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## Master Gemologist Appraiser Course

Interested in attending the American Society of Appraisers' Master Gemologist Appraiser Course? The class has been scheduled for next year from January 28 to January 31, 2001. ASA is offering its course at the La Quinta Airport hotel in Tucson. Rooms are available for \$99 for a regular room and \$109 for a mini suite with a microwave. The rooms will be available through the gem show. Please contact ASA at 800-ASA-VALU or Nancy Stacy at 925-939-4367 for additional information.

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## AGA gets ready for its annual conference in Tucson

Get your planner out and contact your travel agent because AGA is getting ready for another exciting and informative conference in Tucson. The event is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2001.

The conference: Gemology in the New Millennium, will take place at the Marriott- University Park. As usual, a line-up of impressive speakers will enlighten us from 9-5 p.m. (see page 2 for speakers and schedule of events).

Afterwards, those who attend the conference will have the opportunity to share their comments on the event with other AGA members at our Din-



ner Dance while we eat and dance the night away.

If you haven't attended an AGA Dinner Dance, you are missing out! Last year's fabulous swing band will return, and with them will be Tucson's talented singer, Martha Reed.

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## Who will be next year's Bonanno Award recipient?

When you read the words research, innovation, education, and commitment, which person in the jewelry industry comes to mind? Well, write that name down on our Gemologist of the Year Award form and mail it to our headquarters.

It's time for the second annual Antonio C. Bonanno Award for Excellence in Gemology. However, don't stop there. Instead, call your friends and spread the word on why you

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In addition, the Second Annual Bonnano Award will be presented. This year's Dance will be extra special because we get to say farewell to our current Directors, some of our Governors, and our President.

We also get to welcome our new President who will be introduced that evening along with the other Directors and Governors. Where else do you get to frolic with guest speakers, the Bonnanos, the Board, and other members in one night?



Due to last year's success, early registration for the Conference and Dinner Dance is strongly recommended. This will ensure you a seat in the hottest AGA event of the year, and will help us accommodate everyone.

Also, please note that 2001 Election ballots are due by December 20, 2000, so cast your vote before the deadline. Don't worry, the ballots will not be counted in Florida, and the process will consist of one manual and final count.

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think this special individual deserves recognition. We will consider all nominations, and AGA members will vote from a final list. By voicing your opinions, you may convince other AGA members to vote for your nominee, especially if it's you—no, you didn't think of yourself, did you? All nominations are due by December 15, 2000.



### Speakers

**Greg Sherman-** "The Scientific Side of Chinese Freshwater Pearls"  
**Sara H. Williams-** "Chic and Glamour: Jewels of 1945-1965"  
**Jack Lynch-** "The Commercial Side of Chinese Freshwater Pearls"  
**Richard Hughes-** "Adventures in Russian Jade"  
**Charles Lawrence-** "Breakthroughs in Gemstone Diffusion Treatment"  
**Cap Beasley-** "The Use/Application of Advanced Gem. Equipment"

### Schedule of Events

**02/01/2001**  
 9-5:00 p.m. Conference  
 5-5:30 p.m. Membership Meeting  
 7-11:00 p.m. Dinner Dance  
**02/02/2001**  
 9-11:00 a.m. Board Meeting