



News at 11

Activities of the NAWCC Maryland Chapter 11

OUR 67th YEAR
1952—2019

2019 - 2020 Important Dates

EDITOR: WILLIAM H. MILLER

December, 8, 2019

MEETING NOTICE...

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Program: "Ugly Clock/Show and Tell" Presenter: Various
Pickersgill Retirement Community, 615 Chestnut Ave., Towson, MD 21204

Mart & Set-up 8:30 am / Breakfast 9:00 am / Program 10:00 am

Directions: From Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take Exit 25 to MD 139 S (North Charles St.). Proceed (1.7 mi.) to Chestnut Ave.. Turn left on Chestnut Ave. and go (0.4 mi.) to the Pickersgill Retirement Community on the right. Park in the Visitor Parking, and use the main entrance. Check-in at the reception desk for directions to the meeting room.

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Washington Chapter 12

2nd Sunday of odd months

Free State Chapter 141

2nd Thursday of odd months

Harrisburg Chapter 158

3rd Wednesday of odd months

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President's Column

Twenty-three members and guests attended our October 13th meeting at the Pickersgill Retirement Community. We had a short mart and business meeting. I thanked the presenters at our August 11 meeting on their "Summer Horological Finds." I also reminded members about the Mid-Eastern Regional to be held in York, PA on November 9th and 10th, and suggested they obtain their submission(s) for our "Ugly Clock and Show & Tell" program on December 8th.

Our program was "The Porter Contract" presented by Dave Gorrell. Dave took us back to 1807 when Eli Terry bid on a contract (for \$16,000) with the Reverend Edward Porter and Levi Porter (no relation) to produce 4,000 wood works clocks between 1807 and 1809. Terry brought in Silas Hoadley and Seth Tomas to help with the contract. This was the "Birth of the American System of Manufacturing". They produced 1,000 clocks in 1808 and finished the last 3,000 clocks in 1809, completing the contract. Terry retired a very wealthy man. He later started his own clock manufacturing firm, as did Seth Thomas and Silas Hoadley. Terry died in 1852.

The "American System" used semi-skilled labor and used jigs and other tools to ascertain that the parts were truly interchangeable. Dave had examples of some of the jigs and other tools used. He also had an authenticated example of one of the wood movements produced under the contract. The "System" had other effects foreshadowing an end to the apprentice system, reducing the need for skilled labor, and increased urbanization.

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President's Column (Con't)

In the 1790's clocks were made in small numbers and sold door to door by peddlers. They were mostly tall case clocks. with wood works movements. You would buy the clock movement and have your local cabinet maker make a case for it. I found it interesting, that since money was scarce, payment would often be in kind.

Dave concluded that four things were needed to create an industry. They would be (1) the idea, (2) the resources (wood, or other material, and a source of power), (3) the capital, and (4) the market. We thanked Dave for an excellent presentation.

I would also like to announce the Officers and Directors have decided that WE WILL NOT COLLECT DUES FOR 2020, AND THE DECEMBER 8TH MEETING WILL BE A FREE EVENT.

HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTIFY BILL MILLER OF YOUR INTENTIONS TO ATTEND THE MEETING, AS WE NEED TO PROVIDE A HEAD COUNT FOR BREAKFAST.

Our next meeting will be on December 8th. We will have our annual "Ugly Clock Contest and Show and Tell" program. We hope you have a great Thanksgiving, and look forward to seeing you in December. Please consider bringing your spouse, a friend, or neighbor, and an item for the MART TABLE. This will be a most enjoyable event.

Respectfully submitted
Frank Blahut, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

CHAPTER 11

December 8, 2019 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

Program: “Ugly Clock/Show and Tell”. Presenter: Various

February 9, 2020 – SUNDAY MEETING W/BREAKFAST

Program: “The Radium Girls”. Presenter: Tom Mostyn

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 2–4, 2020 Southern Ohio, Wilmington, Ohio

June 23-28, 2020 NAWCC National Convention, Dayton, Ohio

DUES—2020

DUES FOR 2020 ARE FREE!

RESERVATION FOR BREAKFAST MEETING NAWCC CHAPTER 11

Mail to BILL MILLER, 4301 MEADOWCLIFF ROAD, GLEN ARM, MD. 21057 by November 29th.

Please reserve the following for me, for the meeting of **December 8, 2019**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dues @ \$10 | \$ <u>Free</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission to the meeting @ 10.00 each for self and guest(s) other than spouse. | \$ <u>Free</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission for spouse: \$5.00 | \$ <u>Free</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tables. First come, first served. | FREE |

NOTE: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF \$2 EACH FOR ADMISSIONS PAID AT THE DOOR.

MEMBER MUST ACCOMPANY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GUESTS

I enclose a check payable to MARYLAND CHAPTER 11, NAWCC for

NAME: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NO: _____