

**New England Chapter No. 8
The National Association
of Watch and Clock Collectors**

October 20, 2019 Sunday Meeting

Auburn Elks Hall, 754 Southbridge Street (Route 12), Auburn, MA (508-832-9303)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Chapter 8 members! It was good to see all of you who attended the picnic in August. I had a great time and I was told by more than one person that it was the best picnic in years! It was not all due to Steve Chatlas's professional grilling ability. We also had perfect weather, a nice mart, an auction, and world class show and tell presentations by Robert Cheney, Tom McIntyre, Steve Chatlas, Jon Weber and Howard Cohen. I can't wait until next year.

On another note, we have been invited by the Massachusetts Watchmakers-Clockmakers Association to participate in classes that are being planned in the spring. The classes will be given by The American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute (AWCI) in their mobile classroom. These classes are in early stages of planning but could include subjects such as The Modern Chronograph, Vintage Watch Repair, Removing scratches from High Grade Dials and Hands, etc. Also, there are some clock courses available. If you have interest in taking a class please contact me and we can discuss what is being planned. The level of our interest will help determine what classes will be offered as well as the price.

Sincerely,

Chris Carey, NAWCC Chapter 8 President

The January 25th meeting notice will include the 2020 dues renewal form

REGISTRATION

NOTE: THE CUTOFF DATE is Friday, October 11th

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION ARRIVES ON OR BEFORE THIS CUTOFF DATE

Registrations **received by** cutoff date are **\$30.00**. Registrations **received after Friday, October 11th** and walk-ins are \$35.00. Registration includes your lunch and is required for participation in all meeting activities.

MEETING SCHEDULE

8:30A.M. Registration. Nametags are available for pre-registered members, and walk-in registration begins. Mart opens for set up for table holders only.

9:00A.M. Mart. Opens for general entry. Mart will close at 11:45 AM for the noon lunch.

9:00AM to 11:55 AM. Silent Auction. A fee of \$3.00 per item, multiple items for one bid to count as one item.

WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

9:45 AM. “Tower Clocks and Their Challenging Repairs.” A presentation by **Philip D’Avanza** of his two award winning projects: "Rescue and Restoration of the Hampton Town Clock " 2016 and the "Restoration of the Hallsville School Clock and Tower" 2015. Tower clocks have watched over our communities for generations, and serve as focal points for town centers. These clock mechanisms may be rarely seen, but are always appreciated by those who have the opportunity to explore their design and history.

Philip D’Avanza has been in the clock repair business for more than forty years. Since 1990, he has focused on tower clock repair in historic structures, and is thoroughly familiar with the guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings established by the Secretary of the Interior. Phil has utilized his skill as a tool and die maker to provide full-service repair and restoration on many of the most recognized tower clocks in New England. Phil has been with the NAWCC since 1977 and is a popular member of Chapter 189, the Granite State Timekeepers, where he has offered several presentations. Phil is also an active member of the Chapter 134 Tower Clock Chapter, as well as New England Chapter 8.

10:45 AM. “Show & Tell session.” In lieu of one single speaker we are trying something new – a show and tell session. We have found this session to be an enjoyable feature of our picnics for a number of years. Any and all horological items are welcome. Bring a wrist watch with an interesting discovery story, a horological document that adds to our knowledge of time, a pocket watch with an atypical movement, a horological personal story that time played an important part, an old photo that tells us where we were horologically speaking decades ago, or a clock that you bought without much thought, and then discovered it's a real keeper.

By all means, feel free to bring more than one item. Since we don't know how many items will be brought, let's keep each presentation to a reasonable length of time commensurate with the item and the number of other participants. If you never have made a presentation before a group, this is a comfortable way to find your "inner speaker" by sharing your enthusiasm with a nice receptive audience. Let's give this session a real try!

12:00 PM. Lunch.

1:00 PM. “Like Clockwork: The Mechanical Ingenuity and Craftsmanship of Isaiah Lukens (1779-1846).” This presentation by **Elizabeth Fox** explores the working life and artistic legacy of Isaiah Lukens in early nineteenth-century Philadelphia. It describes the tools, mechanisms, and designs Lukens utilized in his clock commissions and how they compare to those of illustrious makers like Thomas Stretch. Also, the talk presents Lukens’ working relationships with other eminent machinists and inventors such as his assistant Joseph Saxton and Charles Willson Peale. Isaiah Lukens distinguished himself from other Philadelphian artisans as a versatile mechanist whose scientific contributions impacted the fate of America’s preindustrial trades.

Elizabeth Fox has served as the curatorial assistant of American Art at the Worcester Art Museum since January 2019. She received her M.A. in Decorative Arts & Design History from the Smithsonian and George Washington University and her B.A. in History and Religion at Furman University. During her academic career, Elizabeth acquired internships at notable institutions, including the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art.

Directions

From the East or West: Mass Turnpike (I-90), take Exit 10, then stay to the right after exiting the toll plaza and to Southbridge St. (Route 12) going south. The Elks Club is about 0.6 mile on the right. Watch for the sign.

From the North: follow Route 290 to Exit 6, then to Route 20 West. Follow Route 20 to the 4th set of lights (Route 12 intersection). Turn right (north) on to Route 12. The Elks Club is about 0.3 mile on the left. Watch

for the sign. Note: the exit for Route 20 West off of Route 290 in the very first exit after the Mass Turnpike. The exit comes up quickly, so be aware of this situation.

From the South: follow Route 395 (becomes Route 290 in Auburn) and take Exit 6 for Route 20 West. Proceed to the 4th set of lights (the junction of Routes 12 and 20) and turn right on to Route 12 North. The Elks Club is about 0.3 mile on the left. Watch for the sign.

SILENT AUCTION

8:30 to 11:55 AM. There is a flat fee of \$3.00 per item: multiple items for one bid to count as one item. The charge is collected in advance and applies regardless of whether item sells or not. We hope you find that this is an easy way to sell just a few items.

RAFFLE REMINDER

The 50-50 raffle tickets, (50% to winner and 50% to Chapter 8) are available at the Registration Table and the Auction Table in the mart area.

DATES FOR 2020 MEETINGS

January 25, 2020, Old Sturbridge Village

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019 MEETING REGISTRATION FORM *(Please Print)*

Name _____ City / State _____ NAWCC No. _____

Additional badge names (spouse, children, guests) _____

Registration - member, spouse and / or guest _____ @\$30.00 each _____

Registration - children in high school or lower grades _____ No Charge _____

Half table rental, if first time exhibitor _____ \$ 2.00 _____

Full table rental is \$5 / table on a first come-first serve basis. If not enough tables for all requests, the council reserves the right, in fairness to all, to limit the number of tables to two per member.

Full table _____ \$5.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registrations at the door, or **after Friday, October 11th**, are **\$35.00 each**.

Use PayPal (chapt8@gmail.com), or mail a check (payable to NE Chapter 8) to: Joseph W. Seremeth, 35 Foster Hill Rd, West Brookfield, MA 01585