

# Washington DC GIA Alumni Association OUR FIRST 25 YEARS

*Compiled by Bobby Mann*

## D.C. Chapter Celebrates 25 Years of Education

Grads not involved in their GIA Alumni Chapter are missing the "opportunity of a lifetime," according to Bobby Mann, president of the Washington, D.C. chapter. Mann should know: he's one of the founders of his chapter, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this September.

The group has grown from a handful of people that met for the first time in a church basement in 1984, to an average of 40 or more who meet at a Holiday Inn in Roselyn, Virginia (centrally located for Maryland, Virginia and D.C. residents), 11 times a year. Their meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in gemology and include a variety of professionals: appraisers, retail jewelers, lapidary artists and teachers.

"Education has always been our goal," Mann says. "We bring in world-renowned speakers who share information on a variety of diamond, colored gemstone and pearl topics." The most popular meetings usually focus on new treatments and their disclosure and are presented by well-known speakers.

"Gabi Tolkowsky drew a big crowd both times he was here," Mann said. "He's very colorful; his love for diamonds is almost like he's embracing the stone when he talks about what he sees inside it."

The group will have an opportunity to reminisce about some of their favorite meetings at its 25th anniversary celebration on Sept. 12. The party begins with a social hour from 5-6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$50 and [RSVP's must be received by Aug. 15](#).

Mann hopes the next generation of D.C.-area GIA graduates will take advantage of all the benefits of joining his chapter.

"We welcome them with open arms," he says. "They're missing the opportunity of a lifetime of the education they can get at these meetings. And afterwards they can join a relaxed, informal dinner with the speaker -- I've learned so much from our speakers over the last 25 years."

Rose McKenna, manager of the GIA Alumni Association, says the collective years of experience of the chapter are also incredible. "There are people in this group who have 30 and 40 years of experience to draw on," she says. "Every graduate in the area should be racing to sign up to become a member."

Visit the [Washington, D.C. chapter website](#) to find out how to join. If you prefer to talk to someone, Mann says you call him direct at (301) 894-2016.



Bobby Mann holds the 2006 Chapter of the Year award and 2006 Chapter Member of the Year award, which he received at the 2007 Tucson Alumni Awards presentation. GIA file photo.



# WASHINGTON DC GIA ALUMNI HISTORY

## *Our First 25 Years 1984-2009*

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***July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1984: MEETING HELD TO FORM DC GIA ALUMNI BOARD.***

**Katherine Everhart made the arrangements, and it was held in the basement of a church. In attendance: Lorin Atkinson, Bobby Mann and a few others?**

### 1984-1985 Board of Directors

Kathryn Everhart	President
Jeffrey Hurwitz	Vice President (1984)
Carolyn Chappell	Vice President (1985)
Lou Ann Miller	Secretary
Conrad Mann	Treasurer
Paul Cohen	Member at Large

### 1984 Speakers & Activities

**October 6<sup>th</sup>: First Meeting:** held at the Sheraton, New Carrollton, MD  
International Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show. Dr. Willie Reams: "The Jewels of Faberge vs. Dali"

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Christine Brooks: "Definitions and Terminology of Jewelry" held at 1<sup>st</sup> American Bank of Virginia, Tysons Corner, VA

### 1985 Speakers & Activities

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** John White Curator: Tour of Smithsonian Gems & Minerals Hall

**May 30<sup>th</sup>:** June Cult Zeitner, Lapidary Journal: "Birthstones" held at Sheraton Washington DC, Gem & Mineral Show

**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Update, 9:00 AM--5:00 PM, Alexandria, VA

**October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Joel Arem: "Color Encyclopedia of Gemstones" held at Metropolitan Methodist Church, Washington DC

**December 4<sup>th</sup>:** *First Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA*

### 1986-1987 Board of Directors

Carolyn Chappell	President
Chuck Hyland	Vice President
Sherlene Yantz	Secretary
Robert McDowell	Treasurer
Conrad Mann	Member at Large
Charles Sturms	Member at Large

### **1986 Speakers & Activities**

**March 24th:** *First meeting held at West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA*

Doug Parker, Wm. Kuhn Co.: "Colored Stones"

**July 17th:** Richard Reuter, Leys, Christie & Co. NY: "Cultured Pearls"

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Peter Kaplan: "Diamonds"

**December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Second Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel Rosslyn, VA

### **1987 Speakers & Activities**

**Date Unknown:** Joel Arem:

**July:** *First One Page Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 1, published by John LaFever*

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Smithsonian Gems & Minerals Hall Tour

