

CAWCG NEWS



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This Month's Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

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:

**The \$100 Grandfather Clock -
The Discovery and Restoration of an
E Howard No. 39 Wall Clock**

(See picture on page 2.)

Presented by:

Don Bugh

Please see *map* on page 2.

From the President:

By David Arnold

If you are in the watch or clock repair business, or just do it for fun, occasionally you get an opportunity to acquire an interesting piece at low cost. This is good, it allows us to expand our collection, dabble in full case restoration, and increase the value considerably. I recently had such an opportunity and picked up two German grandfather clocks. One is time and strike and the other a bim bam strike model. Both

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News:

Education:

Mary Ellen is working with Phil Gregory for a clock repair class in the Spring.

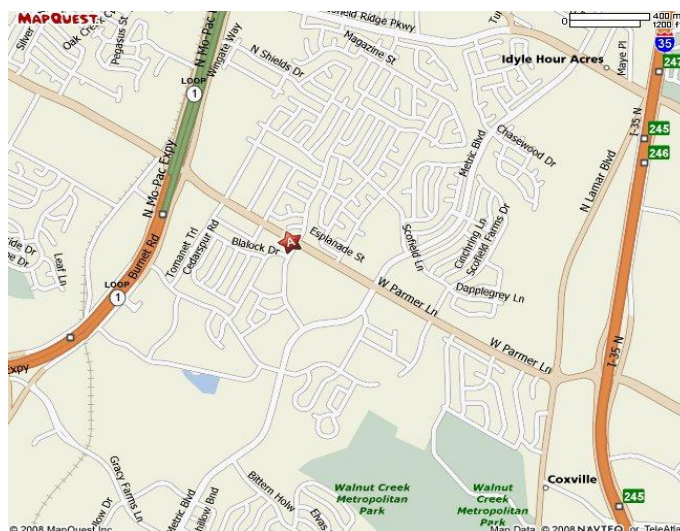
David and Dennis are planning a watch repair class in February or March. This class will focus on Balance Staffs and oiling mainsprings.

David shared this video with us during his on how to take a watch apart. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf96REAV53Q> -- or NOT!

News:

1. We welcomed a new member! Howard Webb is from Austin.
2. Nino reported on this year's Mulholland Award. Nominations will be taken during our October meeting. The winner of the Mulholland Award will be announced at our annual Christmas dinner party on December 8th.
3. Dennis Warner will provide additional information on this year's Christmas dinner party. Our party will be on Wednesday, December 8th.
4. Mary Ellen shared an e-mail from George Ball with us. George is from College Station and wants to sell his supply of watch parts. If you are interested in purchasing watch parts, please contact George at 979-219-4892 or via e-mail at gaball@verizon.net.
5. It was mentioned that Sarah and Adam have moved to California. We will miss them, and hope they enjoy their new home.

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Treasurer's Report:

Fiscal report:

Operating account -
\$12,085.55

Education account -
\$ 2,144.92

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

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are from 1900 -1920 period and are in fair shape. I will do some case restoration on one and service the movements of both. Now why am I bringing this up you might ask, and the answer is that our own Ex-pres Don Bugh is doing the program this month on a \$100 clock and its return to beauty and functionality. I am also thinking I might trade him 2 \$100 clocks for the one -what do think Don, up for a trade here? See you all at the meeting on the 26th.

~ David

Upcoming Events:

Chapter 15 is hosting a wooden clock repair class (2 days) the first weekend in November - at Pat and Jay's house. If you are interested, please contact Pat Holloway.

Sunday, October 31, 2010
Halloween!

Thursday, November 26, 2010
Thanksgiving!

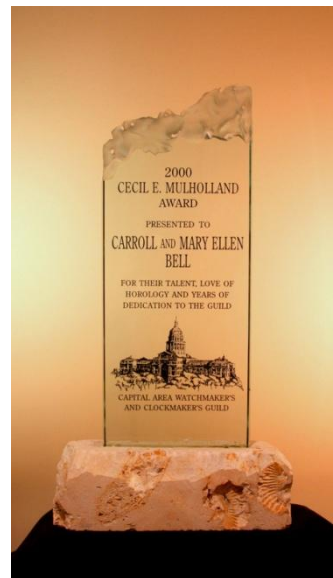
Wednesday, December 8, 2010 -
Guild Christmas Dinner Party!



THE MULHOLLAND AWARD COMMITTEE

The Mulholland Award committee will meet immediately following our October meeting. Nominations for the award will be taken from those members who are in attendance at the October meeting.

History of the Cecil E. Mulholland Award By Nino Gonzales



As I recall, at the 1994 Capital Area Watchmaker and Clockmaker Guild Christmas Party, Kip Naleski and I were having a casual conversation and greeting Guild members at the door. Cecil Mulholland and his wife Bernice came in and after we greeted them, Kip and I began talking about Cecil. Kip mentioned that Cecil had done so much to start the Guild and had kept it going since around 1946 or 1947.

Kip had an idea that the Guild should come up with a plaque or an award to recognize Cecil's hard work and devotion to the Capital Area Watchmaker and Clockmaker Guild. Our conversation became very animated and Kip suggested an annual award bearing Cecil's name be presented to an outstanding Guild member at the annual Christmas Party. We agreed on the idea and that the award should be named the "Cecil E. Mulholland Award". We also agreed that we would bring up the proposal at a future Guild meeting when Cecil was not present.

