



Title: 1558: To Bush or Not to Bush?

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This presentation covers the sympathetic restoration of a French Renaissance drum timepiece dated 1558. Throughout the restoration, I not only show the audience what I did, but also discuss the difficult questions you must ask yourself before every move you make when handling a piece of this vintage and rarity. It was quite the journey and the experience.

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