



Tick Talk - Chapter #33 N.A.W.C.C.

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TORONTO CHAPTER OF NAWCC

MEETING AT The Best Western Premier Hotel Toronto Airport.

135 Carlingview Dr, Etobicoke – March 22, 2020

President's Message



Hi folks

We had a good meeting on February 16 with 60 people in attendance. Two new members decided to join us. Thanks are due to Russ Smith, Jeff Crouch and Ron Metcalfe who made our display both informative and interesting. Thanks are due, as well, to Dennis Burgin who provided us with a workshop on dial painting that was outstanding. Dennis is not only an amazingly talented man but was able to clearly demonstrate his technique in a way that was encouraging to everyone. Congratulations to Karen Dezwaan who was our 50-50 draw winner.



Our next meeting will be on March 22 at the Best Western Premier Hotel. Although I will not be able to attend due to travel commitments, promises to be a good one.

Our presenter will be Brendan Reilly, whom you may remember demonstrated a fantastic wooden torsion clock at one of our past meetings. This time, he has prepared a model of how a sundial works and will be describing its operation along with sundials he has made. Our display will be on solar time so please bring along any sundials, clocks or watches which are related to this theme. Our mart room has had many available tables at the past few meetings so please bring along your clocks and watches to sell. It is a great opportunity for you to gain extra cash.

Our May Invitational is fast approaching and, once again, you can preregister either by sending in your money to me or at the registration desk at the March meeting. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western for \$129 per room including parking and a hot breakfast for each occupant. Please contact Kadar Bozayan directly at 416 637 7000 to take advantage of this special rate. Also, you can join us the night before the Invitational at the Best Western for dinner. The cost of the dinner will be \$26.99+tax and we would ask you to indicate your intention to join us at the time you preregister so that the hotel can accommodate us. Tables in the Mart Room at the May meeting will be available on a first come – first served basis for \$15 each. Please see the registration form on the last page of the Tick Talk.

We are very pleased that Robert St. Louis will present a talk on Albert Caron, an 18th Century French watchmaker who was both innovative and a contemporary of Lepine and LeRoy. Robert has written for the NAWCC Bulletin and you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about continental horology.

As a special bonus we are grateful to Marie Bender and Rob Poolman who have donated clocks which we will raffle off at the May meeting. Tickets will be on sale at the March meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you when we next meet.

Ben



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The May Invitational Has Gotten Even Better

Two Chapter 33 members, Marie Bender and Rob Poolman, have generously donated these great clocks, which will be raffled at the May Invitational.

Tickets will be available at the Chapter 33 March 22 meeting as well as the May Invitational.

Buy your tickets for a chance to go home with this Sessions time and strike spring driven banjo clock or an Ansonia time and strike "bim-bam" hump back clock

GOOD LUCK!!





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Our February 2020 Meeting





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Meeting Agenda

March 22, 2020

7:30 Dealer Setup

8:00 Mart opens

Personalized Clinic “First Aid for Members”

- If you have something you need help with, or something you are looking for information on, be sure to bring it in to our First Aid Session. Put the knowledge of our Chapter members to use for you!

10:30 Welcome and remarks

10:45 Display Walk Through: Solar Time

11:15 50/50 Draw for the Winning Ticket

11:30 Presentation: Brendan Reilly : Sun dials



2019/20 Chapter 33 Meeting dates

Mar 22nd

May 3rd *

Meetings begin at 8:00am
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Contact Us at: Chapter33toronto@gmail.com

* May 3rd meeting now at
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Painted & paper dial restoration and conservation treatments

Presented by Dennis Burgin



Dennis has never seen a face he can't improve. All of us have come across a clock that is fine except for the dial. While many of us try to avoid such clocks, Dennis sees the potential and goes to work to bring the dial back to what it should look like.

Dennis showed us how he approached dials that only needed a bit of clean up all the way to the ones that look hopeless. Starting with paper dials, he explained how to use dry cleaning pads on a lightly soiled dial.

He then walked through his process of replacing a paper dial that was in very poor shape. After removing the grommets with a putty knife to re use and marking the dial plate at 12 & 6, he showed how to measure and cut a replacement.

Next, he explained how to use spray adhesive and how to position and fix the new dial in place making use of the 12 & 6 marks previously mentioned. Dennis explained that papers with a finish will not let the

adhesive bleed through as can be the case with plain paper. The adhesive should be sprayed onto the metal surface and Dennis spays 3 very light coats for the best result.

After the dial is positioned it is smoothed out from the centre. After drying, the holes are cut out using an X-acto knife.

Finally, the grommets are fixed in place in the winding holes.

Wooden dials present different challenges and Dennis walked through a very detailed explanation of the method that he has developed to restore them. He told us how he fills the missing paint with gesso before adding a top layer of colour matched paint. Dennis uses a nib pen to fill in or touch up numerals. He went on to show how he blends the repainted areas by dabbing with a cotton ball before the entire dial is given a coat of lacquer.

