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## A Message from the President

It is my pleasure to inform you of the results of our recent voting on the new By-Laws and Constitution, both of which have passed and are now in effect. The Board of Directors extends their thanks to Robert Rosenblatt, GG, Corresponding Secretary, for his time and care in tabulating the votes and we herein reprint his letter to Elaine Baker, GG, FGA, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee:

TOTAL BALLOTS RECEIVED AND VERIFIED AS VALID BY THE MEMBERSHIP LIST	166
TOTAL BALLOTS RECEIVED WHICH COULD NOT BE VERIFIED BECAUSE OF ILLEGIBLE OR NO SIGNATURE ( 3 YES; 2 NO )	5
VERIFIED VALID YES OR FOR	130
VERIFIED VALID NO OR AGAINST	36

Just by way of information the ballots received represented a cross-section of members from all over the country and a very strong representation of votes from members from other countries. I feel confident that the passing or acceptance of the proposed By-Laws and Constitution as presented does in fact represent a diversified majority of our members.

We also wish to thank all members who took the time to vote and exercise that right and privilege, thereby strengthening the base of the AGA for our future needs and growth.

My appreciation is also extended to THOM UNDERWOOD, GG; THOMAS TASHEY, GG, FGA; ANNA MILLER, GG; AND HOLLY YATES, as well as my fellow Board Members, for their many hours of thought and devotion to planning the AGA Conference on Color 1983, to be held next month in Tucson. This issue of the Publication contains an update on those plans and important changes and upgrading of this two day Seminar Program, as well as a reservation form for those who have not yet registered. This Seminar, as you well know, is the first of its kind on Colored Stones and the gathering of experts who will be educating us further in this important area, and we urge you to attend.

It is our hope that all of you will stay at the Palo Verde Plaza Holiday Inn so that we may become more of a cohesive unit by meeting and talking with our fellow members, this being a prime opportunity to do just that.

The GIA is preparing the Master Gemologist Appraiser (MGA) Entrance Exam for us, a test comprised of 100 questions. It is not designed to be the "great gemology quiz", but is a way of making sure we're all current on our general gemological know-

ledge. It is planned to give this Exam only once in 1983, so even if your plans to join the MGA Program are in the future, we urge you to participate in this testing.

Our Annual General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 11th, at 7:30 PM in either the Seville Room or the Executive Conference Center of the Palo Verde Plaza Holiday Inn. Our Featured Speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Joel Arem, FGA, who will present slides and a dialogue on Gemstone Localities Far Off the Beaten Track. If for some reason you are unable to attend the Seminar, we strongly urge each of you to mark your calendars for the General Meeting and Dr. Arem's program, as you will not want to miss this.

And last, but by no means least, I extend my sincerest wishes to all of you for a healthy and prosperous 1983.

We'll see you in Tucson!

J Tenhagen

# SCHEDULE OF THE AGA CONFERENCE ON COLOR 1983:

Thursday, February 10th:

- 8:00 to 8:50 AM APPRAISAL ETHICS FOR THE GEMOLOGIST by *Elly Rosen, FGA, GG.*
- 9:00 to 10:50 AM KASHAN RUBIES by *Dr. Earl Anderson*  
A lecture, slide presentation, and hands-on workshop.
- 11:00 to 11:50 AM THE LATEST INNOVATIONS IN GEMTESTING INSTRUMENTS  
by *Manfred Eickhorst, M. Sc. Physics.*
- 12:00 to 1:00 PM LUNCH, with C.R. Beesley, GG, Speaking on his "Gem Line Recovery Service."
- 1:00 to 2:15 PM COLORED STONE GRADING with the GemDialogue by *Howard Rubin, GG*
- 2:25 to 3:45 PM AN UPDATE ON THE NEW PADPARADSCHA AND BLUE SAPPHIRE, a hands-on workshop  
with Chatham Products, by *Thomas Chatham* of Chatham Created Gems.
- 3:45 to 5:00 PM COLORED STONE GRADING by *C.R. Beesley, GG, American Gemological Laboratories.*
- 7:30 to 8:20 PM Review for the Master Gemologist Appraiser (MGA) Entrance Exam. Conducted by *Neil Cohen, GG, and Elly Rosen, FGA, GG.*

