

# CAWCG NEWS



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## This Month's Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2009

5:30 PM (Dinner) 6:00PM (Program)

Pok-E-Jo's Smokehouse (BBQ)  
2121 Parmer Lane (near Metric Blvd.)

512-491-0434

<http://www.pokejos.com>

Program:

**Diversity in Thwaites & Reed Timepieces**

Presenter:

**Gene Galbraith**

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## From the President:

*By Don Bugh*

As we approach the Thanksgiving holidays, it is time to once again give thanks for our many blessings. We often think of the blessings of our families and friends but too often fail to recognize or simply take for granted many other opportunities that are afforded to us. One such opportunity is education and training. Let's turn the clock back to the late

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Happy Thanksgiving!

**BATTERIES!**

Luther has contact information for someone who said that batteries are now bringing \$18/lb. Mary Ellen has a sizeable amount and will check into selling them.

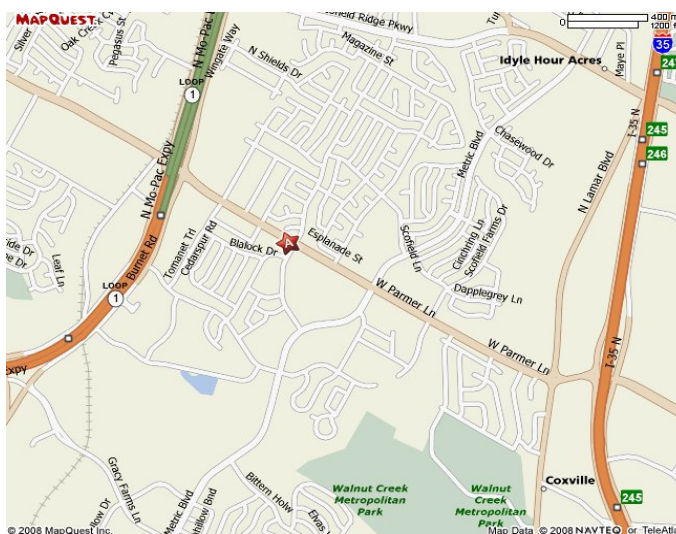
Collect used batteries and bring them to our meeting!

Pok-E-Jo's is located at 2121 Parmer Lane between Metric and Mopac in North Austin.

**News:**

1. A motion was made to change the dollar amount for gifts at the holiday party from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Members voted, and the motion passed. The new accepted dollar amount for holiday party gift exchange gifts is now \$25.00. If your gift is gender-specific, please label it accordingly. Holiday party is on December 1, 2009 at Ventana.
2. Mary Ellen shared that the NAWCC is looking at changing the name of the Bulletin to Clocks and Watches. She asked that everyone express their opinion either via the online survey or by calling the NAWCC.
3. Mary Ellen asked for volunteers for 2010 meetings. There was great response and all months were filled.
4. There is a now a horology badge in scouting. Chapter 124 is working with scouts in the Dallas/Ft Worth area. Hugh will be talking with scout leadership in the Bryan/CS area and thought that others may want to talk with leadership in the Austin area to provide support to those interested in this field.
5. If you are interested in being one of our Guild's officers next year, please contact Luther Lucko. Elections will take place during our November meeting.
6. Nino said that he and his shop are available for those who have questions about lathes. He will help those with questions learn about lathe care and maintenance.

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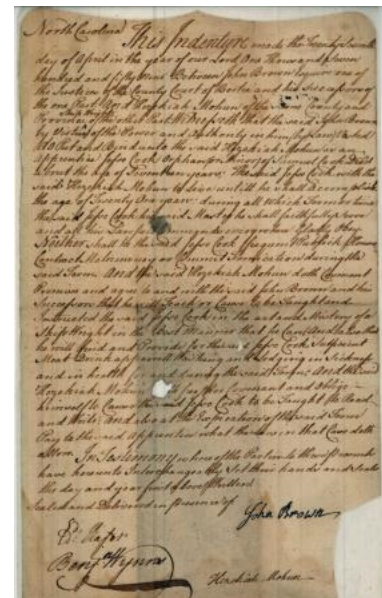
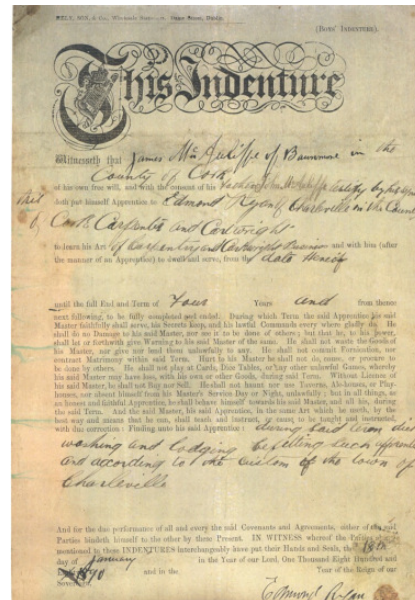


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1700's to the mid-1800's – unless one's family was well to do, education beyond grammar school was difficult to obtain. In more rural areas, it was challenging to obtain even a rudimentary level of education. Thus most of the boys turned to the "learning of a trade" as a way to support themselves once they became of age.

that bound a child – usually a teenager but sometimes a mere toddler – to serve a master without pay for a specified number of years. In return, the child was provided with the necessities of life and received instruction in the master's trade.

The document that set forth the terms of an apprenticeship was known as an indenture.



