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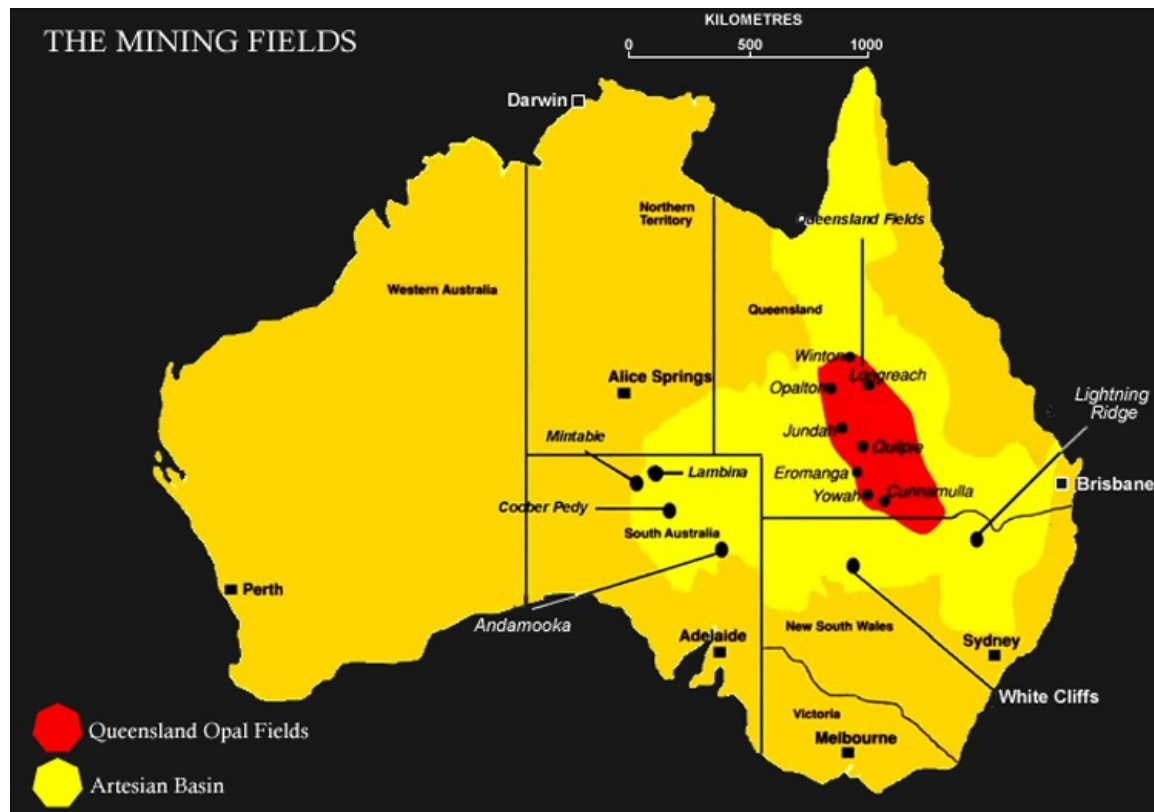
Black Opal

Washington DC Chapter GIA Alumni

Opal Fields

Saturday - April 26th, 2025, at 4pm
Location: 7921 Jones Branch Drive Suite #390
McLean, VA 22102

Come for a virtual adventure tour of Australian Opal mines visited by the intrepid **Martin Fuller**. Australia produces around 95% of the world's opal for use in the jewelry industry. Other countries in which opal is found in small amounts include Honduras, Mexico, former Czechoslovakia, and Brazil; however, these types of opal often differ in appearance. Australian opal is considered the finest in the world.



Martin Fuller is a GIA GG, FGA, a recognized expert in the field of gemology. He began his jewelry career in 1970 working four years in retail followed by ten years working with a Norwegian Master Goldsmith