Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times their face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. "This country didn't start minting coins until 1792," says Eades. "Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change."

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933, Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including: foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

Items we will accept include:

Scrap Jewelry • Dental Gold
Sterling Silverware
Sterling Silver Tea Sets
Silver Dollars • Industrial Scrap
All Coins Dated 1964 & Earlier
All forms of Platinum

Items of Interest:

Vintage Guitars:

Martin, Gibson, Fender, National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, Mandolins, Banjos and others

Pocket Watches:

Hamilton, Illinois, Waltham, Patek Phillippe, Ball, Howard, South Bend, Elgin and others

Wrist watches:

Omega, Accutron, Longines, Hamilton, Breitling and many more

Old paper money:

United States, Confederate States, Blanket Bills, \$1000.00 bills and more

Antique Toys:

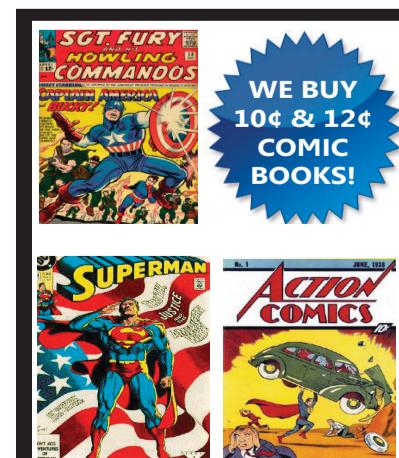
Trains, Tin wind-ups, Mechanical Banks, Robots, Pressed Steel trucks, and many more

War Memorabilia:

Swords, Bayonets, Helmets, German, Confederate, Union, USA, and others

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.

We Buy
All Pre-1934
Currency



Local Residents are ready to cash in!

International antique buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!

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Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see left) along with coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week at the **Owego Treadway Inn & Conference Center** paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company explained that these collectors are paying collector price for vintage items. It's a great way for people to get a great value for their items.



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