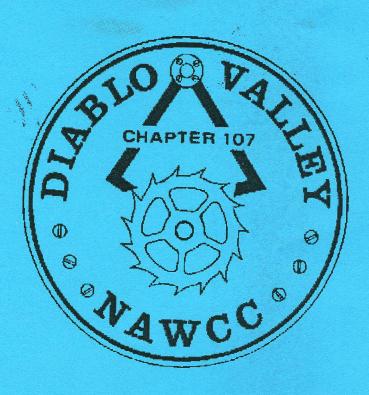
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One important change
Mart hours will be from 10:30
with the formal meeting and program
starting at noon.

Meeting Notice

OCTOBER 11, 2015 Mart set up will open at 10:30 please do not come earlier the Meeting will start at 12:00.

This should be the time for all future meetings. It's important that we do not interfere with the group that is meeting before us.

Grange Hall 743 Diablo Road Danville

Topic

Breguet:

Art and Innovation in Watch
Making

Speaker:

Julia Geist, Docent at the Legion of Honor





Abraham-Louis Breguet was one of the premier watch and clock makers of the late 18th century. His firm is notable for its many innovations and fine craftsmanship. Ms Geist will tell us about the Breguet exhibit currently on display at the Legion of Honor. Her talk will serve as an introduction for the chapter's field trip to the museum on Nov. 15.

President's Message

It has been a busy time of year for chapter 107 members. First I want to thank **Jay and Kathy Taylor** for being the hosts for our annual August picnic. The barbeque was delicious and plentiful. **Jay** as promised produced perfect weather for the event. I always enjoy seeing his home and terrific clock collection. Thanks to all the members who attended and brought dishes and items for the auction. The annual white elephant auction raised \$294 for the chapter.

The Silver Dollar Regional was held in late August. It was a very successful event with many complements from those who attended. We had 247 registrations with an additional 235 folks on Sunday's public day for a total attendance of almost 500! 150 mart tables were sold and about 60 attended the breakfast banquet on Sunday morning. The three sponsoring chapters will each receive their seed money of \$1500 back and an equal disbursement of the profit of about \$1200. I wish to thank the following chapter 107 members for all their hard work in making the regional a success. The Regional Chairman was Vince Angell who along with his wife Phyllis put in countless hours. Walt Hubrig the regional treasure received a certificate of appreciation from the NAWCC along with Tina Thomas our onsite registration co-chairman. Chapter 107 also received a certificate of appreciation from NAWCC as co hosts of the regional. Harvey Ferrill, Paula Ferrill, Celeste Graham, Linda Towers, Nancy Ankrum, Stan Janczura, Cinde Godfrey, Price Russ and Bob Thomas all worked at registration, the display room or helped with the mart room. Many other chapter 107 members attended and had mart tables. A special thank you to Ron Bechler who donated many raffle prizes and with Jay Taylor had 8 mart tables. Many who attended expressed the hope of doing the regional again in 2 or 3 years. If you have an opinion on doing a repeat of the event again or any comments on the Regional please get in touch with me.

John

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A gilt brass mounted white marble portico eight day French mantle clock. C1790

A decorative portico mantle clock of white marble with gilt brass mounts. White marble base with gilt brass mounts and gilt brass feet. Fluted columns to either side with gilt brass inlay on black marble bases with gilt

brass decorative mounts. Central urn and two side urns all with gilt brass protruding floral decoration. The drum shaped clock has gilt brass swagged drapery.

The white enamel dial, 4 1/2" diameter, with Roman chapters and Arabic minutes at each 15 minute marker. The hands are of gilt brass.





Circular plated eight day brass movement with twin barrels for time and strike, striking on a bell. Anchor escapement with sunburst pendulum on silk suspension.

Clock stands 22 1/2" high.

Chapter Field Trip

Breguet: Art and Innovation in Watchmaking



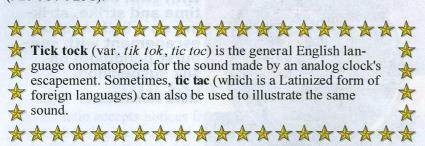
Legion of Honor San Francisco

November 15

Sign up no later than October 11.



Enjoy this important exhibit in the company of fellow members without having to drive/park. The chapter is underwriting transportation by coach with pickups in Danville, Walnut Creek, and Rockridge. Members and one guest each are invited to participate. Pickup in Danville will be at 9:00 AM. The other stops-will follow. Return to Danville will be around 2:00 PM. The cost including transportation and museum entrance will be \$28 for those 65+, \$30 for those under 65. Museum members need pay only \$12 for transportation. Food is allowed on the coach. (Participants will be personally responsible for any significant spills.) Register at the meeting, or prior to that mail check to Price Russ, 12 Simpson Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Indicate where you want to be pickup up. For further details contact Price (925 937 9231).



Candle clocks



The earliest mention of candle clocks comes from a Chinese poem, written in 520 CE by You Jianfu. According to the poem, the graduated candle was a means of determining time at night. Similar candles were used in Japan until the early 10th century.

