



Alabama Jewelers Association

Fall 2014

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SALTWATER SEMINAR!

October 10th-12th



Bishop State Community College Student Award Winners.

#1 Photo L-R, Stephen Lange-Instructor of Jewelry Design & Watch Repair; Vivian Williams-1st Place Winner; Bonita Harris-People's Choice Winner; Dr. Robert Bantens-3rd Place Winner & AJA President Danny Clarke. Not shown, Molly Whigham 2nd Place Winner. Awards were presented at the Mobile Rock & Gem Society meeting.



Winning Golf Team at the AJA-GJA Convention

L-R, Brian Hood-Bromberg & Co.; Gene Lambert-Simon Golub; Scott DuPont-Pease & Curren; Ben Whidby-Whidby Jewelers

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President's Message

Dear Alabama Jewelers and Associates,

As we approach the fall selling season I would like to encourage you to take a weekend off, relax and join your fellow jewelers October 10th-12th in Orange Beach, Alabama at The Island House Hotel for AJA's annual Saltwater Seminar.

October is a wonderful time of year on the beautiful Gulf of Mexico - less crowds and much COOLER, and a great time to slow-down and network with your fellow jewelers before the busy Christmas Season.

This is truly a great event - don't miss out!

Sincerely,
Daniel J. Clarke
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Best of Show

Bill Wismar of Wismar Jewelry (Featured)

Category I

1st Place – Robert Levy of Levy's Fine Jewelry,

Category II

1st Place – Patrick Conway of Barton-Clay,

Category III

1st Place – Bill Wismar of Wismar Jewelry,

CAD Category

1st Place – Matthew White of Ed White Jewelers

Placed in one or more categories:

Patrick Conway of Barton-Clay
Robert Levy of Levy's Fine Jewelry
Candace Wade of Levy's Fine Jewelry

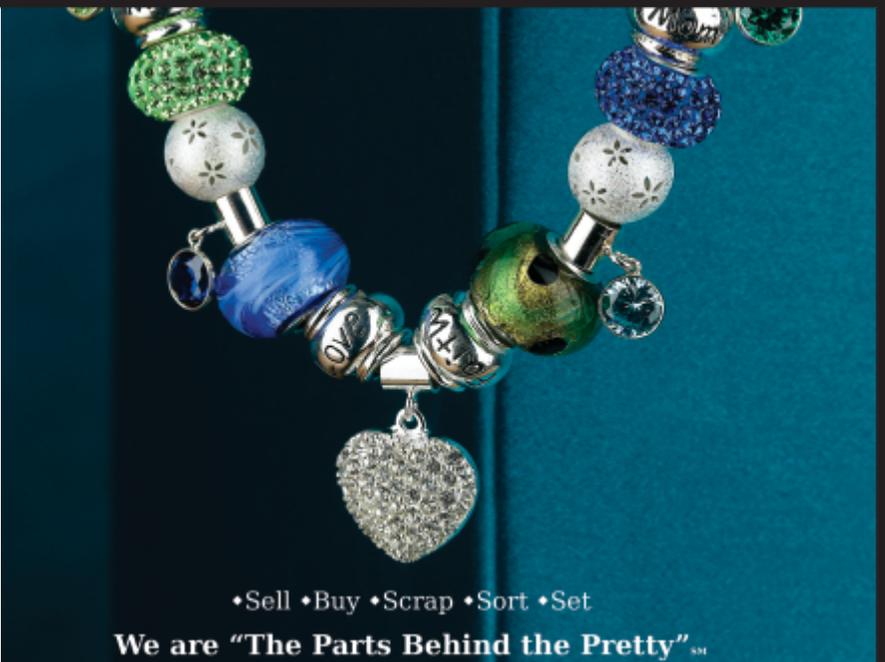
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Make-A-Wish child, Avery enjoyed a day of "Princess" style shopping at Smith Jewelers in Jackson, Alabama with



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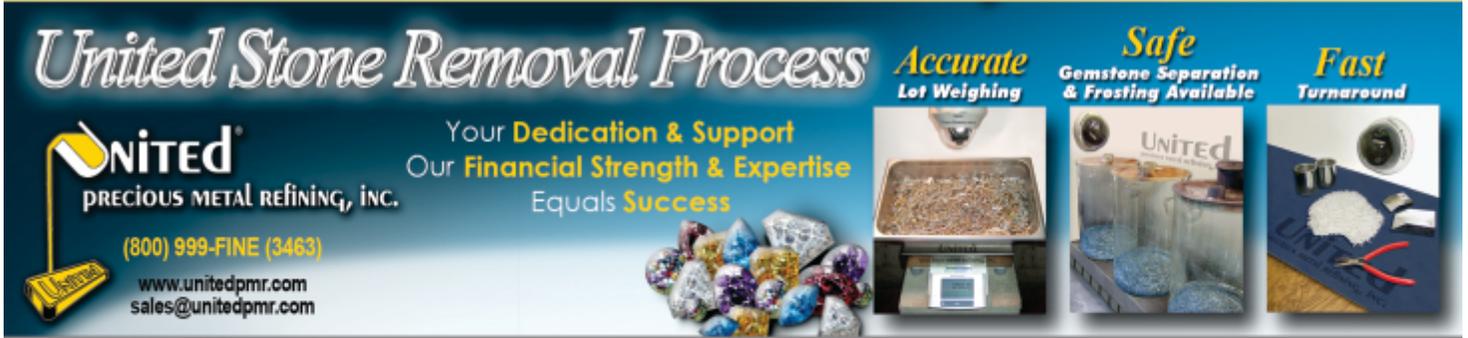
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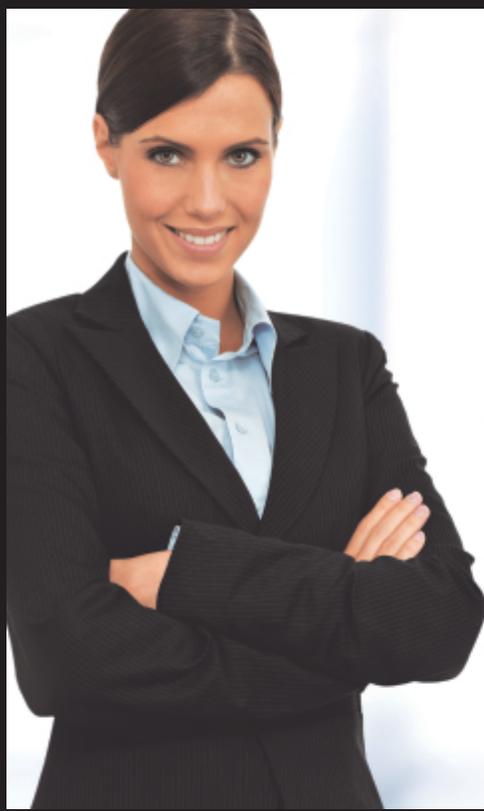
Tip of the Trade

To save time and money, whenever sending a customer's piece to a vendor for service, be sure to state the value of the piece for return shipping insurance. You'll avoid delay if the vendor is holding-up shipment waiting to confirm the value, and you'll save money by not having the vendor assign a value and over insuring the package. Plus, you will sleep better knowing the package is properly covered on its way back to you!

Tip offered by Howard Kelrick of Finger Mate

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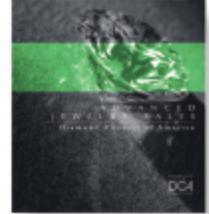
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