Friday, February 11th:

- 8:00 to 10:00 AM Master Gemologist Appraiser (MGA) Entrance Exam
- 10:00 to 11:50 AM GEMSTONE AND JEWELRY APPRAISAL GUIDE by *W. David Shoup, GG.*
- 12:00 to 1:00 PM LUNCH with speaker Neil Cohen, GG, ASA, THE AGA ACCREDITED LABORATORY and the  
MASTER GEMOLOGIST APPRAISER (MGA) PROGRAMS.
- 1:00 to 2:00 PM HISTORY OF THE EVALUATION OF COLOR by *Calvin S. McCamy, B.S., M.S., the Munsell  
Company.*
- 2:10 to 2:30 PM APPLICATION OF THE MUNSELL COLOR NOTATION by *Jim Sharp, GG.*
- 2:40 to 3:40 PM UNITED STATES GEMOLOGICAL SERVICES, INCORPORATED: COLOR GRADING SYSTEM by  
*Sarabeth Koethe, GG.*
- 3:50 to 5:00 PM THE THAI REALITY, THE KASHAN FANTASY by *C.R. Beesley, GG, American Gemological  
Laboratories.*

## THE COST OF THIS MOST IMPORTANT SEMINAR:

The Two Day Educational Seminar — \$150.00 per person — includes all use of equipment, stones, the learning opportunities, and luncheons. (Cost for one day, if you are unable to attend both days — \$100.00.)

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## AGA CONFERENCE ON COLOR RESERVATION FORM

(Please detach and mail to the main office with your deposit)

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$50.00 per person as a deposit.

- I will be attending both days.
- I will be attending one day only, February \_\_\_\_\_, 1983

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print

MAIL THIS RESERVATION FORM AND YOUR DEPOSIT TO:

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## AGA ACCREDITED LABORATORIES

The AGA wishes to thank the following Members for their participation in the AGA Accredited Laboratory Program, and congratulates them on having the wisdom to see the advantages of this. We welcome them and urge our other Members who have laboratories to participate.

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# ACCREDITED GEMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION ACCREDITED LABORATORY

The following equipment is required to attain the AGA Accredited Laboratory Certificate. There will be no exceptions.

- ◆ 0.25 carat or above GIA, AGL, or Equivalent Graded Diamonds
  - ▶ Minimum of five diamonds, the description of which must include:
    - \* The GIA Submittal Number or Master Set Report Number
    - \* The weight of each diamond;
    - \* The color grade of each diamond;
    - \* The measurement of each diamond
  - ▶ Certificate Diamonds are not acceptable.
- ◆ Diamond Grading Light Source
- ◆ Binocular Microscope with Dark Field Illumination
- ◆ Spectroscope Unit or Spectroscope
- ◆ Refractometer with Polarizing Filter
  - Sodium Light source preferred
- ◆ Polariscope
- ◆ Dichroscope
- ◆ Ultraviolet Light Source
  - Long Wave and Short Wave
- ◆ Thermal Conductivity Probe
- ◆ Balance or Scale calibrated to 0.01 ct. with the capability of weighing dwt. (pennyweights)
- ◆ Specific Gravity Liquids and ability to do Hydrostatic Determinations
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- ◆ Leveridge Gauge or accurate Read-Out Millimeter Gauge
- ◆ Photographic Capability
- ◆ Metal-Testing Kit
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\*All equipment will be listed by manufacturer, make, model, etc.

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I DO HEREBY ATTEST THAT I, \_\_\_\_\_, OWN THE ABOVE STATED EQUIPMENT, IN ACCEPTABLE WORKING CONDITION, WHICH IS ON THE PREMISES. I FURTHER AUTHORIZE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION VISITS BY DESIGNATED AGA LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PERSONNEL.

## ☼ To Apply For Laboratory Accreditation...

Request forms from: Accredited Gemologists Association  
36 N.E. 1st Street, Suite 419  
Miami, Florida 33132



◆ The Laboratory Accreditation Application fee is \$200.00 per laboratory or individual, the certificate of accreditation being renewable every three years, with recertification fees set at \$100.00.