**Date Unknown:** Barbara Hight: GIA

**November 1<sup>st</sup>:** All Day Lab: Dr. David Michaels (Jade Substitutes), Ed Primoff (Ivory), Peter Kaplan (Colored Diamonds), Ed Czarnetzky (Appraisal Methods)

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 3rd Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA

### **1988-1989 Board of Directors**

Lorin Atkinson    President

Bill Dougherty   Vice President

John Lafeaver    Secretary

Robert Davis     Treasurer

Conrad Mann     Member at Large

### **1988 Speakers & Activities**

**March 10th:** Marvin Miller: "Legal, Ethical & Moral Responsibilities of Appraising"

**May 12th:** Antoinette Maitlins & Tony Bonnano: "Buying Colored Gemstones"

**June 29th:** John Latendresse: "Culturing American Freshwater Pearls"

**August 25<sup>th</sup>:** Joanne Cogan: GIA, "New Diamond Grading System"

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Bill Dougherty: "Synthetic Emeralds"

**December 12<sup>th</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA

### **1989 Speakers & Activities**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bill Boyajian: President GIA, "Economic Review of the Past Decade in Diamonds"

**May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Ginger Morgret: "Jewelry Judge-Computer Program" & David Brackna: "Problems of Repairing Gemstones for Retail Jewelry"

**July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Drs. Shigley & Fritsch: GIA, "Identification of Glass Filled Diamonds & Origin of Color in Colored Diamonds"

**August:** GIA Gem Fest in California

**October 11<sup>th</sup>:** Video Night: Videos of 1988-89 Speakers held at Centerville High School, Clifton, VA

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Lab: John Koivula: GIA, "Update on Current Gem News" & Martin Rappaport, "Diamonds"

**December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Fifth Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel Rosslyn, VA

#### **1990-1991 Board of Directors**

Chuck Hyland    President

Martin Fuller    Vice President

Sherlene Yantz    Secretary

Robert Davis    Treasurer

Lorin Adkinson    Member at Large

#### **1990 Speakers & Activities**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Joel Windman: Jewelers Vigilance Committee, "Key Issues Today"

**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Richard Liddicoat: GIA Chairman of the Board

**November 15<sup>th</sup>:** Ellen Kay: Fairfax County, VA, Consumer Protection Division

**December:** Sixth Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA

#### **1991 Speakers & Activities**

*President Chuck Hyland presented Fred Ward*

*With Lifetime Chapter Award*

**January 10<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Smithsonian Gems & Minerals Hall Tour's

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: "Emeralds"

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Richard Drucker: "The Guide"

**September 14<sup>th</sup>:** Joel Windman: Jewelers Vigilance Committee

**October 15<sup>th</sup>:** Dior Yehuda: "Yehuda Diamond Treatment"

**November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: "Pearls"

**Date Unknown:** GIA Symposium California

**December:** Seventh Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA

#### **1992-1993 Board of Directors**

Martin Fuller    President

Karen Sternberg    Vice President

Robin Heiderscheit    Secretary

Robert Davis    Treasurer

Lorin Atkinson    Member at Large

Chuck Hyland    Member at Large

### **1992 Speakers & Activities**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Helen Serras  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Cap Beasley  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Nina Woolford  
**June 28<sup>th</sup>:** GIA: "Natural vs. Synthetic Gem Separation"  
**August 19<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: "Jade"  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Paul Downing: "Opals"  
**October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Peter Kaplan: "Diamonds"  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Diane Lewis  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Eighth Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA

### **1993 Speakers & Activities**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Ken Roberts: "GIA Gem Set"  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>:** David Brachna: "Gem Cutter"  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Nichols: GIA  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Gary Roskin  
**Date Unknown:** GIA Gem Instruments  
**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Kurt Nassau  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Serg Boro  
**October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Susanne Patch: Federal Trade Commission  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Henri Massail: Assael International Inc. NY  
**December:** Ninth Annual Holiday Social West-Park Hotel, Rosslyn, VA

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1993**

***Bobby Mann in-coming President, presented Tony Bonanno with  
Lifetime Chapter Award at his retirement party***

### **1994-1995 Board of Directors**

Bobby Mann	President
Fred Ward	Vice President
Michele Zabel	Secretary
Bill Dougherty	Treasurer
Lorin Atkinson	Historian
Martin Fuller	Newsletter Editor
Chuck Hyland	Past President
Carolyn Chappell	Past President

***(Recommended by President Bobby Mann and agreed to by the Board, that all  
Past Presidents who wish, can now remain on the Board and serve for life.)***

### **1994 Speakers & Activities**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Jack Abraham, President, Precious Gem Resources: “Sapphires and Rubies”

