

2025 Ward Francillon Time Symposium – Horological Treasures of the Midwest

October 13 - 16, 2025

Evanston, Illinois

Registration Closes: September 15, 2025

Experience original lectures, lovely dinners, and exclusive museum and private collection tours at the Halim Time and Glass Museum, The Adler Planetarium, Elgin History Museum, Sanfilippo Estate, and in private homes.

Monday, 13 Oct - 2:00 – 5:00 PM: Mark Frank’s Astronomical Skeleton Clock viewing and discussion.

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Symposium Meet and Greet Networking Reception

Tuesday, 14 Oct - 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM: Adler Planetarium, Chicago Dinner Cruise

Special program with Dr. Katie Boyce-Jacino, Curator and Director of Collections to see Star Gazer’s Pavillion, and time keeping devices in storage. Collections information is here: <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/explore/collections/>

Wednesday, 15 Oct - 8:30 AM – 9:00 PM: [Halim Time and Glass Museum](#) for Lectures, Exhibits, and Dinner Banquet

A full day of educational lectures, exhibit viewing and an evening banquet at the foremost private horological museum in America. Over 1,100 timepieces are on display including tower clocks, chronometers, automatons, pocket watches and tall case clocks. Beautifully restored and preserved, the collection is one of the finest in the world.

Thursday, 16 Oct - 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM: [Elgin Historical Museum](#) and [Sanfilippo Estate](#) (Bus & Lunch)

The Elgin National Watch Company produced watches for 100 years. Explore the watch collections, innovations and complex technology, and learn about the Company’s impact on Elgin, its citizens, and the world. Presentation by Watch specialist Bill Briska highlights the history of the famous Elgin National Watch Company.

Sanfilippo Estate –a private estate located in Barrington Hills, features the World's finest collection of automatic music instruments. A 3 hour tour sharing the story of the family and Collection, demonstrations of a variety of music machines, a mini-concert on the Mighty Wurlitzer and the history of the items in the Carousel Pavillion.

Visit our webpage for Online Registration, specific program and lodging details. <https://nawcc.org/symposium>

All museum admissions and bus rides included in pricing. Meals Included (Mon-D, Tues-L/D, Wed-L/D/, Thurs-L)

Questions - Contact Cathy Gorton (cathy.gorton@gmail.com).

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Registration Form

Mail Registration Form to: NAWCC, Attn: 2025 Time Symposium Registration, 514 Poplar Street, Columbia, PA 17512.

Or email Form to: Tina Manley (tmanley@nawcc.org)

Subject: 2025 Time Symposium Registration

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Food Allergies _____ Circle as Required: Vegan Vegetarian Gluten Free

Registration Fees:

All Inclusive with bus transportation/meals/museum fees: _____ x \$775 = _____

-- OR --

Design your own program (Al-La-Carte pricing to suit your preferences and schedule):

Monday: Welcome Reception at the Host Hotel (Salad / Pasta / Dessert/ Cash Bar) _____ x \$50 = _____

Tuesday: Adler Planetarium, Private Collection, Chicago Dinner Cruise (Bus, Museum Admission, box lunch at Adler, and Dinner included. Dinner Cash Bar) _____ x \$300 = _____

CHOOSE Wednesday: Halim Time and Glass Museum – FULL DAY - Lunch and Dinner _____ x \$300 = _____

ONLY Wednesday: Lectures and Lunch (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM) _____ x \$125 = _____

ONE Wednesday: Dinner Banquet Only with Museum Access (6:15 PM – 9:00 PM) _____ x \$175 = _____

Thursday: Elgin History Museum, Sanfilippo Estate (Bus and Lunch Included) _____ x \$125 = _____

Donation to Support NAWCC’s Time Symposium, *Thank You!* (\$25 suggested) _____

TOTAL: _____

No Later Than September 15, 2025...Enclose Check Payable to NAWCC, Memo: 2025 Time Symposium

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NAWCC hosted webpage with details: <https://nawcc.org/symposium>

Host Hotel: [Hyatt House Chicago/Evanston](#), 1515 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

Reservation cutoff date is **09/15/2025** Room block rate: **\$189 / night + tax. (\$216)** Rate Valid **October 11 – 18, 2025**

Rooms may be cancelled 48 hours prior to reservation. If less than 48 hours, fee is 1 night rate + tax.
Includes Parking for 1 vehicle/night/room, and Full Breakfast (up to 2 people/room) (Cook to order Eggs)

Call hotel at: (888)-581-1234

OR book online here: https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-house/en-US/chix-hyatt-house-chicago-evanston?corp_id=G-JWCC

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Time Symposium Schedule and Speakers

(Subject to change)

13 October – Monday

2:00 – 5:00 PM – Astronomical Skeleton Clock Viewing – Visit Mark Frank’s home to see his Astronomical Skeleton Clock

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Hyatt House Chicago/Evanston Hotel - Meet and Greet Welcome Reception (Salad/Pasta/Dessert - Cash Bar)

14 October - Tuesday:

9:00 AM – Bus departs Hyatt House for Adler Planetarium

10:00 AM – Adler Planetarium – Box Lunch Museum

Special program with **Dr. Katie Boyce-Jacino**, Curator and Director of Collections to see Star Gazer’s Pavillion, and time keeping devices in storage. Collections information is here: <https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/explore/collections/>

2:15 PM – Bus departs Adler Planetarium for Private Collection Viewing

4:30 PM – Bus transit to Pier One for Chicago Dinner Cruise

5:00 – 8:00 PM – Chicago Dinner Cruise (Cash Bar)

8:30 PM – Bus returns to Hyatt House

15 October - Wednesday:

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM -Halim Time and Glass Museum – Lectures, Exhibit Viewing – Lunch and afternoon snack

5:00 – 6:15 PM - Break

6:15 – 9:00 PM – Halim Time and Glass Museum - Dinner Banquet

16 October – Thursday

8:00 AM – Bus departs Hyatt House to Elgin History Museum

9:00 AM – Elgin History Museum - Elgin National Watch Company - Watch specialist Bill Briska highlights the history of the famous Elgin National Watch Company. Self-tour of museum and lunch

12:15 PM - Bus departs Elgin History Museum for the Sanfilippo Estate

1:00 PM – Sanfilippo Estate – A private home located in Barrington Hills, Illinois, featuring the World's finest collection of automatic music instruments. We have a 3-hour tour sharing the story of the family and Collection, demonstrations of a variety of music machines, a mini-concert on the Mighty Wurlitzer and the history of the items in the Carousel Pavilion.

4:00 – 5:30 PM – Bus returns to Hyatt House Hotel Symposium Ends – Dinner on your own.

October 15, 2025 – Wednesday – Halim Time and Glass Museum Lectures

Cameel Halim – James Arthur Lecture – Stories of the Halim Time and Glass Museum

Carlene Stephens - Time and Navigation: A History Through Seven Objects

Cathy Pagani – Exotic Curiosities: Horology in China under the Qianlong Emperor (r. 1736-95)

Andrew Johnston – The (Brief) Golden Age of Celestial Navigation in Space

Stephen Franke – 1558: To Bush or Not To Bush?

Mark Frank – A Historical Perspective of Decoding and Predicting the Heavens with Mechanical Devices