If he was fortunate, a boy could follow the same occupation as his father, who would instruct him in all the necessary skills. But sometimes circumstances interfered or a boy might have no aptitude or interest in his father's occupation. All too often the death, poverty, incapacity or irresponsibility of one or both parents left a youngster with no relative willing to be able to care for him and see that he was instructed in a trade.

The all-purpose solution to such situations was an apprenticeship; a legal arrangement

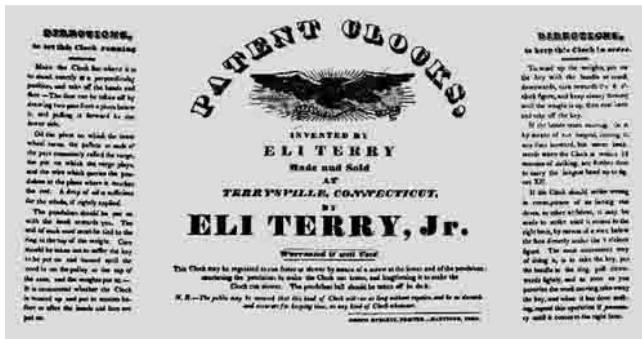
The opportunities to learn a trade were more limited for girls than boys. As America entered into the industrial age in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century – young girls were often employed in the mills. True apprenticeships for girls were rare but did occur.



Apprenticeships usually ran for at least several years with seven being the most common number – but some were as short as a year and others extended well over a decade. Traditionally, boys were bound until they reached the age of twenty-one. Girls were bound until they reached the age of eighteen. Once an apprentice satisfied the terms of the indenture, there were sometimes an opportunity to work as a “journeyman” (a paid employee of a master) with the goal of acquiring sufficient funds and skills to set up a new establishment where, in turn, a new generation of apprentices could be trained.

The apprenticeship system played a major role in providing cheap labor to the watchmakers and clockmakers of the time. In fact, many well respected watchmakers and clockmakers received their early horological training by serving as an apprentice – including Eli Terry (1772 – 1852).





By late in the nineteenth century, the apprenticeship system had largely disappeared. With the ever increasing number of factories, most of the youth chose the route of working directly for a factory rather than enduring years of unpaid training.

Bringing us back to the present – the November Guild meeting will be our last regularly scheduled meeting for the year. Gene Galbraith will wrap up this year’s programs with a presentation entitled “Diversity in Thwaites & Reed Timepieces”. Thwaites & Reed Ltd is the oldest clock manufacturer in the world and is under contract for the maintenance of Big Ben. Gene always does an excellent job so be sure to join us for this presentation.

Also at the November meeting, we will elect new officers for the year. At the end of the year, I will be stepping down as your President. For the past two years, it has been my honor to serve in that capacity. The Guild has an incredible number of individuals willing to share their time and talent. That’s what keeps the Guild strong and growing. I look forward to continuing my support in other capacities.

And finally, don’t forget to join us for the annual Guild Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Full details can be found in this newsletter.

I’ll see you at the meeting!  
Don

(Primary source for the above: The Connecticut Apprentice – Diana McCain)

## Education:

Basic/intermediate clock class requests continue to come in. At this time, it looks like a 2-day class after the first of the year. Mary Ellen is looking for adequate instructors to provide individualized attention. The number of instructors will help determine the size of the class. If the class is held in Bryan/CS, students will be able to clean the works as well as bush, etc. At this time, there are no facilities identified in Austin where this would be possible. More news to come.

David Douglas said that he will have more information, including a sign-up sheet at the November meeting re the watch class in February. The class will be held at the SW Museum of Clocks and Watches and will focus on train and mainspring lubrication.

## Treasurer’s Report:

Operating account: \$4,324.00  
Education account: \$9,769.00

## Bench tips:

1. Hugh – If you accidentally use a permanent marker on clock works, mark over it with erasable marker, then erase.
2. Tommy – Nic-A-Date Nickel Date Restorer when working with non-gold parts to bring back serial numbers. Caution: it will etch the finish.
3. Adam – You can use a dimmer switch to control the speed on a small jeweler’s lathe.
4. Don – You can use a 4-way Stem Key as a key for some time clocks. The tool is normally used on valves and can be purchased at Graingers, among other places.

# *CAWCG Holiday Party*

*Where:*

*Ventana,*

*Texas Culinary Academy, Cordon Bleu School  
11400 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas*

*When:*

*Tuesday, December 1, 2009*

*Social: 6:00 PM*

*Dinner: 6:30 PM*

*Awards & Gift Exchange: 7:30 PM*

*Menu:*

*Salade Mariachere*

*Baby Field Greens with Applewood Smoked Bacon Lardons and Fried Goat Cheese  
Roasted Shallot Red-Wine Vinaigrette*

*N.Y Strip Medallion*

*Demi Reduction; Potat Grilled and finished with a Cabernet o Dauphinoise and Haricots Verts*

*Bass en Pappillotte*

*Seabass Fillet baked in Parchment with Fennel, Roma Tomatoes, White Wine  
And Fresh Herbs, Potato Dauphinoise and Haricots Verts*

*Risotto du Champignon*

*Three Mushroom Risotto with Fresh Peas and Reggiano Parmigiano*

*Dessert: Ventana "Candy Bar"*

*Flourless Chocolate Cake, Salty Peanut Caramel, Candied Peanuts And Chocolate Sorbet*

*Non-alcoholic beverage included*

*Cash wine and beer bar available*

*\$32.50 per person*

*(sales tax and gratuity included)*

*Payments made to Hugh Lindsay*

*412 Tarrow*

*College Station, TX 77840*

*Reservations and payments are due by*

*Tuesday, November 24, 2009*

*Gift Exchange Optional*

*(Please limit gifts to \$25.00)*