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LOCATION: Bluesten Park Community Center, Hallandale, FL

WHEN: Third Sunday each month except June, July, and December

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OCTOBER PROGRAM: Sydney McKay spoke about sundials at the October 21 meeting. He explained how a sundial works through the use of a gnomon or style, which casts a shadow on a graduated circle as the sun progresses throughout the day showing apparent solar time. One of the earliest examples of a sundial was Stonehenge in Great Britain, which also told the date and month of the year. Hopi and Zuni tribes in Arizona had moon clocks that told time by moonlight. During medieval times, sundials were mounted on the sides of churches. At certain times of the day, bells were rung to inform the population of the time.

SHOW AND TELL: Sydney McKay showed an old Scottish hot water bottle; a cylindrical crockery unit with a cork that was used to keep people warm during cold nights in Scotland. Peter Klein showed a sundial watch with compass. President Cohen showed a booklet entitled “Looking After Your Antique Clock,” which is a must-have if your interests lie in this area. It is sold on eBay for a small fee.

PUBLIC PROJECT: Museums, historical societies, and antique shows are being contacted to see if they want to partner with us to promote interests. **SHOW AND TELL:** Dr. Leonard Steiner presented a Webb C. Ball watch made standard for railroad watches. Ball signed many clocks and watches, and a signed piece is almost always worth more than an unsigned piece. Be aware that sometimes the works are not original to the watch. In addition, sometimes the works are signed and other times the case is signed. Do the research before you buy.—Elena Madara



Sydney McKay, left, was given a Certificate of Participation by President J. C. Cohen for presenting today's program at the October meeting of Chapter 60.