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Diamond Panel: Fred Ward-Moderator, Tom Mangan-Mangan Jewelers, Ron Mervis-Mervis Corporation, Zohar Kirshenbaum-ZK Imports

**April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Vivian Swift, Christies: “Vintage Watches”

**May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Campbell Bridges: “Tsavorite, Discovery, Mining, Marketing”

**June 8<sup>th</sup>:** GIA two-hour seminar: “Hands-On Advanced Diamond Clarity Grading”

**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Tom Chatham: “Synthetic Diamonds”

#### ***Chapter Video Library Established***

**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** Pati Geolat: “Jewelry Insurance Appraising”

**August:** *Newsletter Published: Volume 1 Issue 1 “The District of Gemology” - Martin Fuller Editor*

**August 16<sup>th</sup>:** Eve Alfille, President of the Pearl Society: “Pearls”

*First “Gemological Resource Directory” published by Michele Zabel*

**September 21<sup>st</sup>:** Dr. Willie Reams, Director Lora Robins Gallery, *Our First Speaker Returns for our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, “Precious Is”

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Leslie Kinder-Anderson: “Manufacturing Techniques-Repairs”

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Anna Miller: “Cameos-Old & New”

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Tenth Annual Holiday Party and *1st Fund Raising Auction* held at Hunan Regent, Arlington, VA (48 Reservations-33 Donors-62 Lots-\$1,118)

### **1995 Speakers & Activities**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: “The Truth About Pearls” *held at his home because of hotel renovations.*

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** *First Tucson Panel Report*

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Richard Drucker, Publisher & Editor: “Deep Mysteries of The Guide Revealed”

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Appraisal Discussion Panel: Fred Ward, Moderator, Jim Jolliff, Gail Levine, Karen Sternberg, Martin Fuller and Jerry Root

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** *First Show & Tell Table at Meetings 7:00 –7:30 PM “Bobby Mann Colorless Stones”*

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Eitan Goldman: “Clarity Enhanced Diamonds”

**May 24<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class Two Hour Hands On Seminar: “Identifying Challenging Synthetics”

**May 31<sup>st</sup>:** GIA Class Two Hour Hands On Seminar: “Detecting Fracture Filled Diamonds”

*Appraisal Study Group started by Tom Mangan & Lorin Atkinson “Washington Area Society of Appraisers”*

**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Antwerp Diamond Conference, Washington DC (*Chapter Invited*)

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** David Federman: “Turmoil in Pearls”

**July 20<sup>th</sup>:** John White: “Gemstones in the USA”

*Second “Gemological Resource Directory published by Michele Zabel.*

*Newsletter: Volume 2 Issue 1 “The District of Gemology” Martin Fuller, Editor.*

**August 8<sup>th</sup>:** Robert Weldon: JCK Senior Editor, “Photography”

**September 19<sup>th</sup>:** Gary Bowersox: “Afghan Gems”

**October 19<sup>th</sup>:** Gloria Lieberman: “Skinners Auction”

**November 16<sup>th</sup>:** Don Kay: “Appraising Jadeite Jewelry”

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Eleventh Annual Holiday Party and Second Fund Raising Auction, La Mirabelle Restaurant, McLean, VA  
(65 Reservations-51 Donors-87 Lots-\$3,100)

#### **1996 –1997 Board of Directors**

Fred Ward	President
Michele Zabel	Vice President
Greg Duncan	Secretary (1996)
John Lees	Secretary (1997)
Tom Mangan	Treasurer
Lorin Atkinson	Past President
Bobby Mann	Past President
Bill Wise	Newsletter Editor
Martin Fuller	Past President
Carolyn Chappell	Past President
Chuck Hyland	Past President

#### **1996 Speakers & Activities**

**January 18<sup>th</sup>:** Sharon Wakefield: “How to Distinguish Naturally Colored Diamonds From Treated”

**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson, *DC GIA Won 1995 Regional Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award*

**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Second Tucson Panel Report

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Judith Evans: “Krementz Designer”

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Joe Tenhagen: “How Diamond Cuts Affect Wholesale Pricing”

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** GIA Class: “Detecting Synthetic Diamonds”

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Treated Emerald, Ruby & Sapphire”

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Bill Metropolis, Assistant Curator: “History of Gems & Minerals at Harvard University”

**June 27<sup>th</sup>:** Toni Greenbaum: “1940-1950 Studio Jewelers”

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Christi Romero: “Circa Dating Antique & Period Jewelry”

