



KEITH MOSKOW (AT RIGHT) and Robert Linn credit a plug from the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors for a spike in donations to the Thousand Watch Project, but most responses are from posts on the classified-ad website Craigslist.org. The most far-flung watch arrived via airmail (BELOW) from an Australian donor who heard about the project on a local radio station.



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## CLOCK WATCHERS

Robert Linn and Keith Moskow are serious architects. Their eponymous Boston firm has landed numerous national and local awards, including the winning design for the 9/11 memorial at Logan Airport. Still, their avant thinking can take a quirky, some might even say cosmic, turn. Namely, the Thousand Watch Project. "With the advent of cell phones," Moskow posits, "wristwatches are dying a slow death." So last August, he and Linn started collecting beat-up

wristwatches destined for the landfill. To meet their goal of 1,000, they've put out a worldwide call asking individuals to send old watches, with short epitaphs that have turned out to be equal parts humor and poignancy, to the firm to be cataloged. (View the growing collection at [moskowlinn.com/tkwp](http://moskowlinn.com/tkwp).) So far, they've amassed more than 500 timepieces. When the project is complete, they hope to donate the collection to the Smithsonian. All in due time. —MOLLY JANE QUINN