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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you somehow missed our last One Day, August 9th, and the Houston Regional, August 22nd, you missed two very good events. I would encourage you to attend every show that you can because they are jam packed with great educationals, fun buying and selling and a lot of "plain old visiting" with friends and meeting new members.



In 2003, we have one more One Day Show coming up on November 8th, and the Five State Collectors Regional in Amarillo, TX will be October 30 and 31. Doug Minty, from Australia, will be our guest speaker in November and will talk to us about "clock and watch collecting down under." We are looking forward to his program. Before we start our educational, we are going to have a "fun auction." It will be conducted in a very informal manner and will give you a chance to bring your "junk" . . . sorry about that . . . "wonderful, collectible stuff" and find a new home for it. We will have to limit the number of items due to time constraints, but it should be fun during the middle of the morning. See the details elsewhere in our newsletter.

At our last One Day, we had just over 100 folks attending with a lot of buying and selling early in the day. Richard Seitz, one of our new members gave us a very informative talk on soldering as our educational. We started early (10:30 A.M.) thinking we would have adequate time, but Richard had so much information that we stopped the program, ate lunch, and he continued afterward repairing a bezel for Claude Leis. I still do not know how Claude managed to slip in that repair job, but Richard did a great job. Most of us indicated we would love to see a class scheduled on this subject. "The check is in the mail" as the saying goes, for the Educational Committee has spoken to Richard and he has agreed to do a class for us. It will be scheduled sometime in the future. If you are interested in attending a soldering class, I would suggest you contact Craig Burgess for the details.

In addition to scheduling new classes, the Education Committee has already begun working on the exhibit theme and speakers for our 2004 Regional Show in March. Your Board of Directors will be receiving this information at our October meeting as we start the planning process. This gives us about four and a half months to get everything read, and it usually requires that length of time with so many other activities going on at this time of the year. If you are interested in helping out at the 2004 Regional, please let us know. We always need help in making it a successful show.

See you in November.

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Directions to
OLD CITY PARK "CRAFT HOUSE"
1500 Park St., Dallas
214-421-5141
From Ft. Worth (West)
I-30 East, take the "Lamar" exit
& stay on service road.
Go to Harwood, turn right
Turn right on Gano; R on Park
From Mesquite (East)
I-30 West, exit "Downtown/Ervay"
Go to St. Paul, turn left
Go past Ambassador Hotel to Gano
Left on Gano; L on Park
From Downtown Dallas
Get on St Paul, drive south past
Ambassador Hotel; left on Gano,
L on Park

Park St. is closed to the public,
so park your car in the parking
lot at Gano and Park

November Attic Cleaning Event!!

Auction for Chapter 124 Members

When: November 8, 2003 @ 10:00 a.m. (Approximate start time)

Where: Chapter One-day Meeting, Knights Inn, Arlington, TX

Cost: \$2.00 for each item/lot offered

Funds go to the chapter whether the lot is sold or not.
No buyer's or seller's premium.
No minimums and no reserves; however, sellers can bid to protect their lots.
Auction will be limited to 60 lots at a first-come, first-served basis.
Lot cards will be sold at the door prior to the sale.

How it works:

Each member is invited to consign horologically related items/lots (clocks, watches, tools, books, etc.) to be sold. Each seller will be issued a num-

bered lot card with an attached receipt and complete the required information to the best of his/her knowledge. The card will be taped to the lot. When the item is sold, the hammer price will be written on the numbered card and numbered receipt. The receipt will be given to the buyer, and the numbered card will stay with the lot.

Check Out: At the end of the auction, each buyer will meet the seller and pay him the hammer price. NO payments are made to the Chapter. The seller is responsible for collecting for the lot sold (just like the silent auction) and is responsible for picking up any un-sold merchandize.

NOTE: This is a FUN auction "not professional, but by members and for members only." Any missed or contested bids or other problems will be settled by the discretion of the auctioneer and his elves. The Chapter is not responsible for loss of items, descriptions, or payments. Buyers are encouraged to examine the lots before the sale.

Happy bidding!

Expert Clockwoman, *Rose Michael*, Encourages Women to Fix Clocks



Father/Daughter team, **DICK and ROSE MICHAEL**, head up fifth largest clock business in the United States at their shop in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



All it takes is a trip up or down I-35 to visit Dick and Rose Michael's Antique Clock Shop. It is truly worth the drive to see a bustling, classic Clock Shop in operation with a plethora of clocks to admire or buy—generally anywhere from four to six hundred at a time.

