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NEWSLETTER

October 2025

Greetings!

September was a great month here in Columbia. For the third year running, we hosted the Create Columbia International Postcard Art Exhibition, which displayed around 30 miniature artworks, some of which had a horological theme and drew inspiration from the Museum.

The inaugural Lancaster Watch Weekend went off well with a wide range of events taking place at Brent Miller Jewelers, the Hamilton store, RGM Watch Co., the historic Bowman building, and of course at our Museum and School. Local watchmaker Roland Murphy presented on his involvement with the creations and restoration of some iconic watches from the movies, followed by a soiree at the Museum. On the final day of the event, Roland and I co-taught an introductory watchmaking class at the School.

It was exciting to welcome the first student cohort into our newly finished watchmaking studio and great to see the excitement as they deepened their understanding of the mechanical watch and the satisfaction achieved when they finally got their watches ticking. We are looking forward to future watchmaking workshops and next year's Lancaster Watch Weekend.

The Museum is getting consistently positive feedback about the new galleries and displays—visitors are enjoying the changes. If you are coming to the [**NAWCC Mid-Eastern Regional**](#) in York, PA, this weekend, please make time to visit the Museum and see for yourself.

As ever, I hope that you enjoy this newsletter and that you will be in touch with feedback and/or suggestions.

—Rory McEvoy, Executive Director

October 5, 1875



On this day, Charles Teske of Saratoga Springs, NY, received US Patent No. 168,429, an improvement in watch regulators. This was an improvement on his previous patent, US156,046, and was meant to form the connection between the traveling nut and the regulator arm. Teske realized that his original regulator could be difficult to construct and hampered the movement of the regulator joints. The new improvement utilizes spring-jaws that form a caliper shape around the traveling nut. The jaws then grasp the regulator arm and allow for free movement while holding the arm stiff when in the desired position. These modifications would simplify production and reduce costs for the key watch part. Teske's improved watch regulator was used by the Hampden Watch Co. and also for aftermarket installations.



Hampden Watch Co. 18-size, 11-jewel pocket watch with the Teske patent regulator, circa 1880. Museum catalog no. 94.1.86.

C. TESKE.
Watch Regulator.
No. 168,429. Patented Oct. 5, 1875.

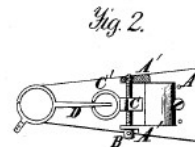
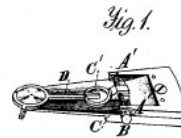


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C. Teske
Inventor.
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Lancaster Watch Weekend

September 26-28 saw the inaugural Lancaster Watch Weekend, celebrating the rich watchmaking history and future of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. This landmark event was hosted by the National Watch & Clock Museum, Hamilton Watch Boutique, RGM Watch Co., and Brent Miller Jewelers.



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rgmwatches Lancaster RedBar gathering in the Bowman building downtown Lancaster, PA. Firs... more




The three-day event featured hands-on workshops, guided tours, open houses, and presentations. Attendees also enjoyed "Horology 101" classes led by the Horological Society of New York and a RedBar gathering at the Bowman building.

We look forward to welcoming you to a spectacular Lancaster Watch Weekend in 2026!



The poster features a large, stylized clock face in the center. The clock face is purple with a yellow border and is decorated with green vines and leaves. A jack-o'-lantern with a witch's hat is positioned at the top of the clock face. The words "PUMPKINS AND PENDULUMS" are written in large, orange, serif font across the center of the clock face. The background is a dark teal color with silhouettes of clock towers and pumpkins. The event details are listed in an orange banner at the bottom, and the ticket information is in a green box on the right side.

PUMPKINS AND PENDULUMS

 National Watch & Clock
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Bulletin Buzz

It's all treats and no tricks in the [September/October issue of the Watch & Clock Bulletin!](#)

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Zoom in for a Hamilton Gallery Tour

If you haven't yet visited the National Watch & Clock Museum in Columbia, PA, here's your chance to tour the Hamilton Gallery via a live Zoom event.

On October 19 at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific), Hamilton enthusiast and NAWCC Board vice chairman Rhett Lucke will guide viewers on a narrated tour of the company's artifacts in the gallery. He will discuss the company's history, from its early beginnings in Lancaster, PA, in the 1890s to its move to Switzerland. This live event will also include an opportunity for viewers to ask questions.

Hosted by Mt. Rainier Chapter 135, the Zoom details are available by [clicking here](#).



THE ART OF SLOWING DOWN

An Immersive Poetry Open Mic & Movement Event

by Nobody's Pen and Bodhi Yoga & Wellness

National Watch and Clock Museum

514 Poplar St, Columbia, PA

Sunday, October 5

1-4 pm

Sound Meditation with Gentle Movement

Time-Themed Writing Prompts

Nobody's Pen Performance

Two Featured Performers TBD



Time to Learn



[Register online](#) for an NAWCC workshop:

School of Horology (Columbia, PA)

*October 6-10, 2025: Master Class in the Ancient Art of Enameling **Filled!***

October 10-11, 2025: Introduction to Wristwatch Servicing

*October 24-26, 2025: American-Style Time/Strike Movement **Filled!***

*November 7-9, 2025: Foundational Repair Skills I **Filled!***

November 21-23, 2025: Foundational Repair Skills II

December 6, 2025: Craft-a-Clock

Traveling Workshops

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

FL) *Filled!*

March 5-7, 2026: F102—The French-Style Clock Movement (Shalimar, FL)



Left to right: Jim Richmond, Dean Barolia, Bill Henry (back row), Mark Roux (front row), Matt Clemens (back row), Michael Craig, Daniel Demcovici, Jerry Kieffer (instructor), Kevin McCauley (workshop participant and longtime School volunteer).

The School of Horology held a workshop on wheel and pinion cutting using the tabletop milling machine on September 13-14. Participants (shown here) explored calculations, machinable materials, available cutters and cutter construction, options for holding work, indexing options, machining cutters, machining wheels and pinions, and crossing and other configurations. Led by Jerry Kieffer, the workshop focused on watch and clock applications, but the procedures are applicable to all kinds of construction.

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Each month, you will receive more updates and the inside scoop on the latest events, exhibits, classes, and more.

Warm regards,

National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors

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