

CAPITAL AREA WATCHMAKER AND CLOCKMAKER GUILD

May 2006

Next Meeting is Tuesday, May 23rd - 6:00 pm - Tien Hong Restaurant (8301 Burnet Rd)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I thought we had a great Guild auction last month, which was the first we had on a Saturday that I can remember. It was well-attended and most of the members I talked to were pleased with the attendance and not having to deal with a late night event. A great deal of merchandise changed hands with a gross sales volume in excess of \$3000. As always, the event was a success due to the numerous members that volunteered their services to make the event run smoothly. We were fortunate to have two members available to serve as auctioneers. This let us have a potential backup (just in case we needed him), but more importantly, the alternate provided a detailed item description which benefited the buyers and sellers. This allowed us to proceed quickly, despite the volume of merchandise. I was very pleased with this auction and would welcome your thoughts and ideas to make it an even better event next time. Please send me your suggestions.

Mary Ellen has planned another year with several educational events. Make sure you sign up early, as these classes fill up quickly. Please pass along any educational ideas or suggestions to Mary Ellen, the specific instructors, myself or any other officer. I think these educational opportunities are one of the most valuable benefits in being a Guild member. Also, if you like a class, make sure you let your instructors and/or Mary Ellen know you were pleased.

Rich

Last Month: No meeting due to the auction, but included here are the reports made at the March meeting.

The Treasurers report was short and to the point, we had \$4326.72 not including the CD in the education funds and \$2634.71 in the operating fund. Hugh also reminded all present "to pay your dues now". So if you were there and paid, great, if you were not there, come this month and pay or send your dues (\$15.00) to Hugh Lindsay,

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Education: Nothing new as yet.

Wooden Works: is scheduled for October 7 & 8th in Bryan. The prerequisites for this class are (1) no novices – you must have had at least the beginning clock movement class or have demonstrated reasonable proficiency with clock movements. (2) You must have your own tools.

Other educationals in the works are (1) case repair, (2) basic American clocks, (3) dial painting, (4) Jewelry casting. These are not scheduled, but enough interest was shown that they are in the works for the future.

Another dial and reverse painting “course” is going to be done by Mary Ellen and Keith sometime in late Summer or early Fall – so watch for this one if you missed out on the last one. It is a really helpful class.

Dennis Warner

Swiss pocket watches for new class are ordered. Class “Introduction to Swiss Pocket Watch” will soon.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Library Report: Luthor now has the library materials in his possession.

Remember: There is a minimum “gratuity” for all attendees at the guild meeting. Even if you do not eat or drink you will pay \$3.00, so be prepared. If you have any questions, call your officers.

Meeting program: Mike Webb – traditional turning tools, jacots etc. should be great and informational.

Next months program: David Arnold Tooth repair in spring barrels and gears.

WANTED: Triple decker case for restored J. Ives strap brass movement.

Contact Gene Galbraith. genegalbraith35@aol.com.

Wanted: Ansonia long drop movement. Pendulum length @12 – 13 inches. Contact David Arnold. darnold@mail.utexas.edu