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SW MUSEUM OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS SEEKS TO BUY HOME



SW Museum in Lockhart, TX.

Four years ago the Southwest Museum of Clocks & Watches opened to the public by leasing quarters on the first floor of the grand 1898 Brock Building in Lockhart, TX. Recent developments have placed the Museum in a position to purchase the entire building, an outstanding potential for the Museum's growth and development. The museum seeks donations to fund the acquisition, and has until June 1st to raise the necessary funds.

As part of its fund raising efforts, the museum recently hosted a benefit concert, but is still seeking additional support.

Learn more at:

www.swmuseumofclocks.org

TIME TURNED BACKWARD BY NEW POCKET WATCH PHONE

Dear NAWCC Member,

This month we join in celebrating "Clock Day," consider the rising popularity of watch and clock collecting, look at some amazing collections and chase after a mythical magic watch that can stop the hands of time.

Enjoy!

Daniels Collection Slated For Sotheby's Auction



Photo: Sotheby's

Auction Proceeds To Benefit Educational Trust

George Daniels, widely regarded as one of the greatest watchmakers of the 20th century, died last October at the age of 85. Like many horological professionals he was an ardent collector of both watches and clocks. His personal collection, comprised of 130 superb pieces, (including 9 of his own creations), has been scheduled for auction by Sotheby's on November 6th, 2012.

The collection includes such treasures as a 1677 Joseph Knibb table clock, a 1789 pocket watch by John Arnold, a 19th-century Black Forest cuckoo clock, a Three Wheel Breguet Skeleton clock, two Daniels pocket watches (the 1982 Space Travellers' Watch and the 1987 Grande Complication watch), Daniels own one-of-a-kind customized Omega chronograph wristwatch (1975), plus another piece he made specifically to demonstrate coaxial design in wristwatches-- a yellow gold four-minute tourbillon (1991). Also to be sold are an F.P. Journe Chronomètre Souverain platinum wristwatch and a white gold



Photo: Celsius

The Celsius watch-phone contains almost 700 mechanical parts.

The Celsius LeDIX Eternal (price: \$327,000) is actually an intricate mechanical watch. The device measures 4x2 inches and features a titanium facade and sapphire crystal to protect the watch face.

The Celsius doesn't put a watch into a phone; it incorporates a phone into a watch. The phone also includes a camera and keypad for texting. The phone requires recharging, but the clock itself is a mechanical self-winder.

Another feature being developed is a mechanical ring tone, which would play a music box Mozart tune when called.

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coaxial Millennium wristwatch, and a French Ormolu mantel clock (circa 1840)... the first collectible clock Daniels ever bought.

Proceeds from the auction will fund the George Daniels Educational Trust, set up to provide financial support for students seeking higher education in the fields of horology, engineering, medicine, building or construction. Eligible students will be nominated by the British Horological Institute, the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and the City of London University, with all of which Mr. Daniels retained close ties throughout his life.

The **"George Daniel's Personal Collection of Clocks and Watches"** will be shown in a series of traveling public exhibitions worldwide over the summer months.



Photo: News-Herald.com

CLEVELAND MUSEUM CELEBRATES "CLOCK DAY"

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History recently hosted their annual "Clock Day" in conjunction with Lake Erie Chapter 38, the local NAWCC chapter in that area. This year the event drew between 150 to 200 attendees, setting a record for the event's largest crowd. Visitors arrived bearing personal watches and clocks, seeking to have them appraised; meanwhile all attendees were able to tour the museum's historical timepiece collection. Clock Day exists primarily for education, appraisal, and to dispense practical repair advice to curious watch or clock owners.

Efforts such as Clock Day provide the association an opportunity to clear up many general misconceptions about how clocks work and to instill in the public a new appreciation for older timepieces of all types. The current down economy, with the rise in gold prices, has resulted in the sale and destruction of many historically significant watches and clocks by uninformed owners. Many Clock Day visitors who seek an appraisal of their timepieces plan to sell them, though regrettably some clocks appear for sale after owners have attempted repairs on their own that dramatically lessen the timepiece's potential value. Most of the clocks that pass through that day are family heirlooms.

The annual event is provided as part of the public education efforts of Lake Erie Chapter 28, which has also worked to restore clocktowers at the Geauga County Courthouse in Chardon, the Old Stone Church in downtown Cleveland, and the Federated Church in Chagrin Falls. NAWCC members donate their time for such projects, with the municipality or church paying the supply costs.

CELEBRITY PEDIGREE ENHANCES WATCH & CLOCK COLLECTIBILITY

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ANTIQUÉ POCKET WATCHES STOLEN FROM MUSEUM

Two antique watches, one of which belonged to famed cartoonist Homer Davenport, have disappeared from an Oregon museum.

