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### NAWCC Clock Workshop Becomes Official ISA Specialty Course

Dear NAWCC Member,

This issue looks at the new fad for Victorian-style watch fobs and chains, provides Association news, reports on the fate of several historical watches, and explores horological trends.

Enjoy!

### Sherlock Holmes and The Mystery of The Modern Pocketwatch Fad



Actors Johnny Depp and Patrick Dempsey wear watch chains on the red carpet.  
 (Photos: Huffington Post & UPI / Jim Ruyman)

Jewelers, watch vendors, and fashion pundits, have noted an increase in inquiries about fob chains and pocket watches during the past few months. The release of [Sherlock Holmes](#) last December offers a clue.

Victorian timepieces are featured in [Sherlock Holmes](#), the latest film about the famous fictional detective starring Robert Downey Jr. with British actor Jude Law as Holmes' sidekick Dr. Watson. ( Both characters are seen wearing fob watches. According to jewelers in both Britain and the United States, sales of pocket watches have increased since publicity for the film began a year ago. Dealers have also noticed increased demand for chains, fobs, and pocket watches.



The new 6-day NAWCC Clock Appraising Class (scheduled for April 12-17, 2010) has been formally accepted by the International Society of Appraisers as their official specialty course in clocks.

Graduates of the NAWCC clock course will receive credit from the ISA for having met ISA standards for their specialty course in clock appraisal.

Instructor Joe Cohen will once again teach this class at the NAWCC campus in Columbia, PA.

For more information on registration, contact [kknub@nawcc.org](mailto:kknub@nawcc.org)

### Congratulations to our New Member Fourth Quarter & Grand Prize Winners!



Final prizes have been awarded in our 2009 New Members rewards program. The fourth quarter winner was Mr. James Simmons of Wantagh, NY, who received a \$500 dollar "Build Your Own Watch" certificate from [121Time.com](http://121Time.com). The 2009 Grand Prize Winner was Mr. William Elder of San Luis Obispo, CA, who received a beautiful **Edouard Lauzieres EL-18** wrist



Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) consults his watch while Watson (Jude Law) looks on.  
(Photo: Warner Bros.)

The new style is growing in popularity among celebrities and the ultra-fashionable. NAWCC members shouldn't be surprised; for those who know watches, the elegance of vintage timepieces is timeless.

### ALLEGED JAMES GANG WATCH STOLEN FROM NEW YORK MUSEUM



Photo of the James Gang, circa 1881.

Last October, members of the West Seneca Historical Society were shocked to discover that a gun and pocket watch worth thousands of dollars were missing from their museum collection. The stolen items originally belonged to a hermit who claimed to be the last survivor of the Jesse James Gang.

Phone records led detectives to other antique thefts. Information on the West Seneca case circulated through police agencies and several museum burglaries were cleared in two other small New York communities, Warsaw and Caledonia. Two suspects have been arrested in connection with the museum thefts, and several other investigations are pending.

### World's Largest Ceiling Clock Tells Time at Lexington Public Library



In 2001, Lexington philanthropist Lucille Caudill Little envisioned a huge ceiling clock adorning the rotunda of the Central Library at the Lexington Public Library. Today, that rotunda is home to [the world's largest ceiling clock](#), plus a [five story Foucault pendulum](#) and a frieze depicting the history of horses in Bluegrass country.

watch valued at over \$2,000. Both winning names were randomly chosen from among our new 2009 members. Congratulations to our winners and welcome to the NAWCC!

### **HOW THE WATCH WAS WORN: A FASHION FOR 500 YEARS**

#### ***NAWCC supports publication of new book***

How did the art and style of horology impact the fashion world? That is the topic of a fascinating new book by Australian author **Genevieve Cummins**.

This book, which will be published in May 2010, includes hundreds of rare illustrations, full-color photos, and commentary.

Author Cummins will be at the NAWCC National Convention, June 16-20, 2010, to promote her book.

Advance orders will be taken from April onward.

### **NAWCC Workshop: Advanced Hairspring Repair for the Watch Industry**

**DATES:**  
May 24-28, 2010

**INSTRUCTOR:**  
Sam Sherman

This week-long workshop will be held at the School of Horology in Columbia, PA, and will focus on the repair and manipulation of damaged and misaligned hairsprings.

For more information, click here:

Using artist Adalin Wichman's design, the [Verdin clock company](#), Cincinnati, OH, produced the clock.

The library's Foucault pendulum, located at 38 degrees, six minutes, makes a complete circle about every 38 hours.

The project is a memorial to Mrs. Little's husband, W. Paul Little, and a family friend, Charles H. Jett III.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Library Clock Project

### **GENE TUNNEY'S POCKET WATCH**



Gene Tunney's Gruen Pocket Watch.  
(Photo: Bonhams.com)

A collection of items formerly owned by legendary Boxing great Gene Tunney was offered at public auction on February 24 in Chester, England. The collection included a 17-jewel gold 14 kt Gruen Verithin presentation pocket watch (above). The watch was engraved "Presented to Gene Tunney in appreciation by the boys of the Hotchkiss School March 23rd 1922."

Tunney, a WWI veteran, was the world heavyweight boxing champion from 1926-1928 and defeated Jack Dempsey twice, first in 1926 and again in 1927. Tunney's hard-fought title defense against Dempsey-- known as "The Long Count Fight"--is one of the most famous bouts in boxing history. Tunney retired undefeated 1928.

### **Horology in the Media**

[Hairspring Repair  
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## Library Video Collection Online!

An online video library for members only is now available. This video archive includes approximately 50 titles, (all in the same format used by YouTube) with many more to come.

To access these videos (plus other new **NAWCC Members- Only benefits**) select the following link:

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Special thanks to the **Program Committee**, the **Library staff**, and **Greg Davis** for transferring hundreds of hours of library video into digital format!

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Steve McQueen as Thomas Crown. (Photo: United Artists)

## THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR: Millionaire Bank Robbers Use Only the Best

When screenwriter Alan Trustman authored the original screenplay for the film The Thomas Crown Affair in the mid-1960's, he had a very good idea of the type of character he was describing.

Thomas Crown (played by Steve McQueen), was a self-made millionaire; a brilliant businessman with a mind like clockwork and a taste for high-stakes risk. In pursuit of the thrill of the game, Crown relied on his own faultless cunning to achieve the impossible-- a perfect crime.

What kind of watch was right for Crown?

Trustman knew the answer. Patek Phillipe.

Excerpt from the original screenplay:

"Crown pulls a United Airlines ticket to Chicago and Salt Lake City from his inside breast pocket and rechecks the evening departure time. He looks at his watch, a small, flat, gold Patek Phillipe. He is in no hurry. He is still grinning."



Thomas Crown's Patek Phillipe appears in the scene described above.  
(Photo: United Artists)

Director Norman Jewison's potent and stylish film remains a classic, and was reputedly Steve McQueen's favorite film.

The scene can be viewed online at:

[Opening Sequence: The Thomas Crown Affair](#)

The famous Patek Phillipe makes its appearance at 6:22 in the clip.

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