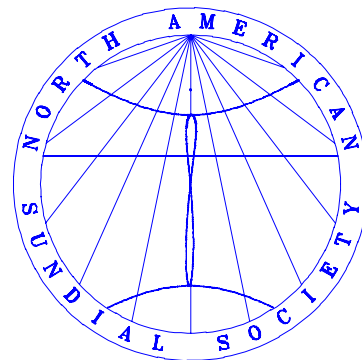


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*The Compendium**

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Potentially at least, time is the supreme, most useful gift.

- Thomas Mann

* *Compendium...* "giving the sense and substance of the topic within small compass." In dialing, a compendium is a single instrument incorporating a variety of dial types and ancillary tools.

Sighting... In St. Louis, Missouri

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William Conrad Severson (1924-1999) was a St. Louis sculptor who made public artwork that celebrated the sun. Examples are *Solaris* located at TECO Plaza in Tampa FL, *Cosmos* located in Saudi Arabia, *Les Danseuses* located in Clayton MO, and *Primogenesis* also located in Clayton MO. Severson designed and had built a memorial obelisk for his family gravesite. It is located in Bellefontaine Cemetery (at 38.68759°N, 90.22938°W) where he now rests with many family members and a great many people prominent in St. Louis history. Severson designed his obelisk to display a cross in its own shadow at solar noon on three days each year – the vernal equinox on about March 21, the northern solstice on about June 21, and the autumnal equinox on about September 22. The obelisk was constructed in 1990 of North Carolina pink granite. Its size is 18 X 16 inches at the base and 18 feet in height. Directions to see the Severson obelisk: Enter the main gate of the cemetery (4947 W Florissant Ave, St. Louis, MO); turn right at the first street (adjacent to the information building on the right at the entrance), and follow the white center line past two small lakes on the right – the obelisk is on the right near the second lake.



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