

2010 Ward Francillon Time Symposium Report by Judy Draucker (VA)

Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder, Williamsburg, Virginia

The NAWCC 2010 Ward Francillon Time Symposium was held on October 28-30, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Williamsburg at Fort Magruder in Williamsburg, VA. The event was hosted by the NAWCC Old Dominion Chapter No. 34, and 154 people attended.

The event commenced on Thursday evening, October 28, with the 26th lecture in the James Arthur Lecture Series sponsored by the NAWCC, Inc., and held in the Hennage Auditorium at the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum, a Colonial Williamsburg museum. NAWCC Ward Francillon Time Symposium Committee Chair James Cipra provided the welcome and opening remarks. The presenter was **John R. Watson**, conservator of Instruments and Mechanical Arts and Associate Curator of Musical Instruments with The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The lecture title was "Saving Time for the Future: Conservation and the Paradox of Restoration." Following the presentation, Mr. Watson met with members and guests in the galleries to view a special exhibition entitled Conservation: Where Art and Science Meet.

The Symposium featured the following programs:

Friday Speakers and Topics:

Jon Brandon

A Study in Clock Case Conservation: A Tall Case Clock made by Edward S. Moulton in Saco, ME, ca. 1814

Rick Vogt

An Academic and Collaborative Approach to Antique Clock Case Conservation

Keith Clayton-Kastenholz

Striking a Careful Balance between Conservation and Restoration

William David Todd

A Tower Clock by P. P. Barraud: Its Conservation and Restoration

John S. Hubby

Brass Refinishing

Chad and Kay Mitchell

Conservation and Restoration of Clock Dials

On Friday afternoon 48 attendees participated in a tour of the Colonial Williamsburg Conservation Department, rotating through the furniture, instruments, and paper display areas.

Late Friday afternoon all attendees were offered a second visit to the DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum for a guided tour of the galleries.

Friday evening the American Section of the Antiquarian Horological Society held their meeting. The program was "Halfway Point for the Astronomical Skeleton Clock, Where We Stand After Three Years of Construction" presented by **Mark Frank**.

This was followed by a meeting of NAWCC Horological Science Chapter No. 161, with Mr. Frank again presenting, "A Brief History of the Great Clock at Westminster Palace: Its Conception, Construction, and Near Demise."

Saturday Speakers and Topics:

James Hooper

Common Case Repairs and Solutions

George Thomas

Restoration of the Philip Melancthon Watch, ca. 1530

David Cooper

The Restoration of an Edward East Calendar

Pre-Hairspring Watch, ca. 1635-1645

Kenneth De Lucca

Lee Friedman

Michael Friedman

A Timely Partnership

Eric Nordgren

Roger Conner

Conservation of the USS *Monitor's* Engine Room Clock

Lee H. Davis

Comments and Thoughts on

Connecticut Clock Tablets, ca. 1820-1850

Robert G. Draucker

The Best by Every Test – The C. F. Sauer Clock

David J. Gorrell

Veneering: Techniques, Pitfalls, and Ways to Avoid Them

Richard S. Robinson

Replacing Bushings in Worn Pivot Holes in Brass and Wooden Movements

L. A. Tompkins

Restoration of an English Captain's Watch

Joel Warren

19th Century Clock Cases,

A Day at Work to a Work of Art.

The Time Symposium concluded on Saturday evening with a banquet. The closing lecture was presented by **Robert C. Cheney** and entitled, "A Conservation Reality Check: What Happened to Common Sense?"

Remarks and presentations were made by John S. Hubby, chair of the NAWCC Board of Directors. Closing remarks were made by 2010 Ward Francillon Time Symposium Chair Judy Draucker.

Speakers listed above received certificates of appreciation. Symposium Chair **Judy Draucker** received a Gold certificate.

The following individuals and **Host Chapter No. 34, Old Dominion**, received certificates of appreciation: **William R. and Myrna Shirah** (VA) - Registration Chairs; **Janet L. Tyler** (VA) - Treasurer; **Thomas Borkowski** (OH) - Audio-Visual; **Kenneth P. De Lucca** (PA) - Audio-Visual; **Michael W. Tyler** (VA) - Audio-Visual; **William Ward** (PA) - Audio-Visual

A certificate of Grateful Appreciation was presented to **David Blanchfield** of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Conservation Department.

For information about the 2011 Time Symposium to be held at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott in Hebron, KY, see page 381 and other pages as noted.