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KOOLEN & RUSSELL COLLECTION

CHAPTER 92 UPDATE

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Hello Everyone,

Hope you're all doing well and enjoying this warmer weather. Rose has already started 100 tomato plants in the house, so it even smells a little like spring here.

Charlie MaGee, Don Sinclaire and I had the opportunity to attend a zoom meeting this week with the Chatham clock repair group hosted by Sil Venerus. These folks normally meet at St Clair College to learn clock repair, but have taken to the internet to stay connected. Their informal format made us newbies very comfortable as we talked about different projects and repairs that we were either working on or needed a little help with. During the meeting I asked Bob Russell about finding chains for a Pequegnat grandfather and he gave me the answer right then and there. It was really nice to get together again with a group of fellow clock enthusiasts. They have put forward a welcome to anyone that would like to attend the Wednesday evening meetings. I'll send out the invite.

It looks like we have the major clock auction of the year coming up. Cathy and Gerry Koolen, along with Bob Russell, both long time Chapter 92 Members, have put up their extensive collections for auction. I just had a look at the auction and was blown away by not only the number of items, but by the quality as well.

Cathy and Gerry are experts in Dutch clocks and their collection contains many fine pieces. Also listed are many of their music boxes, organs and automaton.

Bob "Pequegnat Bob" Russell has offered the largest collection of Pequegnat clocks that I have seen. You should be able to find any of the models that you may be looking for including Pequegnat watches and advertising material.

Check out the auction. Enjoy. *Rick*

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