The shop is located in a quaint little shopping center on the edge of Ski Island Lake. Upon entering, there is a wall which proudly displays Rose Michael's certificates of achievement. She has taken every suitcase course Fred Tishchler has been able to provide in Oklahoma.

There is also an exclusive full page expose' in the *Daily Oklahoman* on the wall which is a tribute to the family business. They were approached by the newspaper almost two years ago at Christmas time for the story. Beautiful color pictures of Rose and her father examining a skeleton clock and of Rose working on a German movement are just two of the memorable photographs.

What got Rose interested in clocks? Well, like many sons and daughters, she developed the interest because of her parents interest. Dick Michael began collecting old clocks in the early seventies and worked on them in his garage. After his hobby kept expanding, his wife, who is an accomplished dial painter, encouraged him to find a larger space. (Ladies, can we relate?)

Dick Michael has been a long time member and supporter of Chapter 124. Recently he has been teaching a Statue Repair class for the chapter. It took him years to develop the perfect techniques, and he has been kind and generous enough to share his trade secrets with others in the chapter. He also usually attends between twelve and fifteen regionals per year.

After being in the oil and gas business, Dick semi-retired. More time went in for the clocks. In 1990, he moved the clock shop into a two-story building he owned. Rose began work part-time. She began work full-time in 1995. There are now four full time people doing clock repair. Recently, a new employee was hired to take care of house calls and tall clocks.

Rose says their business just keeps growing and growing. (It is probably because they are honest, super nice people who do excellent quality work and have beautiful, rare clocks for sale.)

Currently every inch of the place is packed. There is a room for working on movements, a room for the bookkeeper, a room for statue repair and case refinishing in addition to two very large rooms full of clocks for sale.

Despite the ups and downs in the economy, Rose says they consistently sell over a hundred clocks a month. Where do they get them? She says they often buy out collections. Recently they bought a thousand clocks from one person!

However, what she is most excited about is the clocks they are getting from Europe. Houdini clocks (mystery clocks) and annulars are at the top of the list - good news for collectors. Sixty to eighty clocks arrive every ninety days. They get them mostly from Paris, France from a buyer. Many are coming out of the Netherlands. These are clocks that have never been in the United States.

Rose's enthusiasm about clocks is seconded by her father. He is proud of Rose's accomplishments and abilities. He said that Rose has gotten quite proficient at even platform escapements, one of the most difficult. She said she really has no problem fixing any of them. When asked if she had anything personal to say, she said that she "would just like to encourage women to start fixing clocks." Her mentor, Ursula Metsker (a National Director), has encouraged her for many years. Now she would like to encourage other women to do likewise. Studies have shown that women can be quite adept at intricate and delicate work which makes them perfect candidates for working on clocks.

So ladies: Tired of waiting for that old clock to get fixed? Then enroll in Lathe Class and then Clock Repair 100! and fix it YOURself! And visit Rose and Dick Michael in Oklahoma City or on their website at michaelsclocks.com.

GOLD LEAFING CLASS

Philip Gregory and Karen Summerville co-taught the long awaited Gold Leafing class last July. The class was filled to over-flowing with students who wanted to learn how to use gold leafing on wood and glass. Students included Lorraine Walker (picture right), Brett Harper, Larry Grubb, Gary Mowery, Hugh Lindsay, Richard Cox, Bill and Debbie Andrie, Len and Lisa Kaufman, Joe Veneziano and Jim Summerville.

Just about everyone had a clock or project they wanted to complete using gold leafing. Gold leafing is perfect for the wooden pillars on some clocks and for elaborate designs on glass windows. Everyone was pleased with how it came out.



APPLICATION/RENEWAL for LONE STAR CHAPTER 124, NAWCC

An educational group dedicated to preserving and understanding horology.

Complete & send with applicable check made payable to **LONE STAR CHAPTER #124** to GENE MEYSENBURG, 11028 Creekmere, Dallas TX 75218

<input type="checkbox"/> New #124 Member	<i>Dues are \$10 per year.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew my membership	yrs @ \$10 =
<i>Check appropriate box:</i> Join/renew for 1 - 5 years	

Please PRINT:

Mr__ Mrs__ Miss__ Ms__ (Please check appropriate blank.)

To join Chapter #124, you must be an NAWCC member, or have applied for NAWCC membership. Have you applied for National membership, but haven't gotten a membership number? Check here __, [Date of your application/check to National

NAME _____ NAWCC# _____

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E-Mail: _____

I'm most interested in _____

Who recommended you? NAME _____ NAWCC # _____

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Volunteers Are Needed !!!

