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Loupes and Tweezers

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HAV's 2014 Convention **A GREAT SUCCESS!**

This issue of Loupes and Tweezers is primarily devoted to George Evans' photos taken at the recent HAV 2014 annual convention in Williamsburg. The joy on people's faces provides insight into the overall sense of the gathering and on their pleasure of being there.

I'd like to personally thank all who helped make the convention a success. I'm sure those in attendance would agree that it was a great weekend filled with furthering our knowledge, honing our skills, and gathering in fellowship with friends old and new.

On behalf of President Cosier and the Board of Directors, we extend our thanks and appreciation for the faithful support by the members of the HAV.

John C. Polk
Convention Chairman
HAV Vice President



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Faces At The Convention



Photos by George Evans

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Spouses Program



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Groups At The Convention



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The HAV Attendees



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Jeff Meizlik Demonstrates Painting Glass at Potomac Guild's May Meeting

On 6 May, Jeff Meizlik provided the technical program for the Potomac Guild meeting. Jeff is a retired educator/artist who specializes in cast bronze sculptures. For the past several years he has also focused on repairing clocks and attends the Potomac Guild clock class/workshop. Several months ago he gave a multi-month program on investment casting.



Jeff's May program focused on painting the black and gold on the back of clock case glass doors.

If he needs a replacement glass, Jeff says he looks for old paintings/art work at auctions and flea markets with the intent of finding antique glass suitable for the clock. However, ordinary new glass can also be used.

Jeff used both black and gold paint from spray cans.

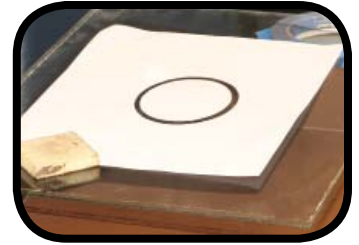


He said he had tried both flat and glossy black paint and was unable to tell the difference because the glass makes even the flat look glossy.

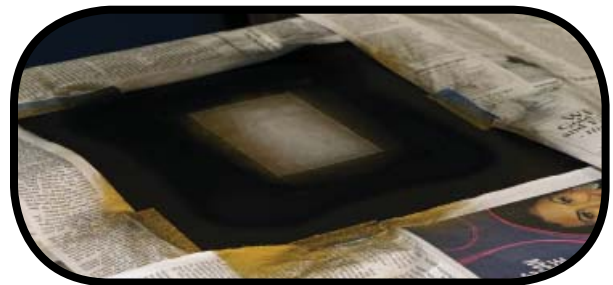
Jeff demonstrated painting three shapes on the glass: rectangular, circular and elliptical.

In each case, he started by masking the center of the shape so that part of the glass would be transparent when finished. He then provided an unmasked area around the area where he wished to spray the paint. Finally he applied a second

mask around the unmasked area. This mask covered the rest of the glass. Then he sprayed the gold paint on the unmasked area.



After allowing some drying time for the gold paint, Jeff lifted off the large outside mask. He then sprayed black on the rest of the glass – and on the back of the newly applied gold paint. He pointed out that if one wants an antique looking gold, one should only spray the gold lightly, so that when the black is sprayed over it, some of the black will also move through the gold and appear on the front side giving an older appearance than new paint.



The black paint was allowed to dry. The central mask was removed. The result was a nice transparent hole surrounded by a gold border which was in turn surrounded by the black area.

Jeff brought along an older regulator clock where he had used the technique. He applied the gold and black around the inside of the glass of the lower part of the door so one could see the pendulum in the center. He had applied a sticker with the word "Regulator" to the inside of the glass as well. It was a very professional restoration.

How Much Is This Clock Worth?

If you are in the clock repair business, you have heard this question many times. How do you reply? Many of us suggest that 90% of the value is due to the emotional attachment - and the customer doesn't expect an answer beyond that. But what if he "really" does want an answer? There is a way to find out. Hire an appraiser!

Joe Jabbour Gives Appraisal 101 Class at the Potomac Guild's March Meeting

Joe Jabbour, MD ISA, is a retired plastic surgeon who has been enrolled in the Potomac Guild's clock repair class. He is President of the Potomac Guild. He has recently become a certified clock appraiser. Joe presented the basics of clock appraisal. Here are some of the slides he used in his presentation.