**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Dag Johnson, Opex Opals: “Opal Mining”

**September 17<sup>th</sup>:** Shirley Beck: “Montana Sapphires”

**October 24<sup>th</sup>:** Alan Hodgkinson: “Visual Optics & More”

**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** John & Gina Latendresse: “Freshwater Pearls”

**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Twelfth Annual Holiday Party and Third Fund Raising Auction:  
La Mirabelle Restaurant, McLean, VA (66 Reservations-63 Donors-78 Lots-  
\$5,443)

### **1997 Speakers & Activities**

**January 24<sup>th</sup>:** Richard T. Liddicoat, GIA Chairman of the Board,

**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson, *Chapter won GIA 1996 Regional Outstanding Chapter of the Year & Newsletter Award. Fred Ward won 1996 Chapter Member of the Year Award.*

**February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Third Tucson Panel Report

*March 16, 1997 Charter Chapter Member Loren Atkinson Dies*

**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Joyce Jonas: “Period Jewelry”

**March 31<sup>st</sup>:** Tour “Corcoran-Jewels of Romanovs”

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Detecting Synthetic Diamonds”

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Gary Werner: “American Turquoise”

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** GIA Class “ID Microscope Challenge”

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Ralph Joseph: “Appraising”

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Bobby Mann & Bob Weisblut: “Ivory ID”

*First \$500 Lorin Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Winner Lynn Sauls*

**July 18<sup>th</sup>:** Tour-Smithsonian Amber Exhibit

**July 24<sup>th</sup>:** Josh Hall, Pala International: “San Diego County Gems”

**August 26<sup>th</sup>:** Diana Singer: “Estate Jewelry”

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Glen Lehrer: “Gem Carving”

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Fred Ward: “Burma Jadeite”

**October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Tour: “New Smithsonian Gem Hall”

**November 13<sup>th</sup>:** Cynthia Marcusson: “Marketing Color Gems”

*Third “Gemological Resource Directory published by Michele Zabel*

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Thirteenth Annual Holiday Party and Fourth Fund Raising  
Auction, Pulcinella’s Restaurant, McLean, VA, (57 Reservations-63 Donors-80  
Lots-\$6,631)



### **1998-1999 Board of Directors**

Bobby Mann	President
Davia Kramer	Vice President
John Lees	Secretary
Tom Mangan	Treasurer
Michele Zabel	Member at Large
Fred Ward	Past President
Martin Fuller	Newsletter Editor
Brenda Foreman	Assistant Newsletter Editor
Carolyn Chappell	Past President
Chuck Hyland	Past President

### **Speakers – Activities 1998**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>:** Douglas Hucker, Executive Director AGTA, “Hot Issues on Colored Gemstones”

**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson: *DC GIA Chapter won GIA 1997 Regional Outstanding Chapter of the Year & Newsletter Award. Bobby Mann won 1997 Chapter Member of the Year Award.*

**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Fourth Tucson Panel Report

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** Martha McCrory: “Dynasties & Diamonds”

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Peter Shemonsky: “Jewels of the Maharajas”

**May 14<sup>th</sup>:** Edward Faber: “Understanding the Mechanical Watch”

**May 27<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Advanced Diamond Grading Lab”

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:** GAGB Class: Jerry Root & Doug Garrod “The Spectroscope”

**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Detecting Treated Gemstones”

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Nicholas Dawes: “The Art of Rene Lalique”

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Smithsonian Tour: “Lalique Exhibit”

**July 24<sup>th</sup>:** Richard Hughes: “Ruby & Sapphire”

**August 20<sup>th</sup>:** Christie Romero: “Silver Jewelry”

**September 10<sup>th</sup>:** Lynn Loube: “The Message & The Metaphor”

**October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Richard Drucker: “Enhancement”

**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Peter Yantzer: Director AGS Lab

### ***Chapter Brochure Created***

***1998 \$500 Lorin Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Winner Fred Van Doren***

**December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Fourteenth Annual Holiday Party and Fifth Fund Raising Auction Pulcinella’s, Restaurant, McLean, VA 64 (Reservations-61 Donors-81 Lots-\$6,176)

### **1999 Speakers – Activities**

**January 19<sup>th</sup>:** Eric Diamond, Assael: “South Sea & Tahitian Pearls”

**February:** Fifth Tucson Panel Report

**March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Antoinette Matlins: “Simple Tools That Work in the High Tech World”

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Gabby Tolkowsky: “The Journey of Light in Diamonds”, *Hyatt Hotel, Arlington, VA This Month Only.*

**May 12<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Synthetic Gemstones”

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: “The Fred Ward Emerald Case”

