

Here are the top five professions that can make a person wealthy, but not necessarily through hard work, good investments or smart savings, but by finding buried treasure or long forgotten military or social relics or highly collectible cultural artifacts left behind by history. There are plenty of careers out there that can make skilled practitioners rich, but in some professions you could quite literally find buried treasure. The following five vocations are far more likely to strike upon something valuable than the rest of us working stiffs, because their jobs take them to strange places every single day. Indeed their careers are prone to come to an abrupt end one afternoon, the day they suddenly strike it rich beyond belief!

### **Estate Appraiser is a Treasure Hunter on a Leash**



The estate appraiser is a treasure hunter for hire. He or she gets paid to scrutinize someone's holdings before the auctioneer or any potential buyers are contacted, or offered any deals. The estate appraiser scours such properties for undocumented finds, and gives known antiquities an up-to-date dollar value. These folks trade on their own good names, that they've spent their lifetime making, and their business reputations secure their authority in these matters.. So of course they cannot steal, abscond or misreport what they find to their clients, or they may never work again or get access to the best houses and oldest families in their areas. One bad story could ruin these people just as easily as one good haul could make them rich. The best estate appraisers are usually also auctioneers or professional

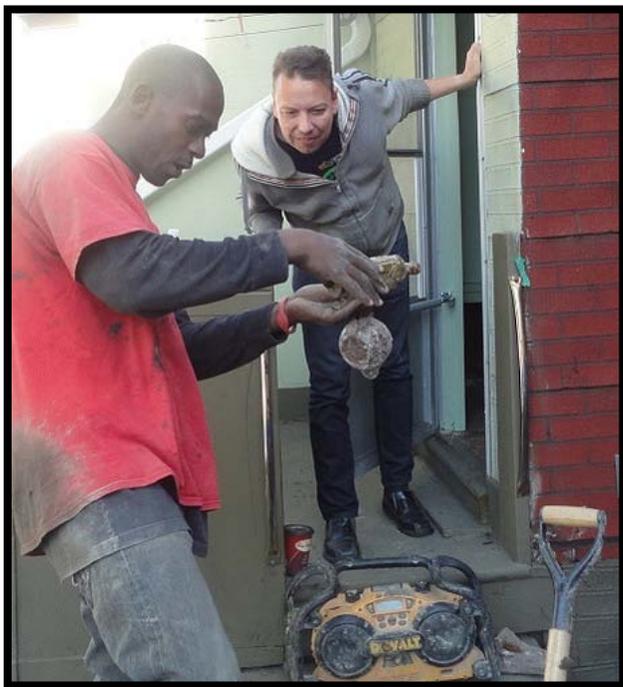
historians that maintain their own collections, because whether they've been classically trained or not, these individuals must understand the various prices and markets for commodities at a minimum, and then know some history to be able to put the artifacts in context. Big picture experts know a little bit about everything and of course they know what is collectible and what isn't – for example, so many Canadian seniors believe their china cups and silver cutlery to be among their greatest assets, but in fact these items are not coveted in shops anymore and are falling out of fashion, and falling in value. The old tin signs in their garage however are hot right now, and that box of gaudy vintage costume jewelry that was almost sent out with the garbage contains Sherman earrings, and a brooch designed by Gustavo Trifari when he first partnered with Leo Kraussman in 1918 ... Marshall Gummer is probably Canada's best appraiser and his face is highly recognizable on news channels and radio and TV. He has done hundreds of interviews and discusses how he finds rare items that are right under people's noses in their own homes.

## Basement Waterproofing Contractor Digs Most Common Hiding Holes For Treasure

Changing weather patterns have dried up certain parts of the Americas, and flooded other areas. People that were once dry as a bone now have wet basements every spring and fall. Right up until the 1970s era, home builders didn't really have the technology or available products to offer an effective basement waterproofing solution. They did some damp proofing and would parge older foundation walls; men were paid to trench around buried concrete walls and then apply a cementitious or polymeric mortar.

