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Richard Hughes takes us to Burma

It was hot. Although we were not in Burma but Las Vegas, just to walk a few blocks to our destination seemed like we would be on an endless, hot journey trekking for jade. But then, once we arrived at the jewel of a house --well! It was lovely. **Kay Glenn**, our gracious host, has a lovely home that sits on a golf course. The view was a peaceful sight for eyes used to squinting at the gems and jewelry at the JCK show all day or those eyes that had been in a seminar all day.

Richard Hughes, author of *Ruby and Sapphire*, recently returned from his second trip to Burma. Not only did he have great slides, but he kept us involved and glued to our seats.

First, he actually made us feel as if we were traveling with him to the mines.

His yarns were both funny and educational about the Burmese culture. He shared historical tidbits that enriched our adventure. We sweated with him. We were frustrated sitting in thigh deep mud. We howled with laughter at the funny stories.

This lecture was rich with technical and anecdotal information as well about Burmese jade.

Attendance was great! We had more than 20 guests and members. We want to thank members **Mary and Richard Huntington** of Las Vegas. They provided us with some of the best food. It was truly elegant and absolutely gourmet.

If anyone is interested in helping out at our next year's JCK event, please let us know.

PLANS For AGTA

Pull out your calendar and think now of your plans

for AGTA in Tucson. **Barbara Leal**, of Peter Buckie & Associates, Cambridge, England, is our new Education Chair. She has been running the GIA Alumni organization in England for three years.

Barbara is working hard on pulling together an international conclave for us next year at the AGTA. Early plans include speakers Colin Winter, Alan Jobins, David Lancaster and possibly Eric Emms. You won't want to miss this!

So plan now for attending. We will, of course, alert you to the details in plenty of time for you to make final reservations and to sign up.

Certified Lab Chair

Jim Naughter is eager and willing and already working hard on our Certified Lab Committee. He has

taken over from long time chair Sharon Wakefield.

OUR WEBSITE IS UP!

You can reach us at "aga.polygon.net" Check it out. We want to link to yours. So send us your address and URL for listing on our site!

AGA IS GROWING

For the past six months, the board and I have been making sure to respond to your ideas on seminar concepts, and organizational procedures. We are listening. We sent out a form and got back information.

Thank you all for participating and inspiring your peers and coworkers to join us as we grow and continue to build this organization.

"The AGA is **YOUR** organization. Help us make it work for **YOU**."