**May 25<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Treated Gemstones”

**June 10<sup>th</sup>:** GAGB Class: Jerry Root & Doug Garrod “The Spectroscope”

**June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Doug Garrod, GAGB: “Inclusions in Gemstones”

**July 27<sup>th</sup>:** David Callaghan: “The Uncrowned Jewels of the Dutchess of Windsor”

**August 16<sup>th</sup>:** Martin Rapaport: “Diamond Market”

**September 13<sup>th</sup>:** Kathy Bonnano Patrizzi: “Cartier-Art Deco”

**October 12<sup>th</sup>:** Pennye Jones-Napier: “Research on the Internet”

**November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Jeffrey Post: “Smithsonian Gem Collection Science & Lore”

**December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Fifteenth Annual Holiday Party and Sixth Fund Raising Auction  
Marco Polo Restaurant, Vienna, VA, (70 Reservations-65 Donors-101 Lots-\$6,780)

### **2000–2001 Board of Directors**

Carolyn Chappell	President
Kusam Malhotra	Vice President
Melanie Marts	Secretary
Toby Fitzkee	Treasurer
Brenda Foreman	Newsletter Editor
Fred Ward	Past President
Michele Zabel	Member at Large
Bobby Mann	Past President
Chuck Hyland	Past President
Martin Fuller	Past President

### **Speakers –Activities 2000**

*Martin & Colette Fuller started website [www.dcgia.org](http://www.dcgia.org)*

**January 12<sup>th</sup>:** Campbell Bridges: “Gems of East Africa”

**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson: *DC GIA won GIA 1999 Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award*

**February 17<sup>th</sup>:** Sixth Tucson Panel Report

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Shane McClure, GIA Gem Trade Lab: “Forensic Gemology”

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Robert Weldon: “An Appreciation in Gemstones”

**May 30<sup>th</sup>:** Gary Bowersox: “Adventures in the Gem Trade”  
**June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Joseph Samuel Jr.: “Period Jewelry”  
**July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Ken Scarrett: “Pearls”  
**August 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Joel Arem: “Synthetics & Treatments”  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** John Bradshaw: “Gem Cutting”  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Tour: Hillwood Museum, Washington, DC  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Chip Clark: “Photographing Gems”  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** Tour: “Faberge Exhibit” Riverfront Arts Center, Wilmington, DE  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>:** Don Kay: “Jade”  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Sixteenth Annual Holiday Party and Seventh Fund Raising  
 Auction, Marco Polo Restaurant, Vienna, VA, (66 Reservations-66 Donors-106  
 Lots-\$6,266)

### **Speakers–Activities 2001**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** Dana Schorr: “Tanzanite”  
**February:** Pinnacle Peak Dinner Social in Tucson  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Seventh Tucson Panel Report  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Gail Brett Levine: “Jewelry Auctions”  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: “Opals, Opals & More Glorious Opals”  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup> All Day Ivory ID Seminar-Bobby Mann and Bob Weisblut  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** Ron Harper: “Insurance in the Jewelry Industry”  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>:** Robin Walker: “A Passion for Diamonds”  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>:** Bill Hoffer: “Appraisal Survivor Skills”  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>:** John White: “Inclusions in Crystals”  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>:** Michael Dyber: “Evolution of an American Lapidary Artist”  
**September 29<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Seminar by Bobby Mann & Bob Weisblut  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>:** James Jolliff: “Writing a Strong Appraisal”  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>:** Greg Sherman & Branko Deljanin: “HPHT Diamonds”  
***Fourth “Gemological Resource Directory” published***  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Seventeenth Annual Holiday Party and Eighth Fund Raising  
 Auction, Marco Polo Restaurant, Vienna, VA (66 Reservations-64 Donors-148  
 Lots-\$10,293)

### **2002–2003 Board of Directors**

Martin Fuller	President
Melanie Marts	Vice-President
Lisa Carp	Secretary
Toby Fitzkee	Treasurer
Fred Ward	Past President
Michele Zabel	Member at Large
Bobby Mann	Past President
Carolyn Chappell	Past President

### **2002 Speakers & Activities**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>:** Michael Goldstein: “Old Versus New Diamonds”

**February:** Pinnacle Peak Dinner Social in Tucson

**February 27<sup>th</sup>:** 8<sup>th</sup> Tucson Panel Report

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Kenneth Scarratt & Bruce Smith: “Fancy Color Diamonds”

**April 29<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Wm. Hanneman: “Gemology”

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Dr. John Koivula: “Some Current Gemological Problems”

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. George Harlow: “Guatemala Jade”

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Seminar by Bobby Mann & Bob Weisblut

