



NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors
Atlanta Chapter 24
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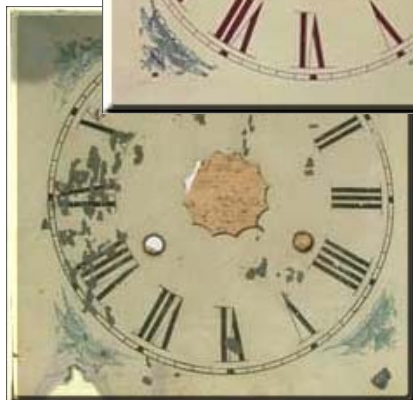
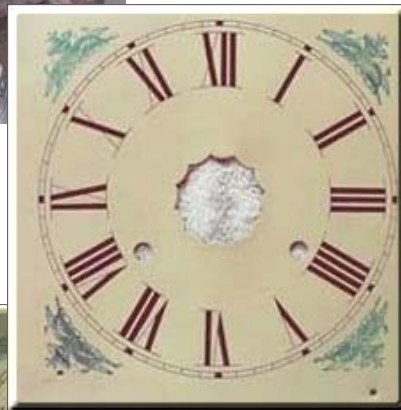
Clock Dial Restoration

Clock dial examples and restoration was the feature topic of our February meeting presented by our own Kathi Edwards. Kathi gave the club a fascinating PowerPoint presentation which consisted of some of the designs found on

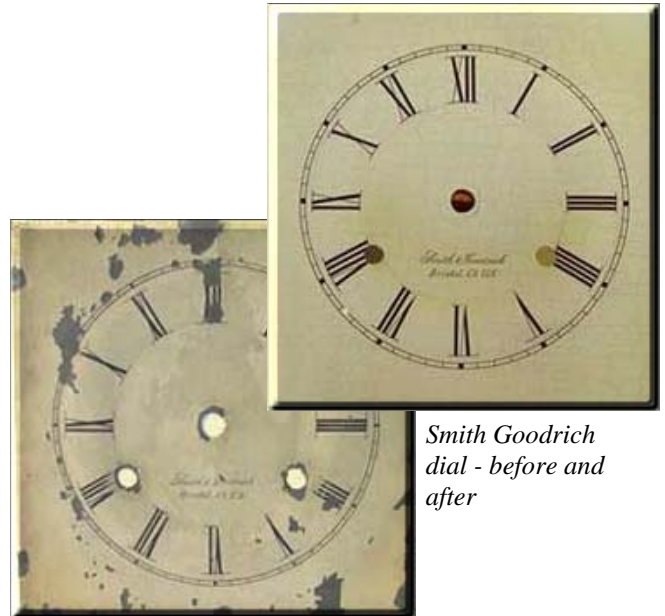
American clock dials for both shelf and tall clocks. She described in some detail the nature and types of the dial deterioration along with the processes required for the almost magical transition from "before" to "after."



Her visuals of the restoration efforts revealed remarkable work and painting sometimes found beneath the overpainting on the dials. Kathi described and exhibited how wooden dials tend to lose paint in a specific pattern depending on the type of dial. She also noted that some dials will require only serious cleaning and strengthening of the designs and numbers to complete the restoration process.



OG dial - before and after



Smith Goodrich dial - before and after

Kathi's experience and talent date back to the beginnings of The Dial House. As the desire for antique clocks increased, so has the need for quality restoration work. In 1969, local clock collectors visited Richard and Martha Smallwood's commercial art studio, seeking help with their clock dials. The Smallwoods became interested in the clock dial hobby, and soon joined the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors. The interest and encouragement of the NAWCC members was the beginning of The Dial House.

Richard and Martha's daughter, Kathi Lynn Edwards, began working with The Dial House in 1973. Kathi's talent for oil painting had been nurtured by her appreciation of the horological art surrounding her since childhood. In 1998, Kathi began working independently as Dial House II. The Dial House and Dial House II still join forces on a weekly basis to assist one another with their separate fields of expertise. Kathi specializes in the preservation and restoration of the most valuable pieces.

