

New England Chapter No. 8
The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

24th ANNUAL WILLARD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Willard House & Clock Museum, 11 Willard St., North Grafton, MA 01536, 508-839-3500

We invite you to attend this year's workshop at the Willard House & Clock Museum. The registration fee of \$45.00 is for members, as well as for non-members, and includes three horological presentations, morning and mid-morning refreshments, a box lunch, and entry into the museum's excellent and extensive collection of Willard clocks and related items.

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You continue to have the option of using PayPal: under "To" type in: chapt8@gmail.com. For "Email to Recipient," enter your name, membership number and what the amount of your payment is for in the Message box.

Seating may be limited, so please register promptly.

THIS YEAR'S WORKSHOP

As in past years, we are pleased to again have three highly-regarded speakers noted for their knowledge, experience, and their ability to give informative and interesting talks. Even if you do not perform repairs or restorations, you will still benefit as a clock and/or watch collector by gaining a better understanding of what makes up these pieces.

SCHEDULE:

8:00 am. **Registration and morning refreshments**

9:00 am. **General Introductions:** Chris Carey, President of Chapter 8, and Robert Cheney, Director of the Willard House & Clock Museum

MORNING SESSION

9:15 am. Clock Tools Used in the Trade – Jeff Adams

This presentation will focus on the tools used in the trade, and encompassing the needs of the ambitious collector wanting to maintain their collection to the person wanting to open their own shop. What you will need to get started, what you may ultimately need, and those "goodies" you will eventually want. While setting up to do clock repair, how to prioritize the expenses for acquiring the proper tools. Also, the need to understand that some tools must be made, not bought.

Jeff was trained for about six years by Dan Neid, owner and operator of the York Time Institute, York, PA. For the last twenty years Jeff has pretty much worked on anything that ticks, and is a former NAWCC Field Suitcase Instructor.

10:30 am. **Coffee break with snacks**

11:00 am Some Basic and Advanced Repair Problems – *John Losch*

John will discuss bushing mistakes and tricky bushings (and their consequences), several repairs to spring barrels, setting up to re-pivot wheels, use of a defective depthing tool (most are), really cleaning pivot holes, and more as time allows. Questions will be welcome.

John Losch is a semi-retired clockmaker who recently passed his milestone 70th year at the bench. In his early years he worked at the Howard Clock factory in one of its final iterations. John was associated with the Collection of Historical Scientific Instruments at Harvard University as a restorer for thirty-five years. He taught at the NAWCC School of Horology. Concurrent with those associations he ran his own clock repair and restoration business for many years. Now John writes and lectures occasionally, and serves as a trustee of the Willard House and Clock Museum.

12:15 pm. **Catered box lunch**

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 pm A Connoisseur's Look at a Willard Eight-day Tall Clock – *Robert C. Cheney*

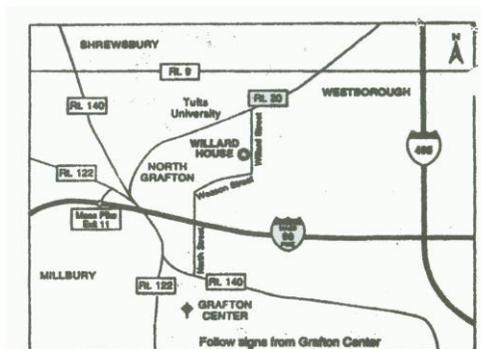
Robert C. Cheney of Brimfield, Massachusetts will be our after lunch speaker. By request, Robert will examine a Willard tall clock to demonstrate his procedure in determining authenticity and writing a proper catalogue description for museum curatorial work. He will discuss the differences between a description for an auction catalogue and that for museum records. For those of you who have attended one of Robert's "Gallery Walks" while he was Director of Clocks, Watches and Scientific Instruments at Skinner, you will recognize the procedure as he dismantles the clock into components and goes into a forensic examination of each component, the case including the hood, the dial, the movement, etc., and how they all need to relate for a "straight" or "clean" clock verdict in a report. Regardless of your interests, there is always something to be learned from these "hands-on" demonstrations.

Robert C. Cheney is well known to Chapter 8 members and the wider horological world. He has served as conservator and consultant to over thirty-five museums, and a Board member to three horological museums including the Willard House and Clock Museum. Robert has lectured extensively in the U. S., Canada and the UK, has written a book with Philip Zea, "Clock Making in New England, 1725-1825." He has been a high-end dealer for private clients and has provided collection management services to private, museum and corporate clients alike. Robert is recently retired as Director of Clocks, Watches and Scientific Instruments at Skinner in Marlborough, and is presently Executive Director and Curator of the Willard House and Clock Museum, Grafton.

Travel Information: Take any route to Grafton Center. Follow signs to Willard Museum.

From Mass Pike, take exit 11, turn right, follow Rte 122 to Rte 140 to Grafton Center. Follow signs to Willard Museum.

From I-495, take Rte 9 to Rte 30, turn on to Willard Road at Tufts Campus. Follow signs to Willard Museum.



Future meetings: summer picnic (date TBD), and the OSV fall meeting October 20th.

"CARS, CLOCKS, AND WATCHES" AT THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM

This year's NAWCC symposium is September 20-22 in Dearborn, Michigan, at one of the world's best history and technology museums. Important speakers will discuss Henry Ford's lifelong passion for timekeepers, and the crucial connections between 19th-century New England horological manufacturing and 20th-century automobile mass-production. Also, attendees will tour the institution's major collections, which include clocks, watches, and related tools and machines.

The conference opens Thursday evening with a private after-hours dinner in the museum, followed by Friday programs and picnic lunch in Greenfield Village, then Saturday presentations in the museum auditorium, and a final candlelight evening banquet in the village's Eagle Tavern. Details and registration are at www.carsclocksandwatches.com and by contacting symposium chairman Bob Frishman, bell-time@comcast.net, or 978-475-5001.

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THANKS*****

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REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY, MAY 8TH

Registration, Saturday, May 12, 2018 Willard House Workshop (no walk-ins for this event)

Registrations: \$45.00 each for members and non-members, total enclosed \$ _____

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