Victorian era landscape architects used to make suitable trenches on hillsides to divert the spring melt as necessary, but today however the accepted practice is to dig trenches and drain the cement walls from the outside using specially perforated plastic pipe that has capacity to rapidly drain the water away from the walls. The basement waterproofing contractor has a hard job that is filled with back breaking labour because he or she is usually digging so close to the walls of the structure the work really cannot be mechanized

to any great extent. However this discomfort is quite often remedied by numerous discoveries of coins and bottles and many other valuable things. Coins are commonly found when digging foundation walls at the sides of houses and barns. That's because the wall has been there for a long time and it has always been handy for leaning against or even sitting up against in any season, and inverted pockets dump coins. Ask any archeologists and they will tell you that they find coins on both sides of any wall with equal frequency. Bottles are uncovered in privy pits dug below latrines which once existed up against the side of the house. Before there was indoor plumbing, whole families used outdoor facilities and these holes were the most commonly used receptacle for nonburnable refuse like old bottles, broken porcelain dolls, tools and stoneware crocks. The pictures included here show a Toronto basement waterproofing team uncovering bottles buried in a privy pit last century and uncovered that afternoon to everyone delight and profit - the bottles were sold to an



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antique dealer from the neighbourhood who paid handsomely for the glass bottles and gave everyone free drinks that afternoon and evening in his own backyard .

### **Home Inspector is a likely Treasure Hunter**



This architectural sleuth is generally hired by homeowners to rummage around century old buildings and look for flaws of every description, but that doesn't mean the detective can't also keep an eye out for booty. This vocation is perfectly suited to folks who like to explore old houses looking for secret compartments and hidden stashes of ill gotten gains. . Although morally obligated to report what they find to the home owner, they are commonly included in the payout by museums or private collectors. Good property inspectors identify collectible glass insulators at a distance, know the value of vintage pine barn boards and how to protect against theft in both cases.

When trekking through old buildings, they might pry back the old trim on the wall to find Indian Head pennies minted from 1859 – 1909 and still very valuable even in their oxidized condition. Please note: You cannot increase a coin's value by cleaning it. In fact, cleaned coins are worth considerably less money and coin dealers can easily spot a cleaned coin, so don't even try to clean your coins. Exploring above the window sills they might encounter liniment bottles or poison bottles or medicines and consumer packaging from the early 1900s which is highly collectible today that was put out of reach and forgotten about by someone concerned for someone else so many years ago

### **Commercial Divers Can Search for Treasure Under Water**

Out in the ocean, or under the lakes and rivers inland there are lots of industries with specialized equipment that requires commercial divers to build and maintain the infrastructure. It can cost approximately \$20,000 to get your certification, however it is quickly earned back. and with over 4000 oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico alone, there is plenty of work in that one legendary treasure filled area of the world. Many specialized divers search for booty all over the continent just by working for marine service companies doing painting, welding, surveying, cutting, drilling and blasting through rock, installing, inspecting, repairing and removing things underwater. There is plenty off time to do wreck diving while installing and maintaining pipelines. When offshore divers fill international contract positions they can often use company equipment with impunity and harness high tech devices to search for plunder. They may be away from the USA for up to six weeks and have to hide what they find from authorities until it can be smuggled home. Inland or coastal divers work in a more local settings, but have the advantage of local gossips and resources to help find sunken wrecks and lost opportunities.

**Backhoe Operator, Professional Excavator**

The guy who owns and operates his own backhoe and who gets called to dig residential swimming pools and lift septic tanks and excavate land for geothermal systems is far more likely to find buried treasure than another other profession. He has a steam shovel ! And he's looking in the ground that's been underfoot but yet hidden to every other human on the planet for hundreds of years. In fact there are a great many backhoe operators with big houses and special rooms dedicated to the exhibition of beautiful historic objects they have found while on the job. Dumpdiggers chronicles one such owner operator in a blog piece entitled



Acquiring Antique Glass Bottles from Excavators in Toronto Lake Shore Construction Sites who was paid to dig up a parking lot and found a beautiful early torpedo soda bottle worth several thousand dollars in and there are several other related blog posts in which Rob Campbell (thats me) the author of Dumpdiggers talks about and how easy it is to make deals with the individual workers at the gate in the fence. Post by Robert Campbell on Mar 16, 2013