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Willard House & Clock Museum**

The Center of Early American Clockmaking

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TIME: 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET

COST: FREE



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

## **Downsizing Grandma: Willard House & Clock Museum Offers Invaluable Talk On Downsizing A Home**

Robert C. Cheney will present a talk filled with information and suggestions of how best to tackle the daunting task of downsizing Grandma, (or anyone else), to make way for a move to a smaller home, a different lifestyle, assisted living or possibly, after a loved one's passing. Cheney says, "It is a chore faced by practically every family sooner or later and no one enjoys the exercise."

Robert will describe ways to make this process a lot easier, or at least, a lot more informed.

Cheney will draw on his past career as Director of the Clocks, Watches and Scientific Instruments Department at Skinner Inc., the international auction house with offices in Marlborough, Maine, Boston, New York, and Miami.

In the never-ending search to find exciting consignments to offer in his twice-yearly auctions at Skinner, he helped hundreds of families with making sense of what to do with a hundred years of accumulation or the many fine collections found in old family homes. The task to make it all go away, either by distribution to family members and friends, auction sales, charitable giving, and, yes, maybe a trip to the good ole' trusty dumpster in the driveway.

Come to the [Willard House and Clock Museum](#) and hear about professional personal organizers, appraisers, auctioneers, dealers, consignment shops, liquidation specialists, charitable giving, the complications of family "help", and many more of the myriad of options in downsizing, not to mention, the joys of sweeping the place clean and getting the job done.

About Robert C. Cheney

Robert C. Cheney, Grafton, Massachusetts is a third-generation clockmaker, dealer and nationally recognized authority on early clocks, watches and scientific instruments.

He has served as a consulting conservator and curator for over fifty museums, has lectured extensively on antique clocks in the United States, Canada and the U.K. and has appeared as an appraiser for over a decade on PBS's "Antiques Roadshow".

After a 35-year career of self-employment and a decade as founder and Director of the "Clocks, Watches and Scientific Instruments" department at Skinner Inc., he is now the Executive Director and Curator of the Willard House and Clock Museum, N. Grafton, Massachusetts.

#### About Willard House and Clock Museum

Located at 11 Willard Street in North Grafton, MA, the Willard House and Clock Museum exhibits more than 80 Willard clocks in the birthplace and original workshop of the Willard clockmakers, along with family portraits, furnishings and other family heirlooms. Works by all three generations of Willard clockmakers, including famed clockmakers Simon Willard Jr. and Benjamin Franklin Willard, are also displayed. The Museum tour includes the original Willard House, built in 1740, the clock-making workshop, in addition to the galleries. Visit the Willard House and Clock Museum website at [www.willardhouse.org](http://www.willardhouse.org)

For more information about the program, please contact Beverly Snow, Program Coordinator, at 508-839-3500.

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