

CAPITAL AREA WATCHMAKER AND CLOCKMAKER GUILD

August 2006

Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 29th - 6:00 pm - Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Rd)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last month we had an excellent presentation and technical data sheets from Don Bugh on restoration techniques for aging brass, steel and other materials. This month it is my turn to give a presentation on soldering techniques. I hope I can live up to the excellent standards of our past presentations. The clock case restoration class this month was a great success and I went away with more experience and a few new tricks. Thanks to all who made this possible. See you on Tuesday.

Rich

Last Month:

The Treasurers report: The annual premium for liability insurance is paid, about \$500. The operating account currently has 2542.31.

The education account has \$10,xxx.xx in it. The reconciled balance from the bank statement is \$4396.72. The two funds were deposited the day after the cut off on the bank statement. I know they were deposited because I checked with the bank and I know they were a little more than \$6000. I just did not get the exact amount of the deposit from the bank.

Dues – if you have not yet paid - pay or send your dues (\$15.00) to Hugh Lindsay, 412 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77840 – **DO IT NOW.**

Education:

Mary Ellen Bell: Discussed the upcoming case restoration class to be on Aug. 12th. Also note that since Adam Kantz was going to represent us at the AWCI meeting we were paying his dues to make him an official guild member.

Wooden Works: is scheduled for October 7 & 8th in Bryan and is now full. A waiting list is being taken for a second class. The prerequisites for this class are (1) no novices – you must have had at least the beginning clock movement class or have demonstrated reasonable proficiency with clock movements. (2) You must have your own tools.

Wooden Works Class Update - For those attending this class (to be taught by Phil Gregory in College Station, October 7-8, 2006) Don Bugh and Terry Palmer have redesigned a wooden works test stand that was provided by Phil Gregory. Construction details for the test stand are available at <http://members.cox.net/winspire3/other/clockstand.pdf> If you have any questions, contact Don at d-bugh@cox.net or 979-690-2736.

For this class if you need a wooden works to work on, Phil may be able to supply – let us know.

Rich is working on scheduling the jewelry casting class.

Old Business: None

New Business: Susan Hansen donated a full copy of a clock repair course to the guild library. A motion was made and passed to have Luther copy it so we could have a working copy and archive the original.

Library Report:

Luthor has one copy each of ‘Watches International’ and ‘Grand Complications’. See him if you want one.

Remember: There is a minimum “gratuity” for all attendees at the guild meeting. Even if you do not eat or drink you will pay \$3.00, so be prepared. If you have any questions, call your officers.

Meeting program: Rich Reich ‘Soldering techniques’

Next months program: Mystery

Dennis Warner has supplied the following information re. the AWCI meeting and results: 1st. Congratulations all – we are the guild of the year again. The following info was submitted by our guild and presented to the AWCI meeting by Adam Kantz and Dennis Warner.

Number of member: 78

Dues \$15.00

Number of regularly scheduled meetings per year: 10

Number of technical programs presented by members: 9

Number of programs related to the profession: 9

Number of programs not related to the profession: 1

Social Activities: The annual Christmas party was held Dec. 6, 2005 at the University of Texas Campus Club. Holiday music provided by the Choral Society of Austin led by guild member Gene Galbraith. The Mulholland award was presented to Luther Lucko, a recent graduate of the Paris School of Watchmaking and current watchmaker at Ben Bridge Jewelers. A day trip to the George H. Bush library in College Station, TX to view a RailRoad Exhibit. We had a good time and enjoyed the Horological related displays.

(A) Future Plans:

- 1) Continue membership growth.**
- 2) Maintain focus on education**
- 3) Have 4 clock related repair classes:**
 - a. 2 day “Reverse Dial Painting”, “Wooden Works Repair”**
 - b. 1 day “ Basic American Clock”, “Case Repair”**
- 4) Conduct one day class on “Casting for the Watch and Clock maker”**
- 5) Present a one day class on “Introduction to the Swiss Pocket Wtch”**

(B) Most Successful Projects:

- 1) The Annual Auction grossed over \$3000. with 10% going to the guild**
- 2) Obtaining adequate insurance coverage for guild activities**
- 3) Clock programs completed:**
 - Nov. 05 one day Cuckoo Clock class**
 - Jan. 06 two day Gold leaf and gesso on wooden dial class**
- 4) Oct. 05 one day Seitz Jewelling Tool and Modern Oiling Procedures class**

(C) Regular meeting program topics:

**Legal Aspects and Estate Planning Related to the Watch or
Clockmaker – Hugh Lindsay**
The High Grade Swiss Watch – Luthor Lucko
**Proper handling, Care and refinishing of watch dials and hands –
Dennis Warner**
Lathe disassembly and care – Nino Gonzales
Clock wheel repair and gear cutting – David Arnold
History and physics of time measurement – David Craft
Installing a clock paper dial – Nino Gonzales
**Horological trinkets and collectables related to Christmas – Mary Ellen
Bell**
Horological Tools – Mike Webb

CAWCG members: A "Bench Tip" idea which was presented at the last Guild meeting. It is a system for movement support while disassembling or assembling the movement. The support legs are spring loaded clamps which are attached or removed by using the special pliers shown in the photo. This system is fast to use, does not mar the movement when attached to the plates, and is economical. Guild members desiring a set of four clamps and pliers, can make reservations with Gene Galbraith, genegalbraith35@aol.com.

The price for Guild members is \$20.00. Others will pay \$25.00. Extra sets of four clamps are available at \$12.00 per set. Delivery will be made at the next Guild meeting. Cash or check.

For a picture of the above item contact Gene via email:

Wanted: One good used watch makers lathe: Contact Mike Williams at Mike@SimplerTimeClocks.com or (512)788-5125