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NEWSLETTER

April 2025

Following the vernal equinox on March 20, the Northern Hemisphere is now experiencing increasing daylight time, and energy abounds at the NAWCC. Great things have been happening at an extraordinary pace across the campus here in Columbia, PA!



The volunteers from Chapter 139 (left to right): Ralph Pokluda, Andy Staton, Marcus Bush, Jeff Zuspan, Gibson Bush, and Bob Kleeman.

Six visitors from San Jacinto (Texas) Chapter 139 flew to Pennsylvania in late March and gave us some fantastic assistance in completing upgrades to the Museum galleries and School teaching spaces. This included conservation work on an E. Howard 0-size striking tower clock, set building in the galleries, and storage improvements at the School. It was an absolute pleasure to work together, share some (often terrible) jokes, and unwind together after hours.

Earlier in March, the fantastic team from Bulova came to install the new wristwatch gallery that charts a few of the pinnacles of Bulova's 150-year history. The displays feature some very rare prototype watches along with wonderful ephemera from the Bulova archive, private collectors, and the Museum's collection.

Work continues on the back end of our website, and there will be some temporary disruption over the coming weeks as we switch systems. We remain available by telephone (717-684-8261), should you need to contact us to book your place at the National Convention or attend to other membership matters.

If you or your Chapter would like to be more involved at the Convention, we'd love to hear from you. All NAWCC members should be proud of what the Association has achieved over the last 82 years. Your membership and volunteer efforts help support the great work that our team is doing.

As ever, I hope that you enjoy this newsletter and that you will get back to us with any comments or suggestions.

—Rory McEvoy, Executive Director

2025 NAWCC National Convention

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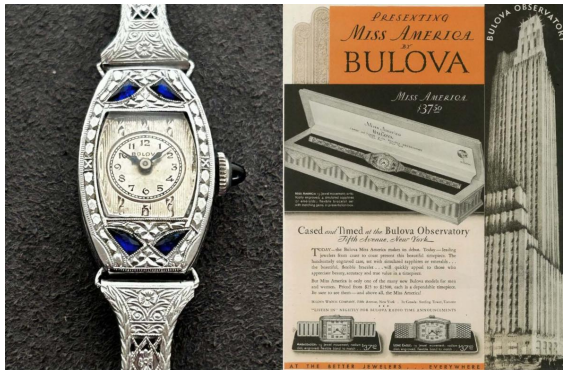


Seating is limited and tickets are selling fast. Visit natcon.nawcc.org to reserve yours today.



New Bulova Gallery at the Museum

Founded by Joseph Bulova in 1875 in New York City, Bulova has been an iconic American brand throughout its storied history. A brand known for its innovation, craftsmanship, and history of firsts, the new Bulova gallery in the National Watch & Clock Museum focuses on the following areas: the art deco ladies' collection; contributions to the US military; the 46 NASA space missions that used Bulova technologies; Accutron, the first revolution in watchmaking in 300 years; support of those with disabilities (including the establishment of the Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking); and the brand's unique and engaging marketing milestones. Visitors will also enjoy seeing vintage ads and videos of the brand's presence in pop culture. Bulova was the first company to advertise nationally on radio in 1926 and the first to air a television commercial in 1941.



Carl Rosen, former Chief Operating Officer of Bulova and now Bulova Historian, explained that "the Bulova archive was established in 2016 to honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future. The exhibit at the National Watch & Clock Museum is just a mere representative of the company history: only the tip of the iceberg of what has been collected to commemorate the legacy of the brand."

The Bulova gallery will be officially dedicated during the NAWCC's annual Convention in June. During a session on June 19 at the Museum, Carl will be sharing some informative, surprising, and entertaining stories he has uncovered. A documentary, *America Telling Time – 150 Years of Bulova*, was commissioned for the sesquicentennial and will be shown at the Museum on June 20 with its director, Michael Culbya, in attendance. Before and after the showing of the film, Carl and Bulova Archivist Julie Loftus will give tours of the new gallery.



2025 Crafts Competition

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This Month in Horological History

with Thomas Stocker, Librarian & Archivist

April 3, 1945



*A 1946 Hamilton
Secometer, Museum
catalog no. 94.28.43.*

On this date, E. W. Drescher of the Hamilton Watch Co. received US Patent No. 2372771 for a watch with a hacking feature for the seconds hand. Though Drescher applied for the patent in December 1940, it was not awarded until April 1945. This did not stop Hamilton from developing and manufacturing hack seconds watches for the US military in World War II.

Hacking seconds watch movements were designed out of necessity for the war effort by the major watch companies in the United States. Hamilton's Sentinel and Secometer models contained the 987S movement with the hacking seconds feature. This feature allowed military personnel to synchronize their watches to each other or to a trusted time source, such as a marine chronometer or radio time signals.



A Striking Room

School Coordinator Samantha Gradel recently installed this 1902 James Arthur clock, Museum catalog no. 2024.14.1.

The clock is an impressive addition to its new location in the conference room at NAWCC headquarters.

The conference room also received a spring cleaning and refresh with a coat of paint and new energy-efficient lighting. With a large monitor and plenty of seating, it's a great space for meetings and presentations.



Board of Directors Meeting

The next NAWCC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend. Register for the meeting by [clicking this link](#).

If you would like to contact the Board, visit nawcc.org/about/board-of-directors and use the form at the bottom of the page.



Master Class in the Ancient Art of Enameling

May 5-9, 2025

NAWCC School of Horology



Join master enamelist **Nikoloz Gamkhitashvili** of Lithuania for a five-day intensive enameling workshop.

Discover: Cloisonné on silver; cloisonné on silver foil; polishing and finishing; plique-à-jour enameling; use of a kiln, hand tools, and polishing equipment; safe practices.

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Time to Learn



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School of Horology (Columbia, PA)

April 4-6, 2025: Introduction to the Anniversary, or 400-Day, Clock *Filled!*

April 28-May 2, 2025: Watchmaker Master Class with Philippe Narbel *Filled!*

May 2-4, 2025: Foundational Repair Skills I *Filled!*

May 5-9, 2025: Master Class in the Ancient Art of Enameling

May 17-18, 2025: Introduction to Gilding on Clock Tablets

June 18-19, 2025: Introduction to Antique Clocks

June 28-29, 2025: WS-120 Using a Micro Mill for the Beginner *Filled!*

July 11-13, 2025: The American Wooden Clock Movement

July 21-25, 2025: Mentorship in Clockmaking *Filled!*

Traveling Workshop (Shalimar, FL)

October 23-25, 2025: F201—Lathe Skills for the Clockmaker



It was a full house for the Rack-and-Snail Striking and an Introduction to the Tall Case Clock Workshop on March 14-16 at the School of Horology: (front center) Sharon Mehrman; (back, left to right) Eric Davis, Matt Clemens, John Simon, Ron Lambert, Education Director Ken De Lucca, and Ian Roome.



Participants practiced "house calls" during the workshop.





Participants enjoyed the WS-117 Micro-Lathe for the Beginner Workshop at the School on March 22-23: (left to right) Jerry Kieffer (instructor), Christopher Lindquist, John Simon, Matt Clemens, Anne Hemsley, Louie Blasetti, Christopher Zach, David Morrow, Stephen Watts.

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