► The initial laboratory package supplied to qualifying laboratories will be:

- ◆ One certificate attesting to equipment certification, bearing the individual/firm name, for wall display
- ◆ One lucite sign bearing the AGA Logo and notice of Accreditation status, for display
- ◆ Two window signs imprinted with the AGA Logo and notice of Accreditation status
- ◆ Three hundred advertising brochures displaying the individual/firm name, address and 'phone number, and the list of equipment available within the laboratory
- ✱ A Directory of AGA Accredited Laboratories will be made available for distribution to all members, laboratories, banks, insurance companies, lawyers, gemological services, and the public

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## The Master Gemologist Appraiser - MGA- Program

"A designation to be meaningful must be a true test of a person's ability. Its award must assure that the designee is a highly qualified professional appraiser."

The primary requisites for the Master Gemologist Appraiser (MGA) designation are as follows:

- ⊗ Full Membership Status in the Accredited Gemologists Association
- ⊗ Accredited Gemologists Association Accredited Laboratory Certification
- ⊗ Engagement in the appraisal profession in the appraising of gems, jewelry
- ⊗ A diploma in Gemology from a recognized institution of learning or such other education, knowledge or experience, as may be deemed to be equivalent of such professional education by the Accreditation Committee of the Accredited Gemologists Association
- ⊗ An MGA candidate must be of legal age and shall have five years of appraisal experience, or equivalent experience as approved by the Accreditation committee
- ⊗ The MGA candidate must achieve a passing grade on the MGA Entrance Examination. This examination tests a candidate's background in gemological theory
- ⊗ Successful completion of Course 1A; a course in appraisal theory, principals of appraisal practices, and the AGA Code of Professional Conduct
- ⊗ Successful completion of Course 1B; a course integrating gemological knowledge with Appraising and Preparation of appraisal reports
- ⊗ Successful completion of the Comprehensive Exam, consisting of: PART I- Exam on Courses 1A and 1B; PART II-A practical exam. The actual examination of gems and articles of jewelry under actual laboratory conditions, and the preparation of an appraisal report.
- ⊗ Candidate must submit three actual appraisal reports; one on a diamond, one on a colored stone, one on a variety of jewelry articles
- ⊗ Successful completion of the above awards the candidate the Accredited Gemologists Association's Master Gemologist Appraiser title. This allows that Member to use the designation MGA after their name
- ⊗ MGA designations are for three years only. Master Gemologist Appraisers must be recertified every three years
- ⊗ Recertification is the mandatory attendance and successful completion of the Association's graduate course in gemology. This course brings the Master Gemologist Appraiser up to date with the latest advances in gems and gemology and the appraisal profession.

The MGA ENTRANCE EXAM

INFORMATION - REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- FEE \$25.00 to cover the costs of preparation, printing, site rental, grading. All examinations will become the property of Accredited Gemologists Association, Inc., and will remain in the entrant's folder.
- PASSING SCORE 75% or better.
- EXAMINATIONS Will be prepared by the GIA.
- GRADING OF EXAMS Will be done by an independent third party. Scores will not be published; each individual will be notified privately.
- NUMBERS Will be assigned each entrant; specific names will not appear on the entrant's test paper, assuring anonymity.
- EACH TEST Consists of 100 questions, based on general gemological knowledge used every day, with a duration of approximately two hours
- REQUIREMENT FOR TAKING THE EXAM + FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE AGA

WE URGE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXAMINATION EVEN IF YOUR PLANS FOR ATTAINMENT OF THE MGA DESIGNATION ARE IN THE FUTURE. INTENTIONS NOW ARE FOR ONE EXAM PER YEAR, THE NEXT ONE NOT BEING GIVEN UNTIL 1984.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TEST IS TO INSURE THAT ALL CANDIDATES HAVE THEIR SKILLS UP TO DATE AND ENTRANTS MAY CONSIDER THE TEST AS A REFRESHER SELF-TEST.

(Please detach and mail to the main office with the \$25.00 fee)

MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 IS ENCLOSED.

NAME - \_\_\_\_\_ (TYPE OR PRINT)

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\_\_\_\_\_

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## AGA CHAPTER NEWS

Washington Area...

