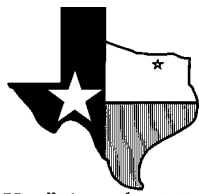


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We had an excellent presentation at our April One Day. Cori Johnson from Binswanger Glass Company demonstrated how to cut glass properly and how NOT TO. She held everyone's attention and answered a lot of questions from our membership. If you missed this event and would like to see it, we have a tape available for loan. Craig Burgess, our Education Director, is taping our educationals to develop a library for our membership. Please contact him if you are interested in borrowing a tape.

June is upon us and brings to close our fiscal year. Our June 12th One Day will be our Annual Business Meeting where our Chapter Reports will be presented to our membership. Our Nomination Committee (last three Past-Presidents) will present a candidate for the Board of Directors for your consideration. This is an important meeting and we need everyone to be a part of it, so PLEASE plan to attend. Besides, we will have a raffle following our meeting for a Gold-Filled Hamilton pocket watch. Our MART will be at our usual time.

I would like to thank ALL of you for your support during this past year. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Chapter President. We have had some great meetings and educationals. We have a strong Board who works hard for you. We have excellent classes throughout the year and they keep growing. We had an outstanding Regional Show because of your help.

Thanks to ALL! See you on June 12th.

President Russ Aikins

June 12, 2004 - Next One Day Business Meeting & Officer Nomiations

Please come! It's YOUR Chapter!

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Directions to
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Go to Harwood, turn right
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From Mesquite (East)
I-30 West, exit "Downtown/Ervay"
Go to St. Paul, turn left
Go past Ambassador Hotel to Gano
Left on Gano; L on Park
From Downtown Dallas
Get on St Paul, drive south past
Ambassador Hotel; left on Gano,
L on Park
Park St. is closed to the public,
so park your car in the parking
lot at Gano and Park

More Upcoming Events:

Great Southwestern Regional

June 18th and 19th
Kerrville, TX

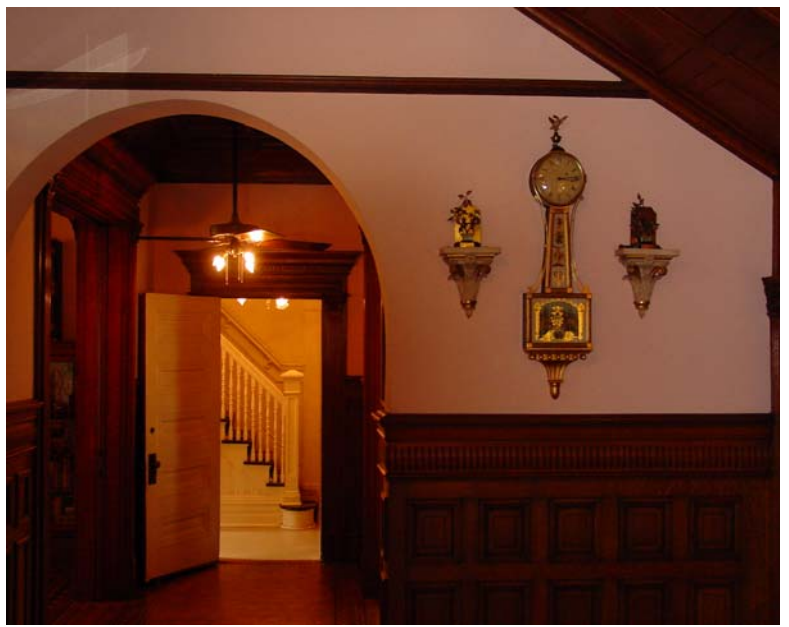
Everyone is encouraged to attend the Great Southwestern Regional sponsored by **Chapter 15** in Kerrville, June 18th and 19th. They are promising lots of fun and good trading. The scenery is beautiful and worth the drive. Richard Cox and Benny and Peggy Blanchard are among those personally inviting Chapter 124 members to share their Regional with them. Chapter 15 does a good job of supporting Chapter 124, so now its time to return the favor. Get your reservations now!

16th Annual All Texas Chapters Regional 2004

Chapter 139 has really been picking up speed and wants Chapter 124 to join their events. They had a One-Day Mart on May 15 and expect to be having more on the third Saturdays of November, February and May at the St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Houston. The upcoming "Big Summer Show in Texas" on August 27-29, 2004 at the J.W. Marriott-Galleria is already gathering excitement. It is always one of the favorite regionals in Texas, so make plans now to attend.

Terry Brotherton said that Chapter 139 is planning a suitcase class with fifteen already enrolled. He also said that Chapter 124 and 139 are working together to meet the needs of the chapters.

Historic Banjo Clock Restored by Chapter 124



In October 2003, Chapter 124 took on a work of restoration on a clock belonging to Historic Fort Worth in the Ball-Eddleman-McFarland house, a non-profit organization. The Girandole presentation banjo clock was in a state of disrepair when we accepted the project. Apparently the weight cord had severed on its own and the weight broke through the bottom of the clock sending both weight and gilded bottom to the floor several feet below. The task our Chapter agreed to perform was to glue the bottom back onto the case, and put the movement back in running order. The case bottom required some gilding and gesso work before it could be reattached to the rest of the case. The unmarked movement on the other hand required overhaul and machine work to make it run. The work was performed and completed by volunteers within Chapter 124. With case and movement work finished, the clock was delivered to the Ball-Eddleman-McFarland house on March 26, 2004 to a very pleased Director and caretaker. The only identification on the clock was "Mc 9311", which was penciled on the inside of the lower door. This may be a reference to the individual that built the clock. The caretakers of the Ball-Eddleman-McFarland house state that the clock had been in the McFarland family for quite some time. Some of our resident experts have dated the clock to around 1920. - Educational Director Craig Burgess



Planting Time at Old City Park

Mark Vozar and Bill Andrle did Old City Park duty on on April 17 for its annual "Planting Time" event. Bill reported that everything went well. Attendance was light.....20 or so groups of people who mainly wanted their clocks fixed. They gave about a dozen brochures out to some interested people. Mark repaired lantern pinions on his Ansonia kitchen clock movement while Bill polished pivots on his old quail cuckoo clock movement.

