

2015 Pacific NW Regional—TMU (Ten Minute University)
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TO DETERMINE WHAT YOU HAVE OR TO RESEARCH BEFORE YOU BUY

1)NAWCC MESSAGE BOARD:

mb.nawcc.org (nonmembers welcome)

click on “Clocks General” or “Your Newest Clock Acquisition” then click on “Post New Thread”. Be prepared with pictures, dimensions, and any signatures on the dial, papers, or movement. Values can not be discussed here per Message Board rules. If you see other areas of interest e.g. “clock repair” or “wooden movement clocks”, investigate those as well.

2)NAWCC BULLETIN INDEX AND BULLETINS:

www.nawcc.org (members only)

click on “Publications” then on “Watch and Clock Bulletin” then on “Bulletin Index” then on “Watch and Clock Bulletin Index Search”.

Most of the articles referenced will be available on line. Under “Watch and Clock Bulletin” click on “Past Issues”.

3)NAWCC LENDING LIBRARY (members only):

Go to nawcc.org and click on “Library and Research” then on “Lending Library” then on “catalog”.

Some good examples of books which include names and dates available from the lending library:

Kenneth D. Roberts books re: Joseph Ives and Ely Terry.

Brooks Palmer’s books on American clocks.

The American Clock by Distin and Bishop.

Britten’s Old Clocks & Watches and Their Makers (covers many countries and thousands of makers).

Books by Karl Kochmann which provide information and maker marks for Gustav Becker, Junghans and other German makers.

Tran Duy Ly’s price guides which include histories are available.

4)MEETINGS

Attend a “Godfathers” meeting on Saturday morning. Go to nawcc31.org. Click on “Education”. Click on “Godfathers”. OR attend a local NAWCC meeting on the third Sunday of the month. On the local site click “Timeout” for times and places.

II TO DETERMINE CLOCK VALUES.

1)Get input from more than one source.

Experts will try to determine age, rarity, condition, country of origin, and maker's name. Value is generally a range. There are a variety of different kinds of value including wholesale, retail, insurance and auction.

2)mb.nawcc.org scroll to "what is this clock worth". (free to members. small fee to nonmembers)

3)www.anticueclockspriceguide.com (auction results-fees apply)

4)www.ebay.com

click on "advanced" next to the blue "search" box. Enter key words in the framed box. Under the "search" box choose "sold listings". Click on the search box.

5)Antiques Roadshow archives. Enter "clock" in the "key words" box:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/archive/index.html>

6)Tran Duy Ly price guides provide history and values. Can be purchased on ebay or from Arlington books. They are available from the NAWCC lending library. (Arlington is closing.)

7)Encyclopedia of Antique American Clocks by Robert and Harriett Swedberg (Identification and price guide)

8)Clock auction archives. See "national clock auctions below"

III PLACES WITH CLOCKS FOR SALE

CLOCKS FOR SALE LOCALLY ON LINE:

1)portland.craigslist.org (be creative- antiques, collectibles, garage sales "antiques w/pic"

2)<http://www.estatesale-finder.com>

3)www.ogallerie.com

4)ebay: click on "nearest location" (see #1 below)

NATIONAL CLOCKS FOR SALE SEARCH ON LINE:

1)www.ebay.com

"collectibles-clocks pre 1930""antiques-decorative arts-clocks"

You can search by a.price (highest or lowest) b. newly listed or ending soonest

c.nearest location

There are other more specialized sub headings e.g. "collectibles-advertising-merchandise and memorabilia-clocks" or "collectibles-advertising-soda-coca cola-clocks and radios"

2) <http://www.nawcc.org>

click on "members" then on "members area" then on "member links"

Some of the best are

<http://www.clockguy.com/> (California)

<http://www.larsonsclocks.com/> (Vermont)

<http://www.delaneyantiqueclocks.com/> (Mass.)

3) <http://www.nawcc.org>

click on "publications" then on "mart and highlights" then "Current Mart" (members only)

4) <http://www.shopgoodwill.com>

5) <http://www.liveauctioneers.com>

6) <http://www.searchcraigslist.org>

7) <http://www.rubylane.com/antiques>

8) <http://www.thebraveroster.com/index.html> (Virginia)

9) <http://fatherandsonantiques.homestead.com/Index.html> (New Jersey))

CLOCKS IN OR NEAR PORTLAND IN PERSON

Rose City Collector's Market, <http://rosecitycollectorsmarket.com>

The Clock Gallery in Lake Oswego

Sellwood Area (SE 13th) (SE Milwaukie Ave. at SE Bybee)

Aurora Colony south of Portland

Troutdale east of Portland

Monticello Antiques (86th & SE Stark)

Vancouver (Old Glory Mall and others)

Christine Palmer Expo Center Sales (three times yr.)

There are other antique shops dispersed all over the area: Gresham, Oregon City, Multnomah Village, etc. There are of course clock shops, antique and collectibles sales, and antique shops with clocks in various other locations in the NW as well.

NATIONAL CLOCK AUCTIONS

Ebay is now listing live auctions. Auctions often have archives which show a variety of clocks and their auctions sales price. Some of the best clock auctions include the following:

1) Tom Harris Iowa <http://tomharrisauctions.com/>

2) Fontaine's Auction Gallery Pittsfield, MA

<http://fontainesauction.com/>

3) Cottone Auctions Geneseo, NY <http://www.cottoneauctions.com>

4) Skinner Auctions Massachusetts

<http://www.skinnerinc.com/specialty-areas/antique-clock-auction/american-clock-auction/>

5) R.O. Schmitt Fine Arts Windham, NH <http://www.roschmitt.com>

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