

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

19th ANNUAL WILLARD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 31, 2014, 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 three horological presentations, 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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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

This year we are particularly pleased to 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:** Dave Deutermann, President of Chapter 8, and Patrick Keenan,
Director of the Willard House & Clock Museum

MORNING SESSION

9:15 am. **Leverage with Levers – *Jeff Adams***

Jeff will discuss an aspect of clock assembly that his Suitcase Workshop students have found particularly difficult. Warning lever, lift lever, count lever, lock lever... how to put the clock together with the levers in the right place to work at the right time.

Jeff has been a NAWCC Field Suitcase Instructor since 2003, and studied under Mr. Dan Neid, head of the York Time Institute, York, PA.

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

11:00 am **Ask the Expert – *John Losch***

John will field his audience's questions regarding any aspect of clock repair, drawing on his vast experience in this field. Bring your questions and take this opportunity to pick up pointers from a true expert (as well as receiving a touch of his humor).

John has been repairing clocks for seventy years. Clearly he is old, obsolete, yet he has decided that he is now qualified as an historian. He worked at the Howard Clock factory in one of its final iterations, worked for (and learned much from) H. J. Olsen of Watertown, MA, who was at one time considered the dean of clockmakers. 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 forty-five years. John has agreed to attempt to answer questions until either he or his audience falls asleep. It could be a short program.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 pm. **The Pitfalls in Collecting Willard Patent Timepieces – *Robert Cheney***

Among the thirty billion Willard banjos in current circulation, there just may be a few that are not what they claim to be. Robert Cheney has probably seen them all, as you can see from his biography. This presentation will describe some of the deviations from authenticity to be alert for.

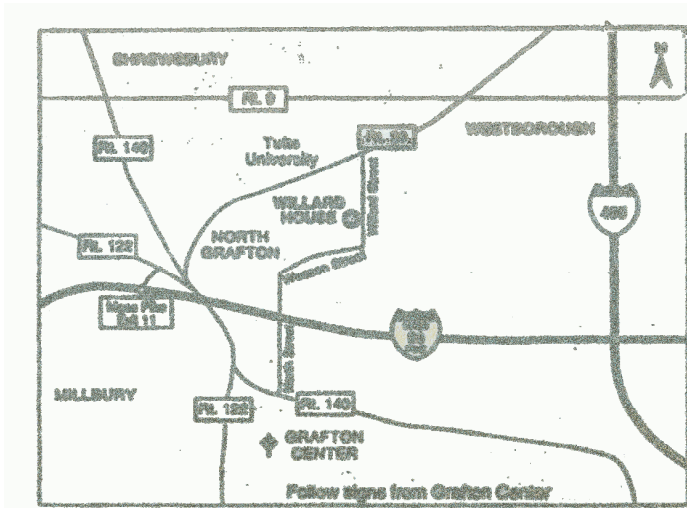
Robert has lectured at decorative arts and clock collecting conferences throughout the United States, Canada and the UK. He is a third generation clockmaker, consultant to over thirty museums including Old Sturbridge Village, a past board member of The National Watch and Clock Museum, Columbia, Pennsylvania, and the American Clock and Watch Museum in Bristol, CT. As Scholar in Residence at the Concord Museum, he published, *Roxbury Movements and the English Connection, 1785-1825* in the *Magazine Antiques*, April 2000. His other writings include numerous articles, book reviews and the book, *Clock Making in New England, 1725-1825*, with Philip Zea. Robert is the Director of Science, Technology and Clocks at Skinner Inc. where he oversees two major sales per year of clocks, watches and scientific instruments

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 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 Meeting: annual August summer picnic (location and date TBD)

For those interested in attending a Suitcase Workshop. There are no specific workshops currently scheduled. Most of them have prerequisites but not all. If you would like to attend a one or two-day refresher of a workshop that you have already taken it may be possible depending on the number of students that sign up. A minimum number of students are required for all regular workshops. A complete list of classes is available on the NAWCC website/education. If you have questions, contact Joe Seremeth or Jeff Adams.

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REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 23RD

Registration for the Saturday, May 31, 2014 Willard House Workshop

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

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Email option:** _____

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