

Hidden Treasures?

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Hundreds of people attended the Great Canadian Roadshow, a travelling antiques and collectibles market, last week at the Battery Hotel and Suites in St. John's. Hundreds of coins and pieces of jewelry were looked over by the roadshow's appraisers and thousands of dollars were paid out

to people who wished to sell their items. But not everyone brought coins. Some of the more unique items purchased were a German officer's dress sword and a steam powered toy locomotive.

One very unique piece was a wooden African carving, but nobody seemed to know if it was

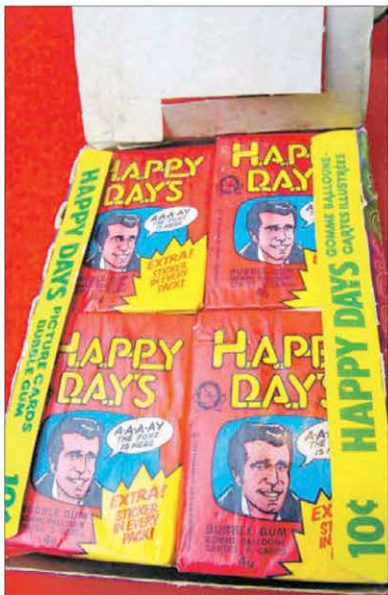
worth anything.

Some of the proceeds from sales were voluntarily donated to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation by the sellers with matching donations from the road show.

This visit to St. John's has been so successful the show will stay an extra week until this Saturday.



(Above) One of the roadshow's appraisers uses a loupe to examine some gold jewelry. (Top right) Appraiser Krista Downey takes some photos of a wood carving at the roadshow. The carving was caught in a fisherman's net in Placentia Bay about 30 years ago. This was one of the most unique pieces brought in to be appraised. No one at the road show was able to determine if it had any value, but they sent information about it to other appraisers.



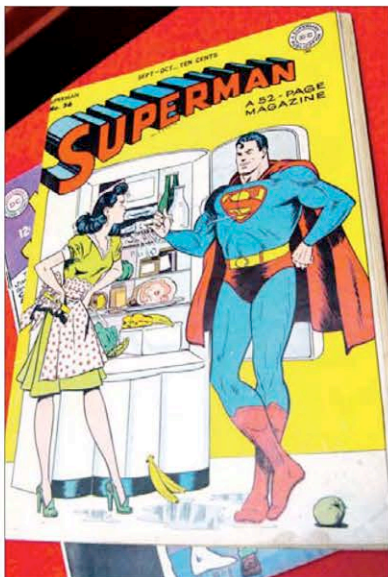
This box of Happy Days bubble gum picture cards sold for \$250 at the road show.



These two Newfoundland Volunteer Service medals from the Second World War sold for \$250 each at the road show.



Many people bring in coin collections to have them appraised but many of them also do not sell them at the Great Canadian Roadshow at the Battery Hotel and Suites.



This Superman comic book is one of the items that was bought at the Great Canadian Road Show.



A German officer's dress sword (on top) and an Australian bayonet are just two of the items brought to the Great Canadian Roadshow at the Battery Hotel and Suites.



Appraiser Addison White (right) checks for collectors who might be interested in a steam powered toy locomotive that sisters Liz Kennedy (left) and Barb O'Keefe brought to the road show.