The candle clock most commonly mentioned and written of is attributed to King Alfred the Great. It consisted of six candles made from 72 pennyweights of wax, each 12 inches (30 cm)

high, and of uniform thickness, marked every inch (2.54 cm). As these candles burned for about four hours, each mark represented 20 minutes. Once lit, the candles were placed in wooden framed glass boxes, to prevent the flame from extinguishing. [46] The most sophisticated candle clocks of their time were those of Al-Jazari in 1206. One of his candle clocks included a dial to display the time and, for the first time, employed a bayonet fitting, a fastening mechanism still used in modern times. Donald Routledge Hill described Al-Jazari's candle clocks as follows: The candle, whose rate of burning was known, bore against the underside of the cap, and its wick passed through the hole. Wax collected in the indentation and could be removed periodically so that it did not interfere with steady burning. The bottom of the candle rested in a shallow dish that had a ring on its side connected through pulleys to a counterweight. As the candle burned away, the weight pushed it upward at a constant speed. The automata were operated from the dish at the bottom of the candle. No other candle clocks of this sophistication are known.

AUGUST 2015 PICNIC

Jay and Kathy Taylor



The Silver Dollar Regional











A Mahogany Cased Clock for the English Market, C1890



This is a well made mahogany break arch cased clock with fluted quarter columns to the sides, partially brass filled and with pineapple

finials to the front and an ogee plinth raised on four wooden bun feet. The clock has a hinged glazed brass bezel to the front and a rear door with red fabric lined brass fretwork

The six inch silvered arched dial has an applied silvered chapter ring with black Roman hour numerals, Arabic minute numbers, Maltese cross half hour markers and blued steel fleur de lis hands.

There are two subsidiary dials for chime/silent, and, fast/slow regulation control

This clock has a substantial good quality spring driven brass eight day time and strike movement with anchor escapement, rack striking and strikes the hour and quarters on two rear mounted flat blued steel and coiled gongs Movement by: Winterhalder & Hofmeyer Schwerzenback, Germany.



An oil-lamp clock

A variation on this theme were oil-lamp clocks. These early timekeeping devices consisted of a graduated glass reservoir to hold oil — usually whale oil, which burned cleanly and evenly — supplying the fuel for a built-in lamp. As the level in the reservoir dropped, it provided a rough measure of the passage of time.

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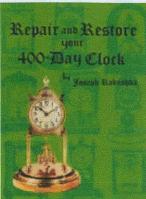
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Repair and Restore Your 400-Day Clock By Joseph Rabushka

About the Author

Joseph Rabushka, a retired concert violinist, has been repairing 400-day clocks exclusively for over 30 years. Acknowledged as one of the world's foremost experts in 400-day clock repair, he has repaired and restored clocks for collectors worldwide and for more than 70 clock dealers and jewelers in the United States and Canada. Rabushka also possesses an outstanding collection of rare 400-day clocks.

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This is the most comprehensive repair manual that describes, in fully-illustrated detail, every aspect of 400-day clock repair for the novice as well as the professional.

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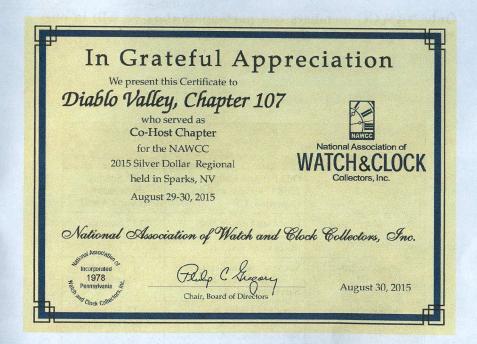
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Time is the only thief we can't get justice against. ~Astrid Alauda

Just as you began to feel that you could make good use of time, there was no time left to you. ~Lisa Alther

The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot. ~Michael Althsuler

Sometimes I feel that life is passing me by, not slowly either, but with ropes of steam and spark-spattered wheels and a hoarse roar of power or terror. It's passing, yet I'm the one who's doing all the moving. ~Martin Amis



CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS

Second Sunday of the Even Numbered Months

Mart:

10:30AM

Chapter:

12:00PM

Board:

after the Chapter Meeting

Future Meeting Dates

December 14, 2015 February 08, 2016

We want to keep our members coming to the chapter meetings on a regular basis. If you have problems with transportation to and from meetings, let a director or officer know so we can help you find a carpool.

Only NAWCC members can participate (buy or sell) in our Mart. Be prepared to show your current membership card.

Chapter	Meeting Address	Meetings
De Anza #94	Odd Fellows Lodge 20589 Homestead Rd Cupertino, CA	2 nd Sunday even months (except April)
Monterey Bay #70	Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA	3 rd Sunday odd months
Sacramento #71	Sacramento Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	4 th Sunday odd months
San Francisco #5	Boys and Girls Club 401 Marina Blvd. San Leandro, CA	2 nd Sunday odd months

DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETINGS

(except August and December)

743 Diablo Road, Danville

Take Interstate 680 to the Diablo Road exit in Danville. Go east on Diablo Road for 0.6 mile. The Grange Hall will be on your right. Parking is available in the front and rear. Enter from the front; *i.e.*, street side. Facing the building from the street, there is a ramp on the right side for handicap and cart access.

CHAPTER LIBRARIES



BOOK: The Chapter book library is located at Classical Clocks and Antiques, 1082 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Contact Nile Godfrey (925-449-2127) for more information.

VIDEO: Chapters 107 and 5 share a DVD video library. Contact Price Russ (925-937-9231) for information.

TOOL: Contact Walt Hubrig (925-685-0260) or Price Russ (925-937-

9231) for information on the tools and parts available for use by Chapter members.

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