**July 18<sup>th</sup>:** Ken Specht: “Watch Market Today, Appraise, Buy & Sell”

**August 26<sup>th</sup>:** John Weschler: “Antique Jewelry Roadshow”

**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** William Hoffer: “Emeralds Demystified”

**September 21<sup>st</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Seminar by Bobby Mann & Bob Weisblut

**October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Richard BO Torrey: “Pearls-Cook Island’s & Mexico”

**November 14<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: “Sapphires & Rubies” *Marriott Key Bridge VA This Meeting Only*

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Eighteenth Annual Holiday Party and Ninth Fund Raising Auction  
Clyde’s, Tyson’s Corner, VA (87 Reservations-71 Donors-206 Lots-\$10,000. +)

### 2003 Speakers & Activities

*Chapter took over Web Site [www.dcgia.org](http://www.dcgia.org)*

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Helen Serras-Herman: "Gem Carving & Gem Sculpture"  
**February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Ninth Tucson Panel Report  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Sir Gabriel Tolowsky: "The Eternal Diamond"  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Christie Romero: "Antique & Period Jewelry Market"  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Carlos Valeiras: "Synthesis of Colored Diamonds"  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>:** Tino Hammid: "Gemstone Photography & Digital Imaging"  
**July 24<sup>th</sup>:** Bobby Mann & Bob Weisblut: "Evaluating Ivory Carvings"  
**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann & Bob Weisblut  
**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Peter Keller: "East African Gems & Michael Scott Collection"  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Albert Gilbertson, GIA: "Diamond History & Brilliancy Study"  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Edward Boehm: "Recent Mining Activities"  
**November 10<sup>th</sup>:** D. John Emmet, "Lattice Diffusion of Sapphires"  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Nineteenth Annual Holiday Party and Tenth Fund Raising Auction  
Clyde's, Tyson's Corner, VA (80 Reservations-74 Donors-166 Lots-\$10,802.50)

### 2004–2005 Board of Directors

Toby Fitzkee	President
Bill Scherlag	Vice President
Etta Saunders	Secretary (until 6-04)
Coni Lynn Gash-Grady	Secretary (6-04-12-04)
Michele Zabel	Treasurer + (2005 Secretary)
Fred Ward	Past President
Davia Kramer	Member at Large
Bobby Mann	Past President
Carolyn Chappell	Past President

### 2004 Speakers & Activities

**January 19<sup>th</sup>:** Camilla Dietz Bergeron, Topic "The Fabulous Forties"  
**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson, *DC GIA won GIA 2003 Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award. Bobby Mann won 2003 Chapter Member of the Year Award.*  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** 10<sup>th</sup> Tucson Panel Report  
**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Kathy Bonanno, "Understanding The Art Deco Period & Jewelry"  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Michael Goldstein, "The Market for Antique Cut Diamonds"  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Gail Brett Levine, "The State of the Current Auction Market"  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann



**June 28<sup>th</sup>:** Jurgen Maerz: “Platinum Guild International”  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Joe Tenhagen, “Columbian Emeralds-From the Source”  
**August 18<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Penny C. Morrill, Topic “Modern Mexican Silver - Its Past, Present & Future”  
**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Kevin Krajick, “An Epic Search for Diamonds in the North American Arctic”  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>:** John Nels Hatleberg, “Conceptual Gem Artist”  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward, “An Evening with Fred”  
**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Twentieth Annual Holiday Party and Eleventh Fund Raising Auction, Clyde’s, Tyson’s Corner, VA (67-Reservations-69 Donors-239 Lots-\$9,769)

### **2005 Speakers & Activities**

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**January 12<sup>th</sup>:** John Loring: Tiffany & Company”  
*SNOW: February Meeting Canceled*  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Don Kay: “How to Appraise Jadeite Jade”  
**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson, ***DC GIA won GIA 2004 Chapter of the Year Award. Fred Ward won 2004 Chapter Member of the Year Award.***  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Eleventh Tucson Panel Report  
**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Christie Romero: “Timeline of Discoveries & Syntheses”  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Advanced Diamond Grading Lab”  
**June 5<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>:** Gina Latendresse: “Natural Pearls-The Forgotten Queen of Gems”  
**July 25<sup>th</sup>:** Daphne Lingon, Christie’s: “Tales from the Auction Block”  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>:** Elyse Zorn Karlin: “With Hammer & Heart-Arts & Crafts Jewelry”  
**September 13<sup>th</sup>:** Al Gilbertson: “GIA Diamond Cut Grading System”  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Dr. Lore Kiefert: “AGTA Laboratory & Testing Center”  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Archduke Dr. Geza Von Habsburg: “Faberge-The Workshops & Their Techniques”  
**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Twenty-First Annual Holiday Party and Twelfth Fund Raising Auction, Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA (78 Reservations-69 Donors-195 Lots-\$10,713)

