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JEWELRY APPRAISAL

SUMMARY

I am a professional, broad-minded gemologist devoted to the world of jewelry appraisal. My passion started as a treasure seeking kid inspired by crystals, jewelry and wearable art of all kinds. I immersed myself in the non-profit rock & gem world and as a result it led to my unquenchable quest for knowledge and education. With a background in sales, custom design, customer service, wine analysis, safety, theatre and travel I am beyond excited to see my life come full circle by opening my own appraisal business in my hometown.

EXPERIENCE

LMC JEWELRY APPRAISAL, Whitefish, Montana

Owner, Appraiser January 2023-Present

- Proficient in GEMGUILD Appraisal software/GEMWORLD color grading system
- Executing a full scope of verbal and written insurance, estate, hypothetical, charitable contribution and dissolution appraisals for jewelry involving diamonds, gemstones, pearls and watches
- Consultation and collaboration with local jewelry stores
- Fundraiser for local/national charities

FOX FINE JEWELRY, Ventura, California

Certified Gemologist Appraiser, 2020-October 2022

- Utilized GEMWORLD color grading system.
- Proficient in EDGE software
- Executed full scope of insurance, estate and charitable contribution appraisals for jewelry involving diamonds, gemstones, pearls, plus watches and the occasional ornamental piece
- Conducted verbal consultation qualifying possible written appraisals/custom projects
- Maintained detailed client files
- Calibrated/maintained laboratory equipment
- Cultivated long term client relationships specifically within the appraisal field

FOX FINE JEWELRY, Ventura, California - Awarded America's Coolest Jeweler 2015 by Instore Magazine

Certified Sales Associate 2014 - October 2022

- Proficient in EDGE software.
- Developed and nurtured lasting client relationships.
- Collaborated with clients to create custom legacy, memorial and celebratory jewelry
- Identified jewelry repairs from ring sizing to restoration of antique jewelry
- Sold assorted jewelry, loose diamonds and gemstones, art and miscellaneous items
- Managed special orders and custom designs orders with leading jewelry companies
- Directly sourced diamonds, laboratory grown diamonds, gemstones and pearls for client projects
- Facilitated the acquisition of coins, jewelry, loose stones, flatware and serving dishes
- Conducted quarterly diamond inventory
- Trained and supported sales staff, new hires and special event personnel
- Intergyal part of art openings and seasonal events: including setup/breakdown, navigating crowds, refreshments, games, giveaways/promotions
- Dedicated to daily opening/closing of the store, general maintenance including display and cleaning
- Key holder

EDUCATION

Gemological Institute of America - Carlsbad, California GG 2018, GP 2016, AJP 2013

American Gem Society - Las Vegas, Nevada CGA 2020, CG 2019, RJ 2018, CSA 2014

Ventura College - Ventura, California AA 2010

University of Montana - Missoula, Montana Performing Arts 1994 to 1999

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Association of Jewelry Appraisers - Member Since 2023
AGS Annual Re-certification Exam - Online 2015-2023
GIA "Emerald: Country of Origin Determination" AGS Conclave - Dallas, Texas 2021
GIA "The Microworld of Spinel" - AGS Conclave Dallas, Texas 2021
Christie's Auction House - Christie's Education: History of Jewellery Design 1880 to Now, Online 2021
USPAP 'Personal Property' Compliant - Online 2020
Harassment Preventions for Employees - Ventura, California 2020
GIA Continuing Education Recognition Program - Online 2020
GIA Jewelry Forensics - Carlsbad, California 2019
Color Vision Testing AGS Conclave - Seattle, Washington 2018 (PASS)
GIA "Identifying Synthetic & Imitation Colored Stones" - 2017
Diamond Buyer/Personal Shopper - Antwerp, Belgium organized by IJO with Fox Fine Jewelry 2016, 2017 and 2019

AWARDS/HONORS

Rock & Gem Magazine, "Becoming GIA Certified 'The Journey and the Rewards'" by Jim Brace -Thompson, June Issue 2023
Directors Choice, Selenite Case, Ventura County Fair, Gems & Minerals 2018
Best Youth Division, Pebble Pup Youth Case, Ventura County Fair, Gems & Minerals 2016
Best Mineral Case, Fair Theme Case "Country in Fair in the Ocean Air" Ventura County Fair, Gems & Minerals 2015
1st Place Trophy, Mixed Mineral Case "Black is Back" California Federation of Mineral Societies 2012
1st Place Ribbon, Mixed Mineral Case "Black is Back" Ventura County Fair, Gems & Minerals 2012
1st Place Ribbon, Faceting Single Stone "Lemon Quartz" Ventura County Fair, Gems & Minerals 2009

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Gem Microscope, Electronic Metal Tester, Diamond Plotting, Polariscope, Refractometer, Dichroscope, Chelsea Filter, Sherlock Detector, Long/Short Wave Ultraviolet Lights, Geiger Counter, Metal Detector, Loupe, Calipers

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS / VOLUNTEER WORK

Northwest Montana Rock Chucks - Kalispell, Montana Member 2023
Lions Club - Whitefish, Montana Member 2023
Special Olympics - Whitefish, Montana "Polar Plunge" 2023
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society - Oxnard, California Member 2006 - 2023

- President 2010 - 2011, 2021 - 2023
- Youth Group Leader "Pebble Pups" 2012 - 2023
- 1st Vice President 2012 and 2014
- Federation Director to the CFMS 2014-2017
- Corresponding Secretary 2009-2011

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society Annual Gem & Mineral Show 2007 - 2019

- 50th Anniversary Show Chair 2019
- Hospitality Coordinator 2009
- Refreshments 2009

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies - Visalia, California

- Scholarship Chair 2012-2017
- Director of Hospitality CFMS Show & Convention - Ventura, California 2013

Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals - Hillsboro, Oregon 2005