Catherine Cleiman

The fourth and final meeting for 1982 of the Washington Area Chapter of the Accredited Gemologists Association was held on the evening of October 4th. Attendance was fantastic with ten members and fifteen guests present. Members included: Tony Bonanno, FGA; Tomiko Butler, FGA; Dale Farringer, GG; Karen Ford, FGA; Masano Hidaka, FGA; Helen MacLeod, FGA; Marvin Miller, GG; John Piunno, FGA, GG; Sonny Schwartzman, FGA; and Tom Terpilak, GG. Guests included: Claude Aoussat, Joan Braunstein, Rodger Bucy, Bill Dougherty, Betty Duke, Danny Duke, Bob McClaim, Bob McDowell, Ginger Beers Morgret, Julie Needle, and Mary Steinhauer.

The theme for the program continued to be pearls. A film on pearls by Frank Mastoloni and Sons, Inc. was featured and proved to be an informative and comprehensive documentation on all aspects of the growing and harvesting of cultured pearls.

After the film there was a discussion on pearls with samples of cultured pearls, crinkle-textured freshwater pearls and Biwa pearls, provided by Tomiko Butler. Tony Bonanno brought out parcel papers with more samples, including imitation pearls, mabe pearls, pink, non-nacreous conch pearls, cultured clam pearls and Mississippi freshwater pearls. One Mississippi pearl resembled a garnet as it was dark red in color.

Tony also presented samples of Chatham-created synthetic emeralds and rubies for examination.

The business meeting followed. There was no old business. Under new business, the suggestion of holding more than four annual meetings was discussed, with ideas ranging from having bi-monthly meetings to calling extra meetings to accomodate a special guest or discuss pertinent gemological developments if the occasion arises. No definite decision or vote was made on this topic.

There was also a discussion on the voting rights of Full Members versus the non-voting rights of Associate Members.

Our next meeting will be held on the evening of JANUARY 3rd, 1983, at 7:30 PM, at 8600 FENTON STREET, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20910. For further information, telephone (301) 588-7770.

Our program for that evening will deal with the examination and discussion of some of the latest in gemological instruments. Our special guest for this part of our program will be MR. TED THEMELIS, President of GEM LABORATORY, INC. of New York. MR. THEMELIS is a renowned innovator in the new and fast-developing area of gemological equipment. He will provide members with examples of some of his new equipment, including a fiber-optic spectroscope, an inexpensive microscope, and a sophisticated polariscope.

The second part of our program will take up the problem of retail markup and how it affects the appraiser's "appraised" value. We hope to conduct a survey to determine the standard retail markup in the Washington area. All Members in this area are urged to attend.

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**San Diego ...**

**Bernadine Johnston**

The regular monthly meeting of the Accredited Gemologists Association, San Diego Chapter, was called to order by Thom Underwood, November 18, 1982, at the Cafe d31 Rey Moro at 7:45 PM.

There was an open forum discussing the modified form the San Diego Chapter of the AGA would be taking in the near future. It was decided we will maintain a chapter but will meet in members' homes in order to lower overhead costs. We will have programs put on by our own members and reduce the number of officers to four.

The following were elected to hold office:

PRESIDENT	THOM UNDERWOOD
TREASURER	RAY MINK
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	SUZANNE ANDERSON
RECORDING SECRETARY	BERNADINE JOHNSTON

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Christmas Party was discussed. The motion by Thom Underwood to hold the party December 12, 1982 was passed, with the cost to each person attending set at \$5.00; the Chapter will cover the cost of the balance. Suzanne Anderson will be in charge of the party as Coordinator.

Bernadine Johnston exhibited a collection of Oligoclase Feldspars, Sunstones, showing the many different colors and phenomena they may display.

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**Northern California...**

**Terrie Jensen-Haxel**

On October 20, 1982, the first formal meeting of the Northern California Chapter of the Accredited Gemologists Association was held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Nineteen people attended and received information about the new chapter. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM by PRESIDENT JOSEPH O. GILL. Mr. Gill gave official thanks to TERRIE HAXEL, MICHELE JENSEN, and STARLA TURNER for their initiating efforts in the formation of this Chapter. Mr. Gill announced the following dates: January 19, 1983 - acceptance of nominations for new Chapter Officers; March 15, 1983 - election of new officers. He also announced that two chapter committees are being formed and more information will be given at the next meeting: The Appraisal Committee will give advice to other gemologists when needed; The New Developments in Gemology Committee will furnish information in that area and is headed by Mr. Gill.