Melissa Prycer, the new Program Manager of the Old City Park, introduced herself and seemed nice, friendly and energetic. It looks as if she will be great to work with and cooperative with all the educationals.

Happy Customer

"I have just completed two more Chapter 124 education classes -- Clock Case Restoration by Craig Burgess and Pocket Watch Repair by George Kiser. Both instructors were outstanding. They were well organized and helpful to all."

"We are fortunate to have so many resourceful people in this Chapter who are willing to share their knowledge with others." ~ Joe Plunkett

Chapter 124 - "The Education Chapter"



Cori Johnson from Binswanger Glass for April One-Day



Bob Tramel in Pocket Watch Class

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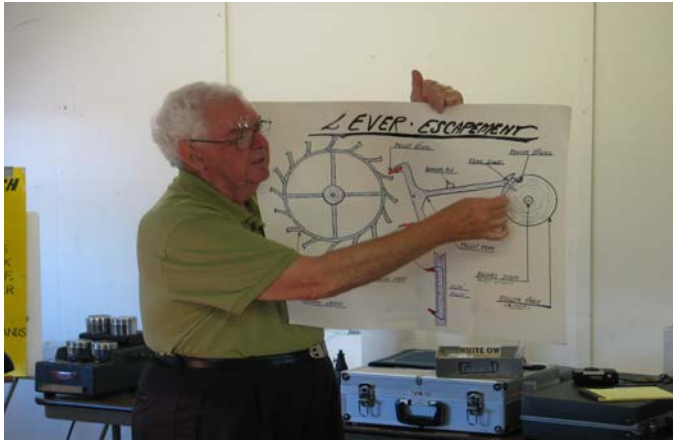
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Pocket Watch Class Enormous Hit!



George Kiser did a fantastic job of teaching a full class of eager new pocket watch repair people. This has been a long awaited, long anticipated, and long needed class for all the watch enthusiasts. According to those who attended, it was well worth the wait. Thanks to George Kiser and Luther Lucko for their time and contribution.

In the class photo: front row left to right, George Kiser (instructor), Phil Ball, Pat Flanigan, Divvang Avar, and Frank Van Zant. Back row left to right, Russ Aikins, Bill Andrle, Ray Gearhard, Luther Lucko (Teaching Asistant), Joe Plunkett, Bob Tramel, and Paavo Zakin.

Fred Tischler to Retire as Key Instructor for Clock Repair Classes

After ten years of service, Fred Tishler will resign as clock repair instructor. This is an unimaginable loss, but Chapter 124 will continue to do what it can to meet the needs of prospective students.

In 1994, Fred lead a team of Chapter members to organize and teach the first clock repair class at Old City Park which was fashioned after the original Field Suitcase Workshop Program. Later, as the FSW program was reorganized under John Plume's guidance, he wrote the lesson plans for three additional classes and got permission to use the same material for the Chapter. That is the origin of the Chapter's 100, 200, 300 & 400 clock repair classes. Many other volunteers got involved, and the Chapter 124 educational program at OCP has blossomed into several other areas of Horology. The Chapter has been recognized throughout the NAWCC for its leading educational effort.

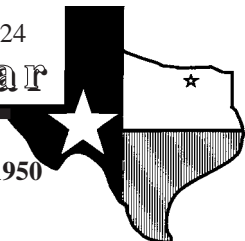
Fred said the most important asset the Chapter has is its membership, but only a few of these members are willing to spend a lot of their prime time as volunteers for the benefit of others. Hopefully more volunteer interest can be generated for needed assistance as the demand dictates. Countless chapter members have benefited from the OCP program and could help. Fred said that he is sure they will when they see their assistance is really needed to continue carrying the program onward. He has done an outstanding job, and his teaching will be missed very much. Many thanks to Fred and his wife Pam for all they have done.

UPCOMING EDUCATION CLASSES

Check Chapter 124 Website @ www.chapter124.com for Any Changes or Updates

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Weight Driven Clock Repair 400	July 10, 11 & 17,18	\$50.00	Call Fred Tischler @ 972-612-0712

Remember: Classes are open to the public. Anyone may participate. Bring a friend!



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Welcome New Members!

Mary Wykes Grand Prairie, TX
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Dave Davidson Hurst, TX

Total membership this month is 542.

Educational Videos Now Available for Checkout

Our chapter is in the process of building up an educational video library for those who want to review the materials or cannot make the one-day events. For starters, we have the following videos available for checkout:

George Kiser: History of Rolex, from March 2004 NAWCC Regional in Mequite TX. The video contains a fact-filled hour of George Kiser's presentation on the history of Rolex from the early days to the present. The quality of the VHS format video taping is fair. Approximate running time is 60 minutes.

Cori Johnson, Binswanger Glass: Glass Cutting Presentation to Chapter 124 One-day Mart, April 2004. Cori demystifies cutting and drilling single pane glass and mirrors with her energetic presentation. The quality of the VHS format video taping is good. Approximate running time is 75 minutes.

The videos are available for a two-week checkout from Craig Burgess. Please send check, cash, or money order for \$3.00 to cover postage to:

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