

# IT'S ABOUT TIME !

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## NWVT Open House

On Sunday, August 26th, our local school, NorWest VocTech, held their 2nd Annual Open House. If you don't know about NWVT, it is Seattle's only privately-operated, independent school for watchmakers and clockmakers. The program is a "descendent" of the North Seattle Community College evening program in



Tom Payne and David Danielson welcoming visitors to NWVT Open House

watch and clock repair that had been in existence for over 35 years before budget constraints forced its closure in 2009. Rather than allow this valuable community asset to be lost, instructors Tom Payne (Watch) and Ben Weyhing (Clock) have kept the program alive, and found a new home at the Shoreline Conference Center in North Seattle. NorWest VocTech offers instruction in mechanical watch repair and clock repair. Courses also cover theory of horology and micro-machining skills.

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In the past year, with the addition of instructors David Danielson and John Runciman, there have been several new classes added. For the coming year, there will be Basic Watch Repair, Intermediate Watch Repair, both day & evening Watch Repair & Micro-machining, and evening Clock repair and restoration.

The past year has also seen an “explosion” of instructional technology. The classroom now has the ability to project Hi Definition views of close desktop, or wider view desktop as well as variable focus microscope views. There is also new computer and network equipment, and a great Library is in development, as well as the full range of watch & clock repair tools & equipment.



Example of microscope view of a movement projected through the High Definition projector.

If you know anyone who is interested in learning how to repair / restore clocks or watches, make sure that you point them towards NorWest VocTech. The School web site is at: <http://www.norwest-voctech.com/>

## Are you prepared?

Our next meeting, October 14th, will be the annual auction meeting. Be thinking about what you can bring to add to the auction. I'm sure you will want to make room for some other items that might possibly “follow you home” from the auction items that others have brought!

To whet your appetite, here are some details from last year. Last year we had 66 items for sale and 54 actually sold. Only 12 did not reach the sellers reserve. The 54 sold items totaled \$2,566. The most expensive item sold for \$800.

# Do The Puyallup!

Once again, Chapter 135 has organized the annual Watch & Clock exhibit and booth at the Puyallup Fair. The fair will run through this Sunday, September 23rd.



Jerry Cooper on duty, ready to answer any and all questions!

one I believe from 1857, a number of Railroad grade pocket watches, and a variety of other examples. The clock display has a wide range of clocks of the size that would fit in the display cabinet.

Some of the most common comments from the visitors are "Oh, I remember when I was a child, my grandpa had one like that", "I have one that looks like that – my grandfather passed it down to my dad, and now it is mine". Or, "I have one like that – it doesn't run anymore, is there anyone who still works on things like that?" Fortunately, there is a well-organized reference book with contact information for those folks that are known to do watch or clock restoration. A lot of these contact referrals are given out during that course of the Fair.

I heard comments from several people this year saying – "I'm so glad to see you're here again this year – I brought this watch, what can you tell me about it?" "Is it worth anything?" They are very grateful for any details you can tell them about their "treasure".

Our sincere thanks go to Stan and Julia Mueller, who spend so much time & effort to organize this activity. And to all who have staffed the booth during the Fair, and others who have supplied display items or helped with the set-up and take-down. **Thanks!**

The **Puyallup Fair** (officially known as the Western Washington Fair) is the largest single attraction held annually in the state of Washington. This is the last year it will have the "Western Washington" designation. As of 2013 it will officially be the Washington State Fair, reflecting its stature at the "top of the heap" of Washington Fairs.

The Watch & Clock exhibit is in the Hobby Hall, along with a large number of displays of various hobbies and collections. It is one of a few that are staffed during the Fair hours. Visitors are generally very interested in the wide selection of watches and clocks on display. This year, the display includes a variety of pocket watches, from the earliest



Phil & Ellen Wirth helping identify a visitor's treasures.

# Are you ready for AN AUCTION?

It does seem like a long time since the last Chapter 50 meeting, doesn't it? Well, you don't have long to wait! Our next meeting is **Sunday, October 14th**, at the Edmonds Senior Center, 220 Railroad Ave, Edmonds, WA. This will be our Annual Auction Meeting, which means that you should be thinking about which of your "treasures" you can "set free" to go on to another home.

Following are the details on the auction, and the rules which will be in place. Please read them carefully.

## Chapter 50 Auction

GOING, \$ GOING, \$ GONE

Our Chapter 50 October meeting program will be a live auction of clocks, watches, tools, ephemera, or what have you, as long as its horological.

Members of other chapters are welcome to participate by placing items in the auction and bidding. Items will be registered upon arrival and placed on display for members to examine prior to the start of the meeting. Members wishing to bid will also register prior to the meeting and pay one dollar for a numbered bidding paddle.

The Auction Rules follow. Please read them carefully as they will be followed to the 'T' during the auction. There will be no limit on the number of articles you may bring for sale, but if too many come forward it may be necessary to establish a cut off point.