For metal dials, Dennis uses the same method as described for wood dials if they are not in very bad shape. Otherwise he advises to strip the dial after making a copy at 93% actual size.





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Once the dial is stripped and cleaned, it is sprayed with a thin coat of ivory paint. The paint surface should be flat and not pebbly.

He showed how to copy the design of the spandrels by visualizing grid lines as a guide.

He showed how to copy the design of the spandrels by visualizing grid lines as a guide. The design is painted free hand in small sections continuously checking the position and shape against the copy.

After transferring the base design elements, he showed how to continue by applying the remaining portions colour by colour and mixing paint with a glazing compound.

To paint a new chapter ring, Dennis uses liner pens. He begins by clamping a pen to a compass or divider to draw the circle(s), by measuring against the copy that was made. Dots are added for the minute track and then lines are drawn over the dots using a beveled edge ruler.



For the Roman numerals, he begins by drawing the top and bottom lines, again using a pen clamped to a divider. He is careful to draw these lines slightly shorter than the finished length. He reminds us to use a dot

under the V because it has no line. He then goes on to add the main lines for the numerals and completes by filling the heavy lines with a liner pen.

Dennis explained how he dabs over the dial with a cotton ball to make it appear aged, with extra attention to the areas around the winding holes before applying a clear coat finish.

Dennis has developed his processes over time and explains there may be other methods, but these are the ones that have worked well for him.

He uses an oil primer to paint the base coat for a full dial strip and repaint project.

All the detail including decoration and chapter ring are painted with water-based colours, that are blended to obtain the best match to the original.

Krylon is his preferred clearcoat rather than painter's choice.

Dennis advised those who are interested in trying for themselves, that a lot is gained through practice and that a beginner needs to understand that early attempts may be disappointing, but most people will soon begin to develop their skills and produce the desired outcome.

We want to thank Dennis for bringing his skills and experience to us in his presentation.

We want to thank him as well for agreeing to be the first presenter to use the projector and camera to enhance the experience

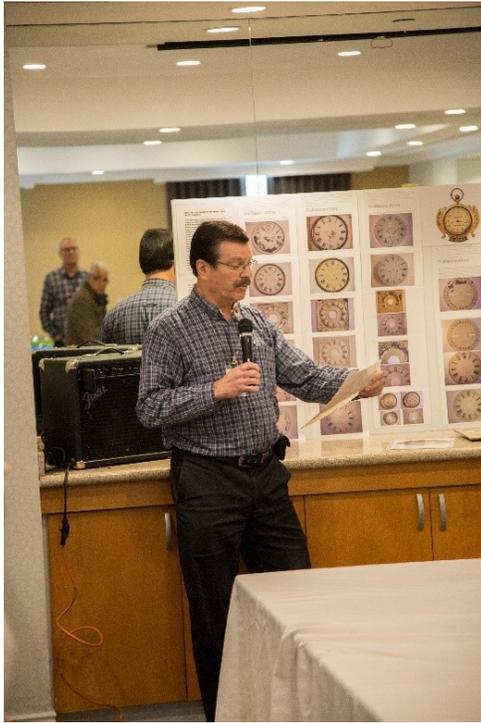


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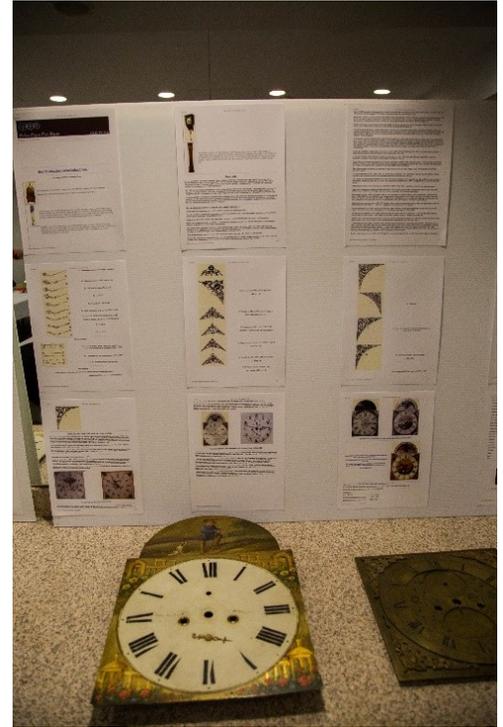
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Our February 2020 Members' Display

Painted & Enameled Dials





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From the Archives

Everyone has a story to tell and NAWCC members usually have fascinating ones. This is an excerpt from the NAWCC archives that recalls an NAWCC member's first experience with collecting.

