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Save the date

October 21

Stenciling and Painting workdays
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Holloways'
1105 Lafayette Lane
Pflugerville, TX 78660

October 27/28

Casting and molding class
Capitol Area Watchmakers and
Clockmakers Guild class
College Station, TX

November 10

Chapter 15 Program – 10 a.m.
Windermere Clubhouse
Pflugerville TX 78660

December

No meeting

January

New Year kick-off potluck
Details TBD

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Last month, several Chapter 15 members took a very special pilgrimage to the home of Joe and Susie Giles and family (thank you very much Joe and family!). The purpose was to honor Clyde Day with a presentation of the NAWCC's coveted Fellow award for the work he has done in growing and supporting horology in central Texas. Pat has included some great pictures of the event later in the Newsletter. It was a wonderful time and was great to see so many Chapter 15 members happy to get together for the event! I want to thank all of those who attended and helped make it a memorable event for Clyde. And a special thanks once again goes out to Joe and his family for their hospitality in hosting the event.

One of the themes that the present Chapter 15 officers have upheld as a priority is to find ways to acknowledge and recognize folks within Chapter 15 that have gone above and beyond the normal call to support the study of horology as well as Chapter activities. In this month's Newsletter we will be reflecting on one individual in particular.

There are a select number of folks who visibly work hard to make it possible for many to enjoy the benefits of both horology and the Chapter. There are a few that have dedicated themselves to horology that perhaps most of us don't see every day, but their contribution is very significant. One such individual is Clyde Day of Kerrville, Texas.

The horological story of Clyde Day goes back 40 years. Clyde is one of those individuals that defined the word "Retirement" differently than most—or maybe he just didn't define it at all! Clyde retired from a national engineering company in 1972 but then took another job in Houston. He finally gave up the corporate life once and for all in 1982.

Sparked by a grandfather clock kit project, Clyde Day began to develop a very significant interest in horology while still working at his job in Houston. He joined NAWCC in 1978 and became acquainted with several Chapter 15 individuals while taking clock repair classes over a period of four years from Chapter 15 and the NAWCC. Clyde quickly developed a real skill at clock repair and developed a loyal following of customers. Eventually, Clyde moved to Kerrville where he cultivated this new horological passion.

Once settled in Kerrville, Clyde took over as a volunteer CEO of the local hospice. He became known locally as an active community leader and a great horologist. All the while, his clock shop became busier every day. But, his passion for horology didn't end there.

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President's Message (continued)

In cooperation with the local Kerrville Community Continuing Education Center, Clyde developed a 6-week fall class on basic clock repair, attracting from 10 to 12 students every year. This program continued for 26 years ending only 2 years ago! Over that time, Clyde has mentored over 50 individuals. Most recently, his shop has 5 apprentices who Clyde works closely with to hone their skills in the art.

Clyde has also held several positions with Chapter 15 over the years as a volunteer and Director. You could see Clyde Day at the regional marts loading and unloading, always willing to help out with a smile! He'd always been willing to present programs on a wide variety of horological topics at Regionals and other events.

Clyde's passion and interest in developing apprentices is one of the things that helps sustain the art of horology in central Texas. He has made a significant impact by helping educate the next generation of clock repair and restoration professionals in his area. We are grateful to Clyde for all of his generous contributions. Thank you Clyde!

openings, but if you are interested in the class and weren't able to attend this session, please contact Pat Holloway (512-252-3881 or by email at pwholloway@suddenlink.net) and we will explore sponsoring another class in 2013.

November 10th – Chapter 15 program

Because of the molding and casting class coinciding with our regularly scheduled October meeting date, we have added a November 10th meeting this year. Our annual potluck will move to January when we'll kick off the new year, without conflicting with football games and holiday events.

September painting and stenciling workday

September workdays were quite productive with several additional projects completed. If there are other types of skills you'd like to learn or projects to work on, please let us know and we will accommodate whatever we can. Currently, in addition to the projects to replace damaged clock tablets, we've also been experimenting with the same techniques to make other decorative items such as Christmas ornaments.

Treasurer's Report	
Chapter Account	\$7,048.33
Exp: Open expense	-10.96
Balance	\$7,432.93
Regional Account	\$4,063.60
No Change	0.00
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Upcoming events

October 21st – Painting & stenciling workday

October is a very busy month, so we'll have one painting and stenciling workday on Sunday October 21st. The workday will be held at the Holloways' in Pflugerville. If you're interested in attending, please contact Pat Holloway (512-252-3881 or pwholloway@suddenlink.net). Hope to see you there!

October 27th/28th – Molding and casting workshop

The molding and casting workshop will be held in College Station on Saturday and Sunday, October 27th and 28th. This very popular class has no

Did you know?

Last month we mentioned that we'd be focusing on some of the perks that come with our NAWCC membership. This month, we're spotlighting some of the assets we can enjoy in the comfort of our homes.

Did you know that by creating an account on the NAWCC website, you have access to **over 100 videos**, recorded during programs at Regionals and Nationals? These videos have been converted so you can view them on your computer without having to check them out from the Library and wait for them to arrive. What a great way to spend a spare hour!

Clyde Day Fellow Award

September was a very special month for Chapter 15: we were privileged to present long time Chapter 15 member Clyde Day the prestigious NAWCC Fellow Award! As Ken's message outlined, Clyde's contributions have spanned several decades and have greatly enriched the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of horology.

Over 30 members and guests were able to attend this very special meeting. We're honored to have been able to share this day with Clyde!

Our thanks to Joe and Susie Giles for opening their home (and shops) and providing wonderful refreshments for this surprise event. It's always a treat when our members share their collections and the stories behind the clocks. In addition to their collection, Joe also opened his clock and woodworking shops to us, further enhancing this very special day!



*Clyde and Neill Day, Ken Reindel and Joe Giles
in Joe's shop*

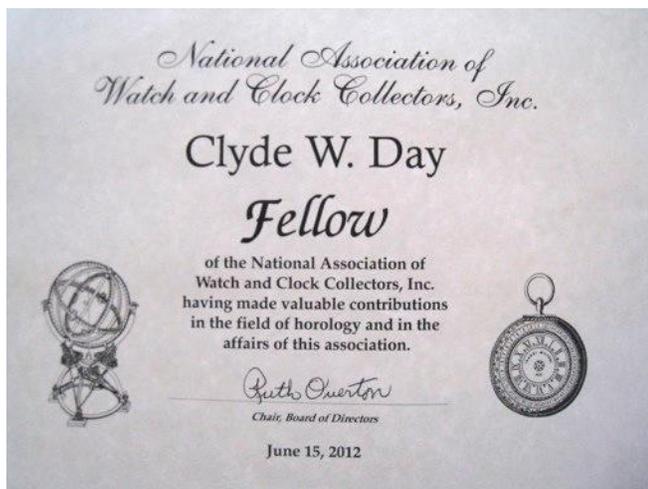
After receiving the award, Clyde shared some of his experiences and stories. One point that he stressed was that any of us can do what he has done – anyone can share his or her love and knowledge of horology and invite others to join the NAWCC. In fact, Joe Giles told us that he is now sharing with his son the things he has learned from Clyde, thus continuing the cycle.



Bea Copeland, Clyde Day, Ken Reindel, Jay Holloway



*Clyde sharing some experiences with Joe Giles and
Jay Holloway*



Clyde's Fellow Award

Congratulations, Clyde Day!

From everyone in Chapter 15

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Spot a clock

This month, our spot a clock is a mirror clock powered by a 7 jewel, 8 day movement from the Waltham Watch Co.

Thank you, Dulen Lee, for the pictures!

