

NAWCC  
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Chapter 31

**Upcoming  
Events**

- **Sat, Jan 19th**  
Regional Planning Meeting @ the Vigals
- **Sun, Jan 20th**  
Monthly Meeting featuring Japanese Clocks
- **Sun, Feb 17th**  
GIGANTIC Show & Tell
- **May 15-18, 2008**  
2008 PNW Regional

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# TIMEOUT

*January , 2008*

## President's Message



Happy New Year. Let's make 2008 a year to participate.

Thank you to the members and guests that attended our Holiday Luncheon at the Monarch.

I hope some of you take advantage of the new class of membership for businesses that was approved by the NAWCC Board of directors. Business members will be listed at [www.nawcc.org](http://www.nawcc.org) in a searchable directory for the benefit of those seeking services.

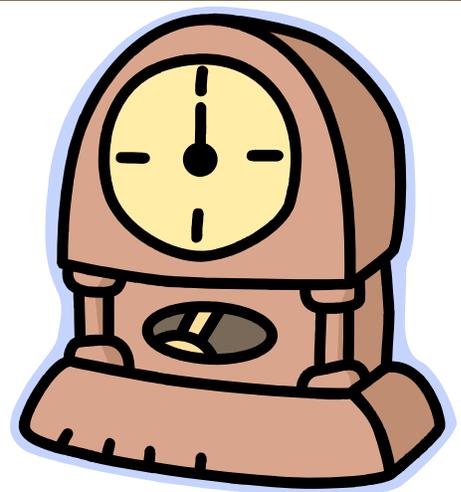
Looking forward to seeing you at the 1st 2008 meeting on Jan 20.

Harold Baesler, Chapter 31, president.

## Special News

Al Pohlpetter is running an 8-week Clock Repair class at West Linn Parks & Rec starting Jan 22, 2008.

[Click here](#) for more info or call the West Linn Parks & Rec at 503-557-4700.



## 2008 Pacific NW Regional Planning Meeting

Don't forget the 1:00 pm planning meeting on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the home of the Vigal's. This is an open meeting so any of our membership is welcome. Come, help the Chapter put on one of our fun events.

Terry White, General Chair



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### *From Dick Vigal, Program Chair*

The **January 20<sup>th</sup>** meeting program will be as previously described and is a talk on Japanese clocks by Merle Snell. This is a must see program because Merle is probably the most knowledgeable person in the Portland area on this subject and the last time we had such a program was quite a few years ago and it was by Merle. Japanese clocks are so different from those we normally see that it should be of interest to all. The letter U is the monthly letter for show and tell.

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The **February 17<sup>th</sup>** meeting program will be a GIGANTIC show and tell and although the letter would have been " P ". I would like to take the chair prerogative and postpone the letter "P" until March and there will be no letter constraint. So everyone bring your favorite clock and tell us a little about it and there may be someone who might be able to add to your knowledge about your clock. I hope to see you there.

I am looking for a Programs Chair person to carry on this function, so if you would like to contribute to your club. please let me know.

Thanks,  
Dick

# Clock of the Month

## *It's a Mystery*

A missing wing, a broken right arm, no torch, a broken lyre, stripped of her finish and no base. Did she fall from the mantel into the fireplace? Was she run over by a truck? How did Gloria get so inglorious? It's a mystery!

Not to be confused with the Jefferson Golden Hour and other types of mystery clocks, this mystery clock is "Gloria", one of several "mystery swing clocks" manufactured by the Ansonia Clock Co. Gloria's sister swingers are Juno, Huntress, Diana, Arcadia, and Fortuna , not to mention a few brother swingers. This poor soul came into the shop for a good going over. More like a rebirth after having gone through some sort of horrendous event. Fortunately, she arrived with a newly cast replacement left wing and original right wing, but both unattached. A new torch and left tip of her lyre had to be made and attached. A replacement base had to be found. Her right arm, broken in half at the elbow, had to be repaired in a way to take the weight of the swing clock without re-breaking.

Using an undamaged, authentic and complete Gloria swinger as a model, repairs got underway. Silicon rubber molds were made of the torch and lyre tip and cast with MicroMark type 280 casting alloy. Reattachment of the lyre tip was achieved by pinning the new part to the statue and adhering with J-B Weld. For added strength to support the weight of the ball clock and pendulum, the re-cast torch was attached to the hand with threaded rod and also J-B Welded in place. The arm was reattached by carving an "elbow" from hardwood that was inserted into the upper arm and forearm and held in place by J-B Weld.

Reattachment of the wings presented a particular problem. Originally the wings appeared to have been attached by solder into shallow recesses in the back. Interestingly, the one remaining original wing was solid and appeared to be bronze while the statue was hollow and made from spelter metal (zinc alloy). Attempting to re-solder the wings risked melting the spelter statue because spelter has various melting points, depending on the composition of the alloy, and can be close to the melting point of solder. Melting the statue would have been disastrous. So the wings were reattached using 90 degree angled steel rod tapped into the wings and then inserted through holes drilled in the wing recesses on the statue. The angled rods supported the outward and downward weight of the wings. J-B Weld held everything in place.

Will Gloria be returned to her former glory ? It's a mystery. More on that later.

Submitted by Bill Butcher





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