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National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors Chapter 124 ~ Grapevine, Texas

"An educational group dedicated to preserving & understanding horology."

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Chapter of the Year-2013-2010-2005-2001-1998-1996

President's Message



Chapter 124 Members and Friends,

Chapter 124, along with its co-hosts **Southwestern Chapter 15, Five State Collectors Chapter 80 and San Jacinto Chapter 139**, hosted the 2015 Lone Star Regional in Mesquite, TX March 6th and 7th at the Mesquite Convention Center. Snow and Ice greeted all of us on Thursday morning. With the help of hardy volunteers and vendors, the mart setup and unloading was completed on time. Early on Thursday, **Mike Dempsey** conducted a pre-convention class on "Hairsprings". Due to weather, only eleven of the sixteen students participated in the class. Convention Director **Mike Granderson**, Auction Chair **Bruce Wooldridge**, and **Joe & Mark Richards** came with a trailer full of clocks for the Thursday silent and Friday evening auctions. After delays caused by bad weather, volunteers helped to quickly unload the many clocks and other auction items. After nearly a half-day delay receiving our exhibit materials, **Kelsey Downum, Arnold Madnick, and William & Hugh Slough** completed the setup of the "Viennese Clock Exhibit" ready for viewing on Friday Morning. On Thursday evening, registrants were treated to a reception with south western appetizers. The well attended reception was accompanied by a silent auction.



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The mart opened on Friday morning to 542 registered attendees and 300 tables sold. The "Viennese Clocks" exhibit opened with more than 35 Vienna/Vienna-style clocks. Educational programs on Friday included three talks and three demonstrations. The talks included; Works of Horological Art-The Magic of Viennese Mechanisms presented by **Steve Nelson**; Oscillator Theory presented by **Stanley McMahan**; and Pivot Restoration presented by **Steve Nelson**. The three demonstrations included; Replacing a Watch Staff presented by **Mike Dempsey**; Dial Resilvering presented by **Richard Cox** and Dial Painting presented by **Phil Gregory**. **Steve Nelson** led the exhibit walk-throughs on Friday and Saturday mornings. Both were well attended and everyone learned a great deal. Silent auction chair **William Slough** kept things moving in the mart by holding several silent auctions throughout the day on Friday. Our Let's Make a Deal table setup by our auction committee was a great success, with items selling quickly. Friday evening, a ticketed banquet was held with 112 in attendance, organized by Hospitality Chair **Pam Tischler**. President **John Erickson** presided over the meeting, thanking all of the volunteers and chapter 124 Board of Directors for their hard work in making the Regional a success. Awards Committee Chair **Pam Tischler** presented the Chapter's Volunteer of the Year Award to **Phil Gregory** in recognition of his continued outstanding contributions to the Chapter. **Gene Volk**, our NAWCC National Representative for the Regional gave his report on some of the things that National is doing to stabilize existing membership, and also building new membership. Gene then announced that **Clinton Kleen** and **Mark Vozar** had been accepted as NAWCC Fellows. Both individuals have made significant contributions to Chapter 124 and received a standing ovation. Gene then announced the recipients of NAWCC Certificates of Appreciation. **Bella Grimm** helped to draw for door prizes provided by **Pam & Fred Tischler**, our co-host Chapters: **Southwestern Chapter 15, Five State Collectors Chapter 80 and San Jacinto Chapter 139**. The evening was capped off with an auction conducted by licensed auctioneer **Jim Sargent**.



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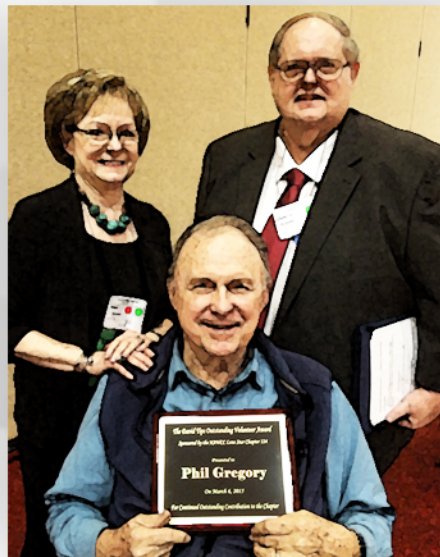
Chapter 124 opened the Mart to the public for four hours on Friday and Saturday. Publicity Chair **E.K. Wilson** worked tirelessly to promote the regional through local media, antique stores, newspaper and word of mouth. **Cathy Slough** presided over the Children's Table in the Mart, offering games, activities and prizes to our youth.

Additional thanks go to Pre-Registration Chair **Gene Meysenburg**, Registration Chair **Clinton Kleen**, Finance Chair **Ronnie Mathis**, General Co-Chair **Kelsey Downum**, Mart Chair **Dee Koch**, Work Shop Chair **Tim Henz**, Door Prize Chair **Evelyn Slough**, Security Chair **John Acker**, Graphic Artist **Peter Crum** and Webmaster **Sam Creech**. A special thanks to **Kelsey Downum** and **Evelyn Slough** for arranging for volunteer workers.

Reminder, we need everyone to maintain their Chapter 124 membership. If you haven't already renewed please use the attached renewal form in this newsletter. Check the bottom of your e-mail to see when your membership expires. Expired members will be dropped from our list prior to the June Newsletter.

John Erickson

President ~Lone Star Chapter 124



Welcome New Members!

Bobby Bohl	San Angelo, TX	Homer DeFord	Duncanville, TX
John Holmes	Paris, TX	Norman Levine	Oklahoma City, OK
Jeffrey Sparks	Fort Worth, TX	James Wilkins	Duncanville, TX
Craig Young	Orange Grove, TX		

UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held in the Founders Building, 701 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051. For information regarding description and registration visit the Education page at www.chapter124.org

April 25-26 May 2-3	CR200 – Spring Barrel Repair
May 16 & 17	Stenciling Class
May 22-25	FSW202 – Lathe Skills for Clock Course, Repair Part 3
May 30	Jeweler's Lathe II
May 31	Micro Lathe
June 6	Annual Meeting
June 27	Open Work Bench
July 18,19,25,26	CR300 – Chiming Clock Repair
August 8	One Day Meeting and Mart
August 14-17	FSW200 - Fundamental Skills for Lathe and Clock Repair Part 1
August 20-23	All Texas Chapter Regional
September 29-30	Beginning Pocket Watch Repair
October 10	One Day Meeting and Mart
October 23-26	CR100 – Kitchen Clock Repair
November 8	Open Work bench



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