What Is An Appraisal?

(n.) AN APPRAISAL IS THE ACT OR PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AN OPINION OF VALUE; AN OPINION OF VALUE.

(adj.) OF OR PERTAINING TO APPRAISING AND RELATED FUNCTIONS SUCH AS APPRAISAL PRACTICE OR APPRAISAL SERVICES.

Who Is An Appraiser?

ONE WHO IS EXPECTED TO PERFORM VALUATION SERVICES COMPETENTLY AND IN A MANNER THAT IS INDEPENDENT, IMPARTIAL AND OBJECTIVE

Types Of Appraisal Formats

RESTRICTED APPRAISAL: FOR THE CLIENT ONLY

APPRAISAL: FOR THE CLIENT & THIRD PARTIES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS A SELF CONTAINED APPRAISAL)

SUMMARY APPRAISALS ARE NO LON-

GER RECOGNIZED UNDER THE NEW 2014 USPAPS

Certification Organizations

- ISA - Personal Property Only
- ASA - Primarily Real Estate
- AAA - Both

Intended Users

CLIENT
ACCOUNTANT
ATTORNEY
INSURANCE COMPANY
IRS

Intended Uses

SALES
INSURANCE COVERAGE
INSURANCE CLAIMS
ESTATE PLANNING & TAXES
CHARITABLE DONATIONS
FEDERAL CASUALTY LOSS

Objective Of The Appraisal

DETERMINE VALUE
ESTIMATE COST
DETERMINE PRESENT WORTH OF FUTURE

EARNINGS

Appraiser's Approaches

COST
COMPARABLE SALES
CALCULATION

Fair Market Value

- THE PRICE AT WHICH PROPERTY WOULD CHANGE HANDS BETWEEN A WILLING BUYER AND A WILLING SELLER NEITHER BEING UNDER ANY COMPULSION TO BUY OR SELL AND BOTH HAVING REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF RELEVANT FACTS. (IRS FORM 526 GUIDELINES)

- THERE IS NO TIME CONSTRAINT
- THE ITEM MAY NOT SELL

Market Value

- COMPULSION TO SELL
- LIMITED TIME FRAME
- IT MUST BE SOLD

Summary

AN APPRAISAL IS A DOCUMENTED, INFORMED AND RESEARCHED EVALUATION OF AN ITEM TO DETERMINE VALUE, PERFORMED IN AN UNBIASED AND OBJECTIVE MANNER WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE USPAP

USES INCLUDE PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR SALE OR DISBURSEMENT; LEGAL ADVICE; INSURANCE COVERAGE & CLAIMS; IRS DONATIONS & ESTATE TAX RETURNS

STAN PALEN'S Komputer Korner

This column includes hints, helps, suggestions and news for IBM compatible computers.

Apple News

Apple just announced a new operating system. iOS8 will have a lot of new features including a much greater interoperability between Apple devices. A file, music or whatever will be almost instantly available across all of your (Apple) devices. Hopefully it will extend to other devices. Some folks do have Android and or PC devices. They announced a lot of the new features as teasers because it will not be available until Fall.

Do XP Computers Die?

A friend has an XP computer that was giving her problems, so she decided to format the hard drive and reinstall the operating system. She has the original disks, but Microsoft would not allow the operating system to be installed. Rather than buy a new operation system, she decided to install Ubuntu, a free linux operating system. They do request a donation. The computer is up and running. Installing software again is a chore, but is doable.

Are Updates Important?

There are updates out there for most of your programs. Most of the time,



you should install them. You should be running Internet Explorer 10 or later. Most programs have a check for updates button or part of a pull down menu. The most important upgrades are for security

reasons.

Backups Are Important But So Are Restores

The hard drive I put my backups on died. I use Nero BackItUp. I had to buy a new hard drive because I could not resurrect the old one. Every day BackItUp is busy looking for that drive and refuses to let me cancel the program. The only solution I have found is to start the task manager, click on BackItUp and then click on end program. I have to do this every morning. Online searches have not come up with a solution. There is a Nero Forum that I log on to. I found some solutions there, but none of them worked for me. I have initiated another copy of BackItUp for my new hard drive and it seems to be working fine. I will find a way.

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