Dale Kiesewetter (MD)

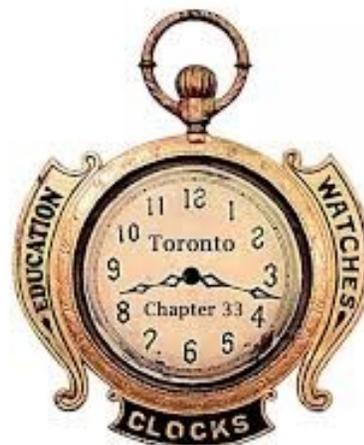
My grandparents lived in a big old house that had an attic, which was accessible via a narrow staircase from an upstairs bedroom. On one of my expeditions into the attic as a young boy, I noticed an old clock among the items stored. Sometime in the early 1970s, I retrieved this Seth Thomas adamantine mantel clock and, although it did not run, it sat on top of the piano in my parents' house for many years. After I finished my schooling in 1984, I moved to Maryland for employment. I met the girl who became my wife and we settled together in a small townhouse. On one of the visits to my old home, we decided to bring the clock to Maryland. We entrusted a local clock repair shop to bring our clock back to life. I have some memory of the clockmaker congratulating us on our first clock; my wife has no such memory. Our now healthy clock happily tick-tocked away while striking on the hour and half-hour. The clock held a place of honor on a small shelf in our townhouse. My wife found the ticking to be very soothing during those first few weeks following the birth of our first child as our baby was sleeping. Eventually, we moved into a larger house and I became more interested in collecting and repairing clocks. In the late 1990s I made time to attend two classes in clock repair at the NAWCC School of Horology in Columbia, PA. The classes provided sufficient training to allow me to do minor repairs on clocks I acquired and retained. To this day, my first Seth Thomas clock sits on the mantel above our fireplace as one of six clocks in this prominent display. This is the clock I can credit (or blame) for starting my collection of clocks.

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Special Room rate Best Western

We have negotiated a special room rate of \$129.00 + taxes for Chapter 33 members and all members of the NAWCC. This rate is subject to room availability for the rest of 2019 and all of 2020. Breakfast for 2 and parking for 1 vehicle is included at this great rate. Reservations must be placed directly with Kadar Bozoyan (416) 637-7000 ext. 108 to receive this rate





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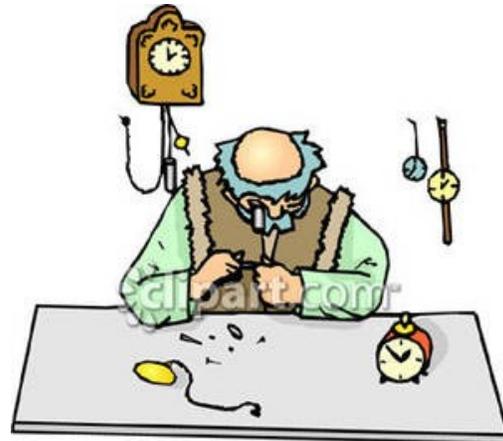
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First Aid Mentoring Clinic for members – A Resource for All!

Now running concurrently with the Mart!!

Chapter #33 will continue to run this part of the program in the Mart room during the same hours as the Mart. Each meeting we tend to have three or four “projects” show up that fellow members can inspect and discuss. If you have something that you’d like to learn more about, or perhaps something you need a little help with, be sure to bring it along and benefit from the experience of your fellow members.

2019 – 2020 Membership Renewal

The next Toronto Chapter 33 Meeting will be Sunday March 22, 2020 at :
The Best Western Premier Hotel
135 Carlingview Dr, Etobicoke, ON M9W 5E7

Dues for 2019 – 2020 are \$35.00.

You can pay at the door or send your cheque to:
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TORONTO CHAPTER #33 MAY INVITATIONAL REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday May 3rd 2020



2020 Toronto Chapter #33 May Invitational
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(416) 637-7000.
Registration Form

Name: _____ NAWCC# _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____
Address: _____

Spouse/Guest Names:

Mart Admission	Quantity	Price	Total
Pre-Registration		\$10.00	
Mart Table		\$15.00	
		Grand Total ->	
Attending Saturday Evening Dinner (May 2nd)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number Attending	

Make Cheque Payable to NAWCC Chapter #33

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If you wish to stay near the meeting this year, we have made arrangements at the Best Western Premier Toronto Airport Carlingview Hotel 135 Carlingview Drive, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 5E7.

Rooms are available at a special rate of \$129 per night including free parking and free hot breakfast.

**Note that this rate will be available for all NAWCC members at any time during the year.

To receive this special rate you must call the hotel's events director, Kadar, directly at 416 637 7000 .

Why Not Join Us for Dinner?

Saturday Evening Dinner: We will get together on the Saturday evening at the Best Western Premier Toronto Airport Carlingview hotel for dinner and fellowship. This year we have arranged a buffet @ \$26.99 plus tax per person. Please help us to plan for numbers by contacting Ben Orszulak by April 20 if you would like to join us on Saturday night for dinner. We'd love to enjoy your company.