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DC GIA MEETING

MAY 28, 2009

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

MS. HELEN SERRAS-HERMAN GEM CARVING, INSPIRATION, & SKILLS

Ms. Helen Serras-Herman is an acclaimed gem sculptor with 25 years of experience in one-of-a-kind gem sculptures and jewelry art. Her award-winning, distinctive artwork featuring gemstones has been exhibited worldwide and portrayed in many trade magazines and books. As background to these accomplishments, Ms. Serras-Herman was born in New York City; lived in Athens, Greece; and studied sculpture in Berlin, Germany, receiving an MFA degree. Ms. Serras-Herman then turned her focus to gems, obtaining formal gemological credentials as an FGA and apprenticing with the last master of the English School of Glyptic Arts. In 2005, after 18 years in Maryland, Ms. Serras-Herman and her husband moved to Rio Rico, in Southern Arizona.

Ms. Serras-Herman's presentation, "Gem Carving, Inspiration & Skills", will delve into the fine art of gem sculpture, a complex art form that combines sculpture, lapidary, gemology, and jewelry. Ms. Serras-Herman will detail her journey from sculpture to gem sculpture. From a theoretical perspective, Ms. Serras-Herman will discuss the influences and sources for imagination underlying her work, as well as concepts of design. On a more practical level, she will also cover the time-consuming nature of the art of carving gems, the gem materials utilized, the knowledge and skill level required, the necessary tools, and the manner in which all of those components are reflected in the value of the artwork. More information about Ms. Serras-Herman's work can be obtained through the website www.gemartcenter.com.

We meet at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 Ft. Meyers Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, at the Virginia end of Key Bridge, 703-807-2000. Admission is free for those who have paid their 2009 meeting fees and \$15.00 for all others. Please visit the Chapter's website at www.dcgia.org.

Please remember to bring your completed DCGIA 2009 information and application form and the yearly meeting fee of \$75.00, if you have not already submitted the foregoing.

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Next Meeting:
June 9 – Richard Wise
(Golconda Diamonds)