### 2006–2007 Board of Directors

Toby Fitzkee	President thru 5-07
Tony Conway	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (President 6-07 thru 12-07)
Doris Voigt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Donna Sibley	Secretary
Robert Pellenbarg	Treasurer (until 4-06)
Sherlene Bradbury	Treasurer (5-06-12-07)
Fred Ward	Past President
Bobby Mann	Past President
Carolyn Chappell	Past President
Michele Zabel	Past President

### 2006 Speakers & Activities

**January 19<sup>th</sup>:** Gary Roskin: “From the gem desk of JCK Magazine”

**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson, *DC GIA won GIA 2005 Chapter of the Year Award. Michele Zabel won 2005 Chapter Member of the Year Award.*

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Twelfth Tucson Panel Report

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** Diana Singer: “Legendary American Jewelers”

**April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Richard Drucker, Publisher of The Guide: “Cutting Edge Issues & Answers”

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Jeff Post, Curator Smithsonian Gems & Minerals: “Hope Diamond Research”

**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** GIA Class: “Pearl Lab”

**June 10<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Bobby Mann: “Ivory Identification Challenge”

**July 20<sup>th</sup>:** Fred Ward: “Rubies & Sapphires”

**August 17<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Lawrence Snee: “Emerging Gem Deposits of Afghanistan”

**September 17<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann

**September 25<sup>th</sup>:** Barry Weber: “Discovering Treasures From America’s Jewelry Boxes”

**October 19<sup>th</sup>:** Gary Smith: “A Case Study in Fraud-Forensic Gemology”

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Michael Dyber: “Infinite Design-The Art of a Lapidary”

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Twenty-Second Annual Holiday Party and Thirteenth Fund Raising Auction, Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA, (72 Reservations-70 Donors-201 Lots-\$10,366)

### 2007 Speakers & Activities

**January 10<sup>th</sup>:** Bill Boyajian: “Key Issues Facing The Gemology Industry in 2007”

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Thirteenth Tucson Panel Report

**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson, *DC GIA won GIA 2006 Chapter of the Year Award. Bobby Mann won 2006 Chapter Member of the Year Award.*

**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Brenda Forman: “20<sup>th</sup> Century Art Deco & Cartier”

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Richard Hughes: “People & Places: New Directions in Gemology”

**May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Richard Kurin: “Hope Diamond Cultural Tales”

**May 19<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann

**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Denise Nelson: “Gems & Mines of Minas Gerais, Brazil”

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Robert Weldon: “Gemstones of the World”

**August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Donna Baker, President, GIA: “GIA & The Future”

**September 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>:** Alan Hodgkinson: “Visual Optics Workshop” and “Spectroscope Workshop”

**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** Alan Hodgkinson: “Visual Optics-Instruments-Gems”

**October 14<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann

**October 15<sup>th</sup>:** Gary Smith: “Tool Marks of the Masters-Jewelry Construction Techniques”

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Elyse Zora Karlin: “Historic Use of the Medusa Image in Jewelry”

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Twenty-Third Annual Holiday Party and Fourteenth Fund Raising Auction, Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA (55 Reservations-46 Donors-162 Lots-\$8,710)

### 2008–2009 Board of Directors

Bobby Mann	President
Tony Conway	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Doris Voigt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Anastasia Kim	Secretary
Andrea Blake	Secretary
Chuck Hyland	Treasurer thru 3-09
Tim Morgan	Treasurer 4-09 –
Fred Ward	Past President (Consultant)
Carolyn Chappell	Past President
Michele Zabel	Member at Large (Consultant)
Chuck Hyland	Past President
Martin Fuller	Past President
Donna Sibley	Member at Large

### **2008 Speakers & Activities**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Antionette Matlins: “Gemstone Treatments Gone Mad”  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Fourteenth Tucson Panel Report  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Mathew Hall & Donna Beaton: GIA: “Latest in Science & Services from GIA”  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>:** Eric Hoffman: “Solving the Mysteries of Old Chinese Nephrite Jades”  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Reema Keswani: “Shinde Jewels”  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>:** All Day GIA Seminar: “Identifying Ruby, Emerald & Sapphire”  
**June 7<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>:** Etta Dotson: “Wish You Were Here”  
**July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Lee Horowitz: “Gemstones of Peru”  
**August 21<sup>st</sup>:** Denise Nelson: “Diamonds Out of Africa”  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Gail Brett Levine: “Appraising Antique Diamonds”  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>:** Jim Walker: “East African Gems”  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>:** Don Kay: “Jadeite Jade”  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Twenty-Fourth Annual Holiday Party and Fifteenth Fund Raising Auction, Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA (70 Reservations- 66 Donors- 214 Lots-\$9,822)

