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2015 AJA CONVENTION

**August 7-9, 2015
Hot Springs, AR
Arlington Hotel**

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Official Newsletter of the Arkansas Jewelers Association

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Dear AJA Members,

As we approach the end of my first year as president of the AJA, I would like to review some of our accomplishments. In August of 2014, we established some goals for the growth and development of the organization: 1) update our web presence, 2) organize an online tool exchange, 3) increase membership, and 4) host the 2015 AJA Convention in Hot Springs. The web page has been updated thanks to the work of Janisue Rigel and Aaron Rodden. Thanks to the efforts of David Holloway the tool exchange is now available online offering AJA members a forum to buy and sell used equipment. In order to increasing membership we expanded our eligibility categories to include a more diverse representation of Arkansas' jewelers. Lastly, the 2015 AJA Convention will be hosted at Hot Springs' historic Arlington Hotel, a 1930's haven for notorious gangsters such as Al Capone, Frank Costello, and Lucky Luciano. But the good works did not end here. A big BRAVO goes to Jeff Brooks for his work on the Kid's Caret design competition. This newly developed competition offers students the opportunity to experience the satisfaction of jewelry designing. It has been a good year, and the year is not yet over.

In the upcoming year, we have three board members who will be retiring. The dedicated service of Bob Herr, Les Mizel, and David Holloway will be missed. Gentlemen, we extend our gratitude and thanks for the work you have done for the AJA. It will not be easy to replace these valuable board members, but we must. We extend an invitation to all AJA members to consider becoming an AJA leader by joining our board.

As I said, the year is not over. We still have some festivities and fun just ahead as we gather for our annual convention on August 7th through 9th. This year's theme is GANGSTERS in recognition of the historic 1930 mobs of the spa. So, put on your best gangster garb and join us at the convention. There will be more than just fun and entertainment as we are also offering some quality opportunities for training. Jeff Brooks and Aaron Rodden will enlighten us on the newest technologies for the jewelry industry, and award winning Christo Kiffer will share his expertise on jewelry design. And, as always, Saturday night is a good time as we come together as friends to share a meal and recognize the outstanding talent of our Arkansas jewelers.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the
AJA Convention.

Nelson Gotay
President, AJA



2015 AJA C.A.R.A.T. Award
Competition Forms Are Now Available!

New categories have been added to the C.A.R.A.T. Awards.
Invite all your designers to participate.

The 2015 C.A.R.A.T. competition forms were mailed & emailed to the membership. The forms can be downloaded from the AJA website. If you did not receive the forms, please contact Janisue Rigel at 972-743-5406.

2015 C.A.R.A.T. Entry Forms are due July 30.

AJA Future Jewelry Designer Contest For Kids
Vote Now

This year (2015) the [Arkansas Jewelers Association](#) decided to have its first jewelry design contest for kids in the state of Arkansas. The deadline was the end of April. There was a total of 80 designs submitted. Please vote for the entries that made it past Stage 1 of the judging phase.

There are 2 categories: Grades 9-12 and Grades 3-8.
There will be 2 winners in each category.

Please click on the link below and cast your votes. Thank You!

[2015 AJA Kids Jewelry Design Contest](#)

http://rootgem.com/aja_contest/

2015 AJA Silent Auction

AJA will host a silent auction during the convention. Please consider donating items to this year's event. Donations can be brought to the event or mailed to Bob Herr at the following address:

Bob Herr
c/o Sissy's Log Cabin
1825 North Grant St
Little Rock, AR 72207

Your donations are greatly appreciated.



2015 Convention Schedule of Events

August 7, Friday Evening - 7 to 9pm

Networking Get-Together - Buy Your Own Meal

Meet at the Hotel & Walk to Nearby Restaurant

August 8, Saturday

Golf Tournament - Contact Les Mizel, #870-879-3040

★3 pm - "The Newest Technology"

Presented by Jeff Brooks & Aaron Rodden

Brooks Fine Jewelry

★4:30 pm - "Jewelry Design"

Presented by Christo Kiffer - Sissy's Log Cabin

**FREE
SEMINARS**

President's Dinner Event - 6:30pm to ?

- Meet Suppliers.
- Network with members of the industry.
 - Participate in the Silent Auction.
- View the top 4 entries in the 2015 Student Contest.
- Enjoy Hors D'oeuvres, compliments of Bobby Wilkerson.
 - Enjoy a spectacular meal.
 - 2015 C.A.R.A.T. Awards Ceremony.

August 9, Sunday Morning

Sunday Brunch in the Venetian Dining Room at The Arlington Hotel is the icing on the cake to a perfect weekend. The delicious food, Relaxing atmosphere and impeccable service have made Sunday Brunch at The Arlington Hotel the place to see & be seen for decades.

★ Please note that AJA does not endorse information included in seminars.



The Annual AJA Convention is all about connecting in a vibrant, high-energy environment with the best and brightest jewelers in the state of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Jewelers Association is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

Hello AJA Members,

I want to THANK YOU for being a member of the Arkansas Jewelry Association. Professional membership is what makes you different. If you're not involved in a professional organization, you don't really have a career; you have a job. AJA members have identified themselves as professional jewelers through their affiliation with AJA.



But, your professional obligations don't stop here. In order to ensure the AJA remains a sustainable, viable, and progressive organization members need to become LEADERS! **I am asking you to seriously consider becoming a leader in AJA.** We want and need your contributions to our organization. This invitation is extended to store owners, sales associates, jewelers/crafts (wo)men, independent manufactures, and newly developing professions. Our organization grows not only through the wisdom of experienced jewelers but also the creative and innovative idea of young minds.

If you still need more REASONS why you should be an AJA leader, consider these points and benefits.

- Enhance your professional network
- Ongoing professional development
- Support Arkansas' jeweler industry
- Develop leadership skills
- Mentor to other developing professionals
- Stay inspired and motivated
- Make new friends!

Thank you for considering a leadership role in AJA. If you would like to obtain additional information about this exciting opportunity, or you would like to be considered for an open board position, please contact Janisue Rigel, Executive Director, by phone at 972-743-5406 or send an email to arkjlrassn@aol.com.

Thank you,

Nelson Gotay, President AJA

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Gloria is also a leading auctioneer and appraiser at Skinner and responsible for a wide range of marketing activities throughout the country.

A frequent lecturer, Gloria has participated in many educational seminars including the University of Maine's Antique Jewelry Seminar and New York University's Jewelry Appraisers Conference in Tucson, Arizona, and has been invited to speak on behalf of the Society of Jewelry Historians at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. In addition, she has discussed artist-designed jewelry before the New York University Jewelry Studies Program and the New York State Appraisers Association. Locally, Gloria has lectured for the Boston Center for Adult Education, the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Harvard University's Extension Program, Brandeis University, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the Rhode Island School of Design's (RISD) Decorative Arts program. Gloria also regularly serves on the vetting committee for the Palm Beach Antiques Show.

Her television appearances include the BBC's The Great Antiques Hunt, the PBS series *Antiques Roadshow*, and the Boston-based series "Chronicle". Gloria has interviewed with The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, Yankee Magazine, Maine Antique Digest, and other art and antique publications.

Date Thursday • July 23, 2015
Time 6 - 8 pm
Place Roberson's Fine Jewelry
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Cost* \$25 • Online tickets Available until Wednesday July 22 2015
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