In general information, it was reiterated that Chapter Dues

are \$50.00 annually with a \$10.00 meeting admission fee for non-members, credited to the annual dues for those who wish to become members.

LISE WURM, the Meeting Secretary, briefly reviewed the proposed National By-Laws and we urge everyone to study them carefully and make your opinion known to the Main Office.

Following a brief intermission, MR. GILL discussed the History of Gemology and Gemological Organizations, the entire discussion being interesting and informative. A summary of his talk is included in the minutes of the meeting. Following Mr. Gill's presentation, there was a lively discussion concerning a gemologist's knowledge and limitations, and knowing when to ask for another opinion. The meeting ended at 9:40 PM with everyone staying for coffee and more discussion.

TERRIE HAXEL, who helped with the formation of this Chapter, is the liaison between the Local and the AGA, and has information about the following events:

- ◇AGA Accreditation Program for Laboratories
- ◇Master Gemologist Appraiser Certification
- ◇Tentative endorsement of a portable, cost-efficient grading system
- ◇AGA lectures and seminars to be held in 1983 in Tucson
- ◇AGA sponsored tour to Colombia and the Muzo and Chivor Mines

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 20-21 Livermore Valley Lithophiles  
"Barn", Pacific Avenue; Livermore, California

#### NEW DISCOVERIES:

In Colombo, Sri Lanka, a rare Taaffeite stone of 4.02 carats was discovered by U.S. gem importer David Dakins, while sorting through a collection of 5,000 Spinel. The find was confirmed by the Asian Institute of Gemological Sciences in Bangkok and Los Angeles. The Taaffeite is a doubly refractive, pale mauve stone, one out of only four that have surfaced since 1945. Value estimates on this Taaffeite run as high as \$52,000.00.

#### BOOKS OF INTEREST:

Max Bauer's Precious Stones, written in Germany in 1896 and translated into English by Dr. Spencer in 1904. Charles E. Tuttle and Co. published and updated the book in 1969. There have been several updates since.

Gemstones by Herbert Smith. Published in 1912, it was the first scientific text on the subject of gem testing. The book was standard text until 1942 when Basil W. Anderson published his work, Gem Testing.

Proceedings of The International Gemological Symposium 1982. A book published by the GIA that is very interesting and informative and can be purchased through the GIA.

REMINDER: Meetings start at 8:00 PM and promptness is requested.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 1982. (We hope information is made available for the next issue of the Publication. Ed.)

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◆◆◆ AGA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE ◆◆◆

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☀ ☀ The MEMBERSHIP ♦ JANUARY, 1983

♦ 367 Full Members ☀ ☀

♦ 22 Associate Members ☀ ☀

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☀ ☀ ☀ We congratulate the following AGA Members on their achievements:

\* EVELYN SINDERHOLM, GG, from Associate to Full Member Status.

\* THOMAS SHEMANSKI, GG, having completed his studies and received his Graduate Gemologist degree.



☀ Our THANKS ...

We also wish to thank the following Members for sending questions to be used by the GIA in the making of our first MGA Entrance Exam. It took that extra effort on their part and the AGA is grateful.

◆ SUZANNE ANDERSON	◆ JUDITH GRANT
◆ JOEL AREM	◆ GORDON GREESON
◆ KURT ARENS	◆ HOMER HOLLAND
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☀ From Your Editor ...

With this January issue I announce my retirement as your Editor. Since 1981, I have endeavored to upgrade the AGA Publication to a more professional level and hope that I have succeeded to some degree. My sincere thanks are extended to all contributing authors. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to have read and learned from your articles and hope that you have seen evidence of care and diligence in their reprinting.

My best wishes to my successor, all of you singularly, and the AGA collectively. It has been a pleasure to see it grow and to have been part of the daily working mechanism that allows growth to proceed smoothly.

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