Minutes of NAWCC Meeting February, 2009

- President Chris Brown called the meeting to order.
- Several guests and visitors were asked to introduce themselves.
- Tom Noesges read the Minutes from the December meeting. The Minutes were approved as read.
- The Treasurer's Report was given by Donna Kalinkiewicz. Questions were raised regarding the use of club funds for Field Suitcase Workshops. Donna explained that the club's treasury was used as a repository for the funds and used primarily for consolidation of monies for the purpose of making a single payment to National Headquarters for a class rather than sending each student's check separately.
- Old Business
 - ♦ Pete Schreiner explained the work completed on the Governor's Mansion Clock 10 (see article in this publication).
 - ♦ Vice-President George Waterhouse announced the formation of the club's Historic Sites project. The club has formed a committee to locate and restore historic clocks throughout the state of Georgia. Our Rich Guemmer will head the Georgia Historic Clock Search and Restoration Committee.
 - ♦ Field Suitcase Workshop Coordinator Tom Noesges reported on the status of current and future clock and watch classes. He made class registration forms and class photos available to the members.
- New Business
 - ♦ George Waterhouse explained the need for aid in support of the following items:
 - ◇ A donation for funds for NAWCC for the 2009 Time & Exploration Exhibit was proposed. A motion was made to accept the proposed amount by Carol Tekippe, and seconded by Bernie Tekippe. The motion was passed.
 - ◇ A proposal to assist the American Clock & Watch Museum with funds was made. A motion was made to accept the proposed amount by Kathi Edwards, and seconded by Carol Tekippe. The motion was passed.
- Program—George Waterhouse introduced Kathi Edwards who gave a presentation on clock dial restoration.

French Clock - Georgia Governor's Mansion Clock #10



Peter G. Schriener III

Pete Schreiner and George Waterhouse visited the Georgia Governor's Mansion prior to the Christmas holidays. The purpose of the visit was to move the three French clocks, which sit on mantels in various rooms, before decorators were scheduled to begin preparing the mansion for the holiday season.

Although the staff takes excellent care of the clocks, we preferred to handle their movement to a safe location. Returning after the holidays to move the clocks back to their permanent locations, George and Pete were preparing to leave, when Freda Martin, a Mansion manager, asked them about a clock that she thought we had previously said could not be restored. However, all nine clocks identified in the initial visit in June 2006 were repairable. George and Pete were then led to a closet on the family floor where they were surprised to see another French mantle clock, which now becomes Mansion Clock #10. This clock is time & strike with a knife-edge suspension. Pete spent approximately 60 hours expertly restoring the clock, which was considerably more time and effort than initially thought. The clock appears to be a "one-off" as it shows no signatures or markings that identify a particular maker. From the construction materials and methods, the clock is dated 1830 to 1840. The clock will be presented to Mrs. Perdue during March, 2009.

Wrist & Pocket Watches on Display

Austin Jones displayed a large selection of pocket and wrist watches. Austin is interested in enlarging your collection by parting with items from his own. As expected, Austin is very interested in swapping his watches for those that will enhance his own collection.



Treasurer's Report

By Donna Kalinkiewicz, Treasurer, Chapter 24

Fifty-eight members attended our February meeting along with five guests: Richard Mueller, Dave Nozick, Larry Lynch, Max Moore and Jason Maddox. We were all happy to see Brooks Coleman back and feeling better.

At the meeting we had voted to donate \$500 to the American Clock & Watch Museum in Bristol, CT. Donna requested that it be in memory of Ward Francillon. We also voted to donate \$500 to NAWCC to be allocated as follows: \$100 for the National Watch and Clock Museum "Time and Exploration" exhibit, and \$400 for the general fund. We received a thank you letter from each. Donna will have them at the April meeting.

Up-Coming Programs & Presentations

APRIL

Watch Focus Group - Ed Ueberall, Sam Brabham and Kent Singer will be attending the April 2009 chapter 24 meeting and setting up the Watch Focus Group's display cabinet. The subject of the Watch Focus Group at the April meeting will be Elgin 18-size watches. Some of the less-common examples will be on display. Members who have interesting 18-size Elgin watches are urged to bring them to the meeting. Display space will be available in the watch display cabinet.

Ashby Clockmakers - Bob Booth will give us an informative PowerPoint presentation on the Ashby, Massachusetts early American clock makers. Bob's research in developing this program included on-site visits to Ashby and discussions with others knowledgeable with these wonderful wood movement tall case clocks. Don't miss it!

Billy's Goat Clock? - Show & Tell with Billy Johnson is scheduled to show his 'Goat Clock' and tell us all about it. Sounds intriguing doesn't it?

JUNE

Cleaning Your Clock - Donald Jackson, Part II on having your clock cleaned. Remember how much we laughed at his corny jokes during his presentation of Part I last year!

AUGUST

Precision Simple Regulator - Bernie Tekippe, presents his precision 'Simple Regulator'. You can count on Bernie, and you can count on him to keep making refinements in his design to reach for the ultimate mechanical time-keeper.

OCTOBER

Glass Painting - Rick Mangum, Blue ribbon winner of two consecutive Nationals for reverse painting and a blue ribbon winner for stenciling, will show some of his beautiful work and how he puts it all down on glass!

