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NAWCC SPECIAL DECEMBER HOLIDAY EDITION

Dear NAWCC Member,

Winter is here, and the holiday season is upon us! *This month we share a bit of seasonal horological news with you and take the opportunity to list **our recent Mart & Highlights advertisers**, whose support through advertising helps to sustain the NAWCC. Thank you, advertisers!*

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Happy Holidays!



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Second Oldest British Horological Instrument Found in Australia

This 600-year-old instrument, which bears the seal of King Richard II of England, was found in a bag of pipe fittings in Queensland, Australia, 30 years ago. Owner Christopher Becker (then a child) brought it to the attention of the museum of Queensland, who identified it as "an astrolabe."

Actually a fourteenth-century "hour horary quadrant," it is one of the first devices capable of dividing a day into 24 equal hours. Last year Becker contacted the British Museum, which identified it as the second-oldest British scientific instrument in existence. Dated 1396, the quadrant is believed to have been discovered by an ancestor of the present owner in the mid-1800s in Northern England before its emigration to New Zealand and eventually to Australia. It is scheduled to be sold by Bonhams in December for an estimated price of £150,000 to £200,000. [Click HERE to learn more](#)

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Pocket Watch from Famous Novel To Be Auctioned

A gold pocket watch worn by a character in James Joyce's novel *Ulysses* is scheduled to be auctioned next month. Adam's auctioneers of St. Stephen's Green has been asked to sell the watch by a descendant of the real-life Dubliner featured in the novel. John O'Connell, the actual caretaker of Glasnevin Cemetery, is described in the sixth chapter of *Ulysses* as "a portly man" who "raised his hat in homage" to the coffin of a deceased character. Joyce specifically mentions

O'Connell's gold watch in a scene where O'Connell regales mourners with anecdotes: "The caretaker hung his thumbs in the loops of his gold watch chain and spoke in a discreet tone to their vacant smiles."

A recently revealed photograph of O'Connell wearing the watch confirms the accuracy of Joyce's description. Born in 1844, O'Connell's official title was superintendent of Glasnevin Cemetery, and it is presumed that Joyce knew him or had at least seen him upon occasion. When O'Connell died in 1925, his gold watch became a family heirloom and is known as "the Ulysses watch" in the O'Connell family. Adam's James O'Halloran confirmed that the watch would be auctioned in Dublin on December 5th and is expected to bring £8,000.

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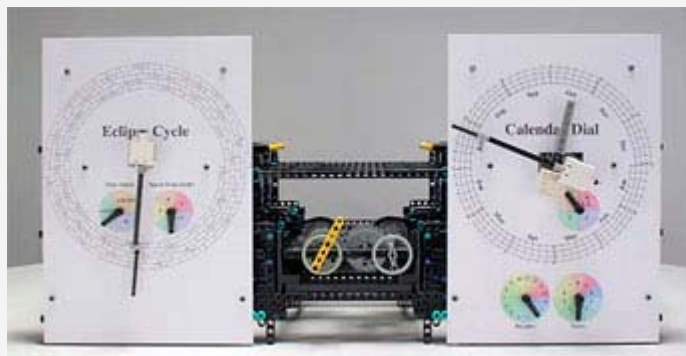


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LEGO Astronomical Clock

The Antikythera mechanism was an amazing archeological find. Recovered from an ancient shipwreck at the turn of the twentieth century, decades later it was determined to be an ancient mechanical computer capable of calculating complex astronomical positions. It is now thought to have been built between 150 and 100 B.C.

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Sidewalk Clock Embedded in Maiden Lane

One New York street clock stands out mostly because it doesn't "stand" at all. It is permanently embedded in the surface of the sidewalk on the northeast corner of Maiden Lane and Broadway, in front of the William Barthman jewelry store. German immigrant William Barthman opened his first jewelry store nearby at 43 Maiden Lane and then moved it to 174 Broadway at this corner. Joel Kopel, the store's current manager, says some kind of clock has been there "a minimum of 80 to 90 years," including a wooden model, an electrical one, and most recently a quartz version. The works for the current Barthman clock were made by Cartier. Barthman performs all of the necessary maintenance, including polishing the crystal twice a year. The store's basement extends under the sidewalk, allowing easy access for repairs or to set the clock as necessary.

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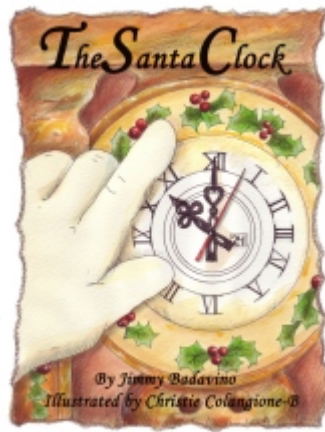
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Hugo is an upcoming 3D adventure film based on Brian Selznick's novel *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. Hugo was directed by Martin Scorsese and stars Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz, Ben Kingsley, Sacha Baron Cohen, Ray Winstone, Emily Mortimer, and Jude Law. Twelve-year-old orphan and undercover clock keeper Hugo Cabret (Asa Butterfield) lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where he spends his time busily repairing and maintaining its complicated network of interconnected clocks. But everything changes when he meets an eccentric girl (Chloe Moretz) and the owner of a small toy booth in the train station. Hugo's secret life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message all come together to permanently alter Hugo's world forever in this delightful film.

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