Volunteers for the Print Shop at Old City Park in Dallas are needed for the following days:

- SEPTEMBER 14TH**, 12pm-4pm - Jewish Celebration
- OCTOBER 18TH**, 10am-4pm - Girl Scout Day/Harvest, Crafts
- NOVEMBER 8TH**, 10am-4pm - Boy Scout Day/America Goes to War
- DECEMBER 12TH**: 5pm-10pm,
- 13TH**: 5pm-10pm,
- 14TH**: 2pm-9pm.

The December "Candlelight in the Park" celebrates the 1840-1910 time period of early Dallas.

Chapter 124 not only staffs the Print Shop but also the historical Railroad Exhibit. Bring the whole family and be a part of the fun and excitement during the "Passport to the Past" Series. This place is very popular and educational for young families and grandchildren.

People literally from all over the world come here to catch a glimpse of American history and culture. Spending a few hours with other Chapter 124 members also gives more opportunities to make new friends and enjoy old ones. This chapter is so fortunate to be associated with this organization. If volunteering is not possible, please come by and just say "Hi." There is no cost for admission.

For more information, please contact **CRAIG BURGESS** at 817-427-4104, or see the Old City Park website at www.oldcitypark.org

Clock Repair 100 Class Graduates

Front row, left to right: Richard Rose, Mark Vozar, Bruce Wooldridge, Joe Richards and Jerry Harlin. Second row, left to right: William Howard McDowell, Walt Vinson, and instructor Phil Ball. Back row, left to right: Michael Cox and Alex Santa-Pinter.



Clock Repair 200 Class Graduates

Pictured in the above photo are as follows: Front row, left to right: Walt Vinson, Bruce Wooldridge, and Mark Vozar. Back row, left to right: Scott Pottorf, Joe Richards, and assistant instructor Mike Coker.



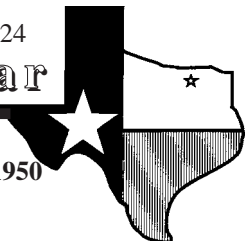
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EDUCATION CLASSES

Check Chapter 124 Website @ www.chapter124.com for Any Changes or Updates

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Clock Case Restoration	Oct 25-26	\$25	Craig Burgess @817-427-4104
Self Winding Class	Nov 1-2, Nov 8-9 * (at a place to be determined) *	\$50	Marybess Grisham @214-351-5554
Transfer / Stenciling	* NOTE Change: Nov.15-16 *	\$25	Phil Gregory @972-717-4021

Thanks to President Russ Aikins for purchasing newer tables for the classroom at Old City Park and to Phil Gregory and Treasurer Bill Edwards for helping him move them into the building. Students will really appreciate the sturdier tables!



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Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to Marion Edwards, wife of Vice President Chuck Edwards, at the loss of her mother, Bertha Brown. Mrs. Brown passed away in De Soto, TX September 1, 2003 at the age of 89 years.

New Members

Jay Empante	Fort Worth, TX
Jose Martinez	Arlington, TX
Kent Smith	Sachse, TX
Steve Skrasek	Arlington, TX

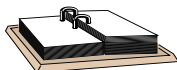
Hand Carved Eagle is Enhanced by Gold Leafing



As a result of taking the Gold Leafing class, Gary Mowery learned how to apply the ultra thin sheets of gold onto his hand carved eagle which has a 29 inch wing span. What a beautiful job of carving and gold leafing! This small picture does not do it enough justice. Inspiring work, Gary!

DATE *NOVEMBER 8TH, 1-DAY*

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IMPORTANT !!!

Let Us Know Your New Email Address

The Chapter tries to put all the news in this Newsletter. However, sometimes something comes up between Newsletter publications. To get these kinds of matters out to the membership, we use email. We also send reminders of Chapter events to the email addresses we have.

Unfortunately, we always get a lot of emails returned because the address is invalid. Thus, we urge each one to check to see if we have your correct email address.

To check, just go to the Chapter web site at "Chapter124.com"; then click on the "Membership" button. This will provide you with a form where you enter your name and NAWCC number. Your name must be entered exactly like it is printed on this Newsletter. That will get you the online roster where all the phone numbers and email addresses are listed.

If anything is wrong on the online roster, please notify **Rosie Meysenburg** at gm1000@prodigy.net. Rosie will see that the chapter roster is updated with the correction.

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