New Members & Guests

This past February our club was honored by the presence of guests: Larry Lynch, Jason Maddox, Max Moore, Richard Mueller and David Nozick. Please take some of your time to make these folks feel welcome and find out just how you can be of help to them.



Richard
Mueller



Max Moore and Larry Lynch

Members Only - Chapter 24 Mart

Portico/Slate Clock Wanted - Ron Fuchs is looking for one of two options. Either a Portico clock preferably with the barley twists, or a slate clock with colored inlay. A strictly black slate clock does not appeal to him. Ron's phone number is (678) 324-1143. Email address is rfuchs17@comcast.net.

Seth Thomas Photo Wanted - William Smart recently began restoration on a Seth Thomas "Lincoln" eight day weight clock. The bottom fourth of the case has some water damage and some sections of the lower case are missing. He is looking for a member who might have a Seth Thomas "Lincoln" who would photograph the front, side, back, and bottom of the case so the clock can be restored accurately. Bill will pay for photos. William Smart, 4164 Murray Cove Road, Tiger, GA, Phone (706) 782-1939, Email wsmart2@windstream.net.

Field Suitcase Workshop Schedule

The club completed the F102 Time & Strike Clocks with Spring Barrels class on February 16th. We had a record attendance of nine students. Due to a shortage of students, we rescheduled our F103 class to May 16 - 19. Currently there are two seats available in this class. If you are interested in these classes, contact Tom Noesges Email Thomas@Noesges.com or call (770) 262-0883.

CLASS DESCRIPTION	DATE
F103 - Introduction to Chime Clocks Instructor: Mike Dempsey	May 16 - May 19
F200 - Fundamental Skills for Clock Repair & Lathe Preparation Course Instructor: Joel Dunipace	Sep 11 - Sep 14
F201 - Lathe I Skills for Clock Repair Course Instructor: Joel Dunipace	Dec 4 - Dec 7

The Atlanta Chapter of the NAWCC typically meets the first Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December. As part of the Mid-South group, it also sponsors the regional meeting in Chattanooga on Labor Day weekend each year, in rotation with the Alabama and Tennessee chapters.

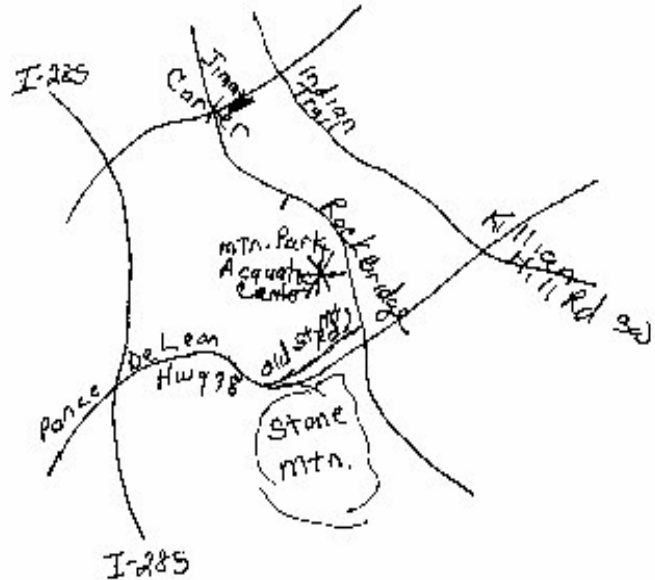
NEXT MEETING OF CHAPTER 24

When: Sunday, April 5, 2009
9:30 AM to 1:00 PM *(note the new time come earlier for more social time)*

Where: Mountain Park Aquatic Center
Activities Building
1063 Rockbridge Rd.
Stone Mountain, GA 30087
770-564-4650

From in town: Take Ponce De Leon/78 past I-285 about 6 miles; exit on Hugh Howell Rd. At Chevron station, turn right on the Lilburn-Stone Mtn. Rd. After 0.2 mile, turn right on Old Stone Mtn. Rd. At the Rockbridge intersection, turn left and the Aquatic Center is 2 Blocks N. of intersection on left hand side. You'll see Gregg's Nursery across the street.

From the northwest: Take I-85 east at I-285 Exit to your right at Hwy. 140, Jimmy Carter Blvd. Go 1.3 miles to Rockbridge & turn left. 2 blocks before you get to Five Forks Trickum, the Aquatic Center will be on your right.



From Cumming or Hall County: Exit off I-85 at Indian Trail, turn left. At Hwy 29, Indian Trail becomes Killian Hill Rd. At Five Forks-Trickum Rd. turn right and follow past the Depot to Rockbridge Rd and turn right. The Aquatic Center is 2 blocks N. on left.

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