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### **2009 Speakers & Activities**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Richard Drucker: “Gemstone Pricing”  
**February:** GIA Awards Dinner in Tucson, ***Lois Berger won GIA 2009 International Alumni Achievement Award***  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** All Day Spectroscope Lecture & Workshop presented by Colin & Hilary Winter.  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Fifteenth Annual Tucson Panel Report  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>:** Diana Singer: “What Makes Good-Good”  
**April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Abby Kent Flythe: “Native & Turquoise Jewelry”  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Helen Serras-Herman: “Gem Carving, Inspiration & Skills”  
**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Richard W. Wise: “The Four Cs of Connoisseurship in Colored Stones”  
**July 6<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Lore Kiefert: “New & Old Gemstone Sources – New & Renewed Finds”  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** Renee Newman: “Ruby, Sapphire & Emerald - Then & Now”

**Coming Soon:**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> DC GIA 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
Celebration Party**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Patrick Stout: “AGS Diamond Cut Grade System & ASET Tools”

**October 12<sup>th</sup>:** Rui Galopim de Carvalko: “Rene Lalique in Guldenkian Museum”

**October 17<sup>th</sup>:** All Day Ivory ID Workshop by Bobby Mann

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Dusan Simic: “Characterization of Pink Diamonds, Natural, Synthetic & Treated”

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** **Twenty-Fifth Annual Holiday Party** and Sixteenth Fund Raising Auction, Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church VA,



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1984-85 Kathryn Everhart  
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1996-97 Fred Ward  
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2000-01 Carolyn Chappell  
2002-03 Martin Fuller  
2004-05 Toby Fitzkee  
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1998-99 John Lees  
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2002-03 Lisa Carp  
2004 (January-June) Etta Saunders  
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2006-07 Donna Sibley  
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2008-09 Anastasia Kim

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1984-85 Conrad Mann  
1986-1987 Robert McDowell  
1988-89 Robert Davis  
1990-91 Robert Davis  
1992-93 Robert Davis  
1994-95 Bill Dougherty  
1996-97 Tom Mangan  
1998-99 Tom Mangan  
2000-01 Toby Fitzkee  
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2004-05 Michele Zabel  
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2006(May-December)-07 Sherlene Bradbury  
2008- March 09 Chuck Hyland  
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1984-85 Paul Cohen

1986-87 Conrad Mann

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1988-89 Conrad Mann

1990-91 Lorin Atkinson

1992-93 Lorin Atkinson

1992-93 Chuck Hyland

1994-95 *(Recommended by President Bobby Mann and agreed to by the Board, that all Past Presidents who wish to remain on the Board can now serve for life.)*

1996-97 All Past Presidents who wish to serve

1998-99 Michele Zabel & All Past Presidents who wish to serve

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2006-07 Michele Zabel & All Past Presidents who wish to serve

2008-09 Donna Sibley & All Past Presidents who wish to serve

(Fred Ward & Michele Zabel have agreed to serve as Long Distance Consultants to the President Bobby Mann)

*Thanks to all members that have served on various committees through the years; they will not be listed at this time, so as not to omit anyone.*

*Please address all comments, corrections, additions, etc. to Bobby Mann, mannivorymann@aol.com or 301 894 2016.*

## **DC GIA Chapter Awards** **(1995-2009)**

### **Chapter Awards**

1995 Regional Outstanding Chapter

1996 Regional Outstanding Chapter

1997 Regional Outstanding Chapter

1999 Outstanding Chapter

### **Member Awards**

Fred Ward

Bobby Mann

Bobby Mann

Fred Ward

Michele Zabel

Bobby Mann

### **Newsletter Awards**

1996

1997

1998

2003 Outstanding Chapter

2004 Chapter of the Year

2005 Chapter of the Year

2006 Chapter of the Year

2008 No longer awarding for chapters

**2007-2008 presented and titled the 2009 Alumni Awards**

***Awarding individual certificates and choosing two overall winners from the local chapters.***

**Leadership Award:** Bobby Mann and **Achievement Award:** Lois Berger

**Lois Berger also was the recipient of the International Alumni Achievement Award.**

**2008-2009 Leadership Award:** Bobby Mann and **Achievement Award:** Lisa Carp