



**Title: Elgin National Watch Company.**

**Presented by: Bill Briska**

Watch specialist Bill Briska highlights the history of the famous Elgin National Watch Company.

Bill brings to the Museum and the City of Elgin, Illinois a broad range of historical and architectural knowledge, managerial experience, construction skills and experience as a writer and lecturer.

In 2003 Bill wrote with E. C. Alft and updated in 2020 with additional photographs and insight; *Elgin Time: History of the Elgin National Watch Company 1864 to 1968*. The book is the only complete history of this important American manufacturer. Bill is the volunteer curator of the Museum's Elgin National Watch Company

collection including creating exhibits and educational lectures, and assisting with research services.

As a museum volunteer over the past 25 years, Bill has served as a board member, Treasurer and President. He has assisted in all areas of the Museum from building and writing exhibits and films to fundraising.