It is also requested that you look over all items thoroughly before the sale, especially those you may have an interest in bidding on. This may avoid disappointment if you purchase an item and later decide you're not satisfied with it. The purchase of any item is strictly between the buyer and the seller with no Chapter 50 involvement. Bring lots of money, bid often, and above all, have fun.

### **AUCTION RULES**

1. All persons participating in auction must be a paid up member in good standing with the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors. Non-member guests may not bid.
2. All items must be registered as soon as possible. Items should be batched wherever possible. Only horological related items will be accepted. Registration will start at 12:45PM and end at 1:55PM. Auction will start after opening remarks and chapter business.
3. A \$1.00 registration fee will be required to obtain a bidding paddle.
4. During the auction a member may bid up their own items until the required reserve is met. Please bid your reserve early to save time.
5. Chapter 50 auction terms of sale are as follows:
  - A) All sales are final.
  - B) No warranties or guarantees are expressed or implied
  - C) All items are sold 'as is' and 'where is'.
  - D) Full payment must be made on sale day (or as otherwise arranged by buyer and seller in advance). All monies being paid for auction transactions shall be strictly between the buyer and seller.
  - E) Chapter 50 assumes no responsibilities for lost, misplaced or stolen items.
  - F) Absolutely no pre auction sales on the premises.

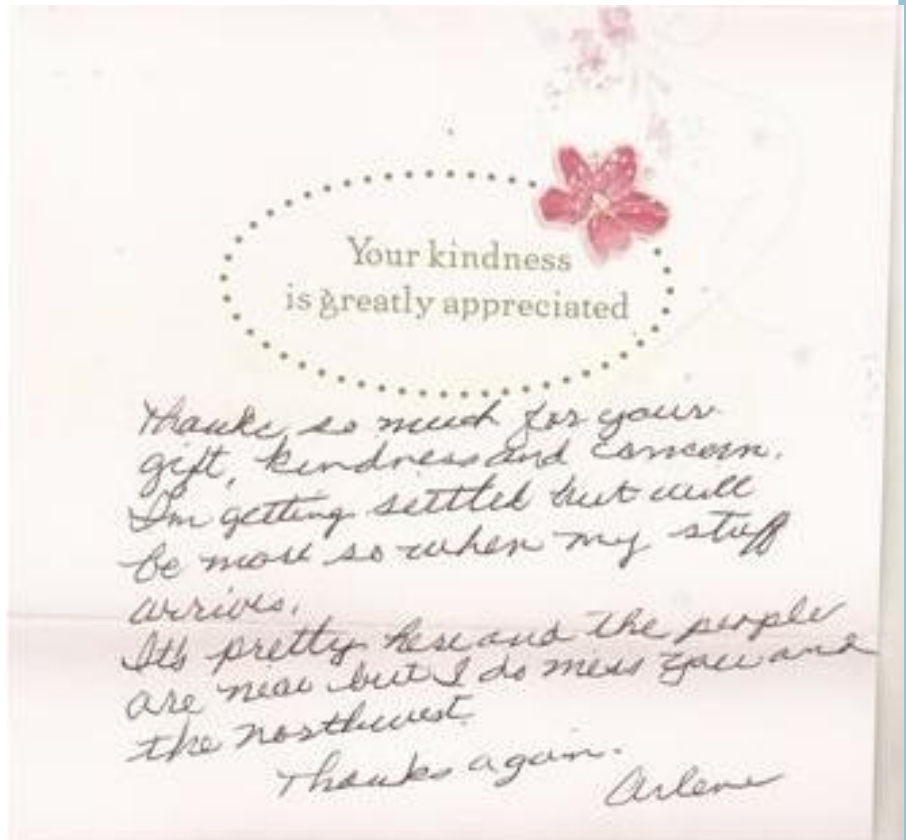
# Member News

Most of you know that Arlene Stephenson, long time member of Chapter 50 (and Secretary Extraordinair) has recently moved to North Carolina, to be near family. We recently received this note from Arlene, thanking the Chapter for her "going away" gift.

Her new address and phone numbers are as follows:

Arlene Stephenson  
Bella Vista # 409  
55 Piney Mountain Drive  
Asheville, NC 28805

(828) 350-3991 Home  
(828) 333-1191 Cell



## Upcoming Meeting News

**October 14th** ---- Regular Meeting in Edmonds. This will be our annual Auction Meeting, so be thinking about what you will bring to the auction. For this meeting only, there will be no Mart but all Horiological items may be brought and placed in the auction. See the Announcement and Rules enclosed. Ron Kowalski will be in charge of the Auction, and Karla Schweinfurth has volunteered to bring snacks.

**November 11th** ---- Regular Meeting in Edmonds. This is our Election of Officers meeting, so you won't want to miss it – if you're not there, you MAY end up getting elected!! For now, the Program will remain a surprise, but Jan Jaussaud has volunteered to bring goodies.

**December 9th** ---- Joint Chapter 135/50 Christmas Party. Karla is working on this and details will be out soon, but plan to join us for this function.