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During a Guild meeting in the spring of 1995, the idea for the Mulholland award was brought up and approved overwhelmingly by the Guild members in attendance. Cliff Naleski and I volunteered to look for a place that could make a suitable award. After selecting the style and cost of the award, Kip suggested the wording for the inscription:

- **19XX** -
Cecil E. Mulholland
Award

Presented to: Name of Recipient
 For his/her talent, love of horology and
 years of dedication to the guild.

The style of the award along with the inscription and cost were approved by the Guild Members. It was also discussed and agreed that the minimum criteria to receive the Mulholland Award would be as follows:

1. Talent and willingness to share that talent.
2. Hard work and dedication to the Guild.
3. Warmth and friendliness to fellow Guild members.
4. Love of Horology.
5. Unselfishness – giving of time and resources.
6. Concern for others.
7. Contributions to the Guild and community.
8. Nominee cannot be a current Guild officer.

The first Cecil E. Mulholland Award was appropriately presented to Cecil at the 1995 Guild Christmas Party. As of 2009, eighteen deserving Guild members have been recognized as recipients of the Cecil E. Mulholland Award as follows:

Cecil E. Mulholland Award Recipients

1995 - Cecil E Mulholland

1996 - Nino Gonzales

1997 - Cully Ellis

1998 - Harry and Sue Ann Wysong

1999 - George and Frances Kiser

2000 - Carroll and Mary Ellen Bell

2001 - Susan Hansen

2002 - Jim Huckabee

2003 - Michael Webb

2004 - Kip Naleski

2005 - Luther Lucko

2006 - Hugh Lindsay

2007 - Dennis Warner

2008 - David Arnold

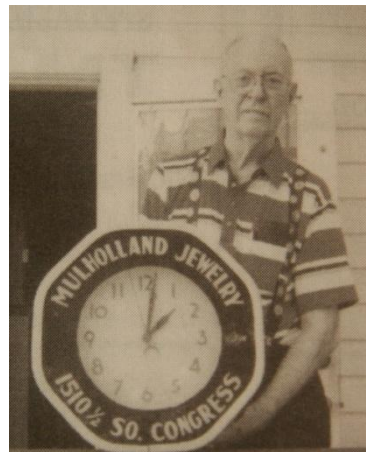
2009 - Gene Galbraith

2010 - ?

Cecil E. Mulholland
First Recipient of the Mulholland Award – 1995
By Don Bugh, Terry Palmer and Carole Leeder



Cecil Everett Mulholland was born on July 25, 1913 near Shawnee, Oklahoma. He was nine months old when his parents, his two older brothers and he moved to Texas. Cecil used to say that when he recognized his mistake, he got to Texas as soon as he could. In 1940, Cecil married Bernice Livingstone Roberts. They were blessed with a daughter, Carole Jean Mulholland Leeder and two granddaughters, Carlen Anne Leeder and Jennie Lou Leeder.



Cecil became a watchmaker as a young adult. He first worked in Llano, Big Spring and several other towns in Texas before accepting a job at Laves Jewelry on 6th Street in Austin. From that point on, he would call Austin his home. In the 1940's, Cecil moved his watch repair business to the living room of his home in west Austin. It was during that time that he began to work on clocks as well. Around 1950, he opened Mulholland Jewelry on South Congress. In 1957, Mulholland Jewelry became one of the first businesses to locate in Lamar Plaza. Mulholland Jewelry continued at the Lamar Plaza location until Cecil retired in the early 1980's. After retirement, he continued to repair watches and clocks on a part-time basis from the small shop located at the end of the driveway of his home in Sunset Valley (south Austin).



Although Cecil was not able to attend college, he never stopped learning. He became a master watchmaker and learned to make parts for the many watches and clocks that he repaired. His loyal customers followed him through his various moves and even those that left the state would send their watches and clocks back to him for repair as they knew he would perform the work correctly and charge a fair price. He was admired and respected by his peers.



Outside of his business, Cecil was also very active in creating professional organizations that would serve local and state watchmakers. In December, 1946, he invited Austin area watchmakers to meet and discuss the possibility of forming a guild. That idea was readily accepted and an organizational meeting of the Austin Master Watchmakers Association was held in January, 1947 at the Driskoll Hotel. Cecil Mulholland became the first president of the Guild. (In August, 1950, the Guild changed its name to the Capital Area Watchmakers Guild. Clockmakers were first reflected in the name during the 1980's.) The Austin Guild and the recently formed San Antonio Guild immediately began working on the formation of a state wide organization. That work quickly paid off – in July, 1947, a state charter was granted and the Texas Watchmakers Association was born. Not surprising to anyone, Cecil Mulholland became the first president of the Texas Watchmakers Association.



In 1996, The Capital Area Watchmakers and Clockmakers Guild created an annual award and named it the Cecil E. Mulholland Award in Cecil's honor. The award is presented to an outstanding Guild member at the annual Guild Christmas Party. The Guild further honored Cecil by presenting the first Mulholland Award to him in December, 1995. Cecil was pleased to present the annual Mulholland Award to a deserving Guild member each year until he passed away on April 10, 2001. Since his death, Cecil's daughter, Carole Leeder, has stood in his place and has carried on the tradition of presenting the annual Mulholland Award.





CAWCG Holiday Party

Where:

Ventana,

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

When:

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Social: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Awards & Gift Exchange: 7:30 PM

Menu:

3-Course Plated Dinner

Salad

Dessert

Non-alcoholic beverage included

Cash bar available for wine and beer

\$32.50 per person

Payments made to CAWCG and sent to

Hugh Lindsay

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College Station, TX 77840

Head Count Needed as soon as possible: October 26, 2010