

CLOCK AND WATCH COLLECTORS DISPLAY AND SELL THEIR BEST AT REGIONAL CLOCK AND WATCH SHOW MAY 19th

KIRTLAND, OH --- The National Association of Clock and Watch Collectors' Regional Show and Sale on Saturday, May 19 at Lakeland Community College is the place to find rare and beautifully restored timepieces and parts as well as get expert advice about old or broken clocks and watches.

NAWCC members invite you to their annual public day event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Main Gym Building. Expert collectors and repairers will display their collections, give hands-on seminars, share knowledge and buy and sell certain timepieces and parts. Admission to the Mart (where buying and selling take place) is \$5. Admission is free to the educational talks and displays.

Members of the NAWCC are passionate about timekeeping. Their extensive collections of antique and rare timepieces prove it. They spend hours collecting hard-to-find parts, repairing timepieces and restoring these works of art to like new condition so that people can use them once again.

Each year the club puts together a special display. This year's feature is a chronological timeline of "Watches Through the Ages."

According to Joel Sarich, who is in charge of the display, there will be pieces from the 1700's, early 1800's, the Railroad Watch era (1860's), the 1940/50's and up through 2012.

"The watch makers that we'll display are American makers Illinois Watch Co., Hamilton Watch, American Waltham Watch Co., Elgin (from Illinois), Columbus Watch Co., Webb C. Ball Watch Co (from here in Cleveland)," Sarich said. "Most of the earliest watches were probably manufactured in England and brought here."

Sarich's partner for the special display is Bryan Eying, who has been collecting watches since he was 12. "Now in his mid-thirties, Eying is one of the youngest members of the chapter and an extremely gifted watch collector," Sarich said.

Sarich added, "It will be interesting to put together our display as a timeline, to show people the progression of watches. Early wrist watches were huge. I can't imagine having to carry that around!"

Along with historical pieces and well thought-out collections, NAWCC members also present educational sessions and hands-on seminars.

Dave Lima, NAWCC Chapter 28 president, will demonstrate and lecture on "Gilding and Burnishing Clock Columns" as well as talk about gilding metal cases. He'll give a step-by-step description and demonstration of the process using gilding tools and materials to produce the finished product. This informative lecture is free.

Every year National Association and Clock Collectors meet for their annual Regional Meeting and Show. Members prepare for this weekend all year by collecting, restoring and fine-tuning their extensive collections of timepieces. The public day on May 19th gives people the ability to talk to these collectors. Some drive hundreds of miles with their collections in tow to display them here in the Cleveland area.

According to Ginny Sims, secretary for the chapter, the NAWCC is not just for collectors, but a group focused on education. She says the national website is an abundant information source for collectors and repairers.

"The www.NAWCC.com site has a question and answer section that is very helpful. If you're working on a clock and you're not sure what type of polish or what part to use or, you'll find a lot of answers there," she said.

Tom Borkowski agrees, "You can visit www.nawcc.org for a virtual tour of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collector's Museum, which is located in eastern Pennsylvania. The website will give you an idea of some of the pieces that you may see at the May 19th event. You can see rare clocks and watches, video clips of historical pieces and get answers from the experts."

The National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc. (NAWCC) is a non-profit organization founded in the 1940's dedicated to the study and preservation of all types of timekeepers, most generally, watches and clocks. What brings members together is a common interest in horology, the study of time and timekeepers. For more information on the NAWCC, visit www.nawcc.com. For local chapter information, visit www.nawcc28.org.