The Davenport watch is a gold Elgin with a white face and Roman numerals. The case is engraved with a horse's head in the center of a floral design.

Inside is a patent date of Feb. 19, 1884. The other missing watch belonged to Silverton philanthropist William McGinnis.

It has a white face with bold, black numbers. Engraved on its case is a deer head, the initials W.L.McG engraved between its antlers.

Silverton police are investigating the disappearance but have no suspect.



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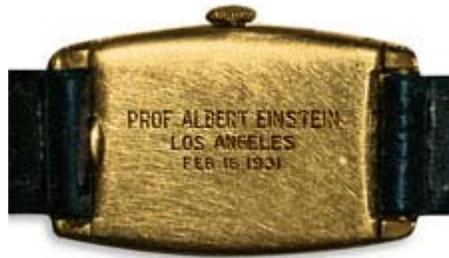


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In October 2008, Albert Einstein's otherwise undistinguished Longines wristwatch was auctioned at Antiquorum's in New York, bringing an amazing price of \$596,000. This is just one example of how a celebrity pedigree can enhance the collectability of a timepiece. But not all vintage timepieces are so lucky.

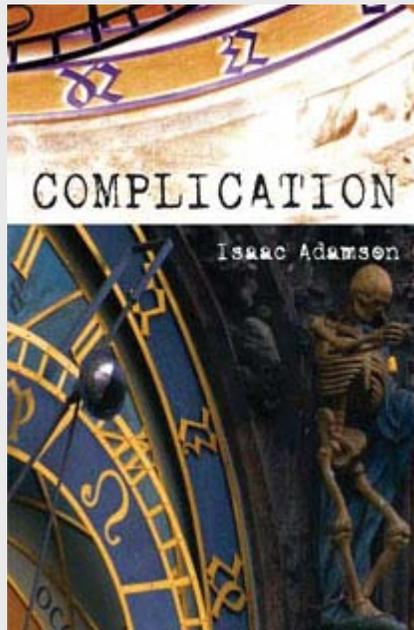
Though some collectible watches have steel or base metal cases, the finest items are invariably made of gold. If the watch itself isn't famous or important, with a celebrity pedigree independent of the metal in the case, then there's no guarantee it will escape the smelters. As gold prices continue to soar, many fine antique watches are threatened with destruction. Thousands of pocket watches and wristwatches are being melted down for their gold, their movements scrapped. The overall cost to the horological world of such huge losses is difficult to imagine. We're seeing a part of U.S. history destroyed because of the melting down of gold and silver cases.

Watches still remain an attractive proposition for investors when compared to other alternative investments, however, and watch values have been steadily rising for the past 25 years. In recent years there has been a swell of interest in mid-priced vintage pocket watches, despite the fact that their prices had plummeted for decades. The reason why fairly common, decent grade pocket watches are holding their own is apparently due to current fashion. Vintage 50's and 60's wrist watches are also currently en vogue, due to a recent surge in retro media like the popular TV show *Mad Men*.

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By Isaac Ada

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A serial killer. A watch that runs backward and forward at the same time. A gangster known only as Rumpelstiltskin. American investigator Lee Holloway never imagined they might be connected until he received a mysterious letter implying his missing brother Paul had been murdered trying to steal The Rudolf Complication, a priceless watch commissioned by the eccentric Holy Roman Emperor Rudolf II-- an object rumored by some to grant the power of eternal life. When Lee goes to Prague to investigate, a series of violent and bizarre events force Lee to confront disturbing truths about his brother as well as himself. Unless Lee can separate truth from myth in this dangerous city, he might never make it home alive.

FILM



THE STRANGER: A NAZI HUNTER PLAYS A DEADLY GAME OF CAT- AND-MOUSE THROUGH THE CLOCKWORK MACHINATIONS OF AN EVIL GENIUS

The Stranger is an Academy Award-nominated American film noir directed by Orson Welles and starring Welles, Edward G. Robinson, and Loretta Young. It tells the story of Franz Kindler (Welles), a Nazi war criminal who has fled to Connecticut and assumed a new identity. When an Allied War Crimes Commission detective (Robinson) arrives in town hunting for Kindler, Kindler's new wife Mary (Young) discovers the dark truth about her husband's Nazi past.

The detective's only clue about Kindler's identity is the notorious Nazi's fascination with antique clocks. His deep obsession with horology and clockwork precision is a recurrent theme throughout the film, culminating in a suspenseful pursuit through the town's elaborate 124 foot tall clock tower (constructed specifically for the film on the back lot of the United Artists Studio in Hollywood).



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