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## **Could There Be Gold In My Backyard?**

**February 9, 2015, Monroe, NC** - Union West Regional Library in Indian Trail will feature the program *GOLD! The History of Mines in Union County* on Sunday Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Mike Musselwhite will share his expertise and lifetime research regarding facts and myths surrounding Union County gold mines. Attendees are invited to review maps, identify county mine locations, and learn about additional resources on local mining.

Gold was last mined in this region back in the 1940's and many local residents know where gold mines are located throughout Union County. With the price of gold increasing, discovering gold has once again become a topic of discussion for those familiar with Union County's mining past.

According to North Carolina Historic Sites, "The estimated value of gold recovered reached over a million dollars a year. North Carolina led the nation in gold production until 1848, when it was eclipsed by the great rush to California."

Come find out if there could still be gold in your backyard. This program is intended to be informative for anyone interested in the history of Union County gold mines.

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