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

18th ANNUAL WILLARD HOUSE WORKSHOP Saturday, May 18, 2013, 8:00 am to 3:30 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 the horological presentations, morning refreshments, a box lunch, and entry into the museum's excellent and extensive collection of Willard clocks and related items.

CHAPTER 8 ACCEPTS PAYPAL PAYMENTS

MEETINGS, TABLES, AND CHAPTER DUES

See previous meeting notices and registration forms for details

Seating is limited, so please register promptly.

THIS YEAR'S WORKSHOP

We are pleased to have 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: Dave Deutermann, President of Chapter 8, and Patrick Keenan,

Director of the Willard House & Clock Museum

MORNING SESSION

9:15 am. Clock Case Restoration Skills from the Past - Wayne Paskerian

The skills and materials used by craftsmen from the 50's and 60's are available for us to use for repairing and restoring finishes on wooden clock cases, furniture, and picture frames. These include; colored burnin shellac stick filling, French polishing, color tinting materials, improving crazed finishes, accurate dowel replacement and corner joint repairs, gilding, plaster and gesso build ups, etc. The presentation will be in the form of a continuous open-question period as Wayne discusses these different stabilization and restoration techniques.

10:30 am. Coffee break and snacks

11:00 am **Every Man's Finish** – *Larry Chelmow*

This presentation will cover finishing a clock case that has had its original finish destroyed. It is most important not to strip an old finish that is conservable and restorable (most are). Many clocks found today have been stripped or poorly refinished. It then becomes the task to make the best of a bad situation. Larry will go into the details of the different grades of shellac, and how to easily apply a shellac finish that enhances the clock. The discussion will describe how to thin and mix the shellac, how to apply this traditional finish, and how to complete the job. This will be a working presentation with examples of the different stages of applying the finish.

12:15 pm. Catered box lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 pm. **D.I.Y – Making Horological Tools – Marty Cohen**

Many useful tools such as, hand tools, lathe accessories and more, are no longer being made or have never been commercially made. Some are so easy to make that the individual should do it, and some of the more complicated tools may be made just for fun (and profit). Instructions and a demonstration of heat treatment of steel, the purchase of different metals to be used as tool stock, sawing, filing, turning, milling and brazing will be included in this talk.

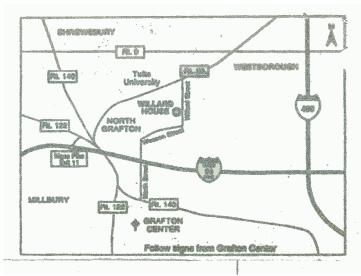
2:15 pm. **Tour of the Willard Clock Museum**

If you have never been to a Willard House Workshop, and you are interested in the listed topics, this is an excellent opportunity to hear talented and skilled presenters in the authentic setting of the Willard home and workshop. The Willard House is located in a scenic rural area where a priceless collection of Willard clocks can be viewed.

Travel Information: Take any route to <u>Grafton Center</u>. Follow signs to Willard Museum.

From Mass Pike, take exit 11, turn right, follow Rte 122 to Rte 140 to <u>Grafton Center</u>. 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: annual summer picnic – Sunday, August 25th (Willard House & Clock museum), and Saturday, September 28th (Old Sturbridge Village).

A NOTE ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Wayne Paskerian is a long-time Chapter 8 member, a current council director, and past treasurer. For many years he has carried out clock movement restorations and wooden case restorations, stabilizations, and preservations. He is a mechanical engineer, and co-owned and managed a picture frame manufacturing company for many years.

Larry Chelmow has been an active member of our chapter for several decades. Additionally, he is on the board of three museums: Willard House & Clock Museum, American Clock & Watch Museum, and the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation. He is a member of the Collections committee of the NAWCC. Larry routinely carries out a wide range of clock movement and case repairs.

Marty Cohen is one of the current Chapter 8 directors and an amateur horologist. He is a retired technical consultant having worked for 32 years at Arthur D. Little. Marty is a toolmaker, and the senior volunteer and Horological Curator at the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation, Waltham, MA.

CONNNECTICUT MEMBERS: If you have a local facility where you feel a Chapter 8 meeting could be held, please let one of the chapter council members at this meeting know. Also, council members' contact information can be found in any previous meeting notice. Thanks.

REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 11TH

Registration for the Saturday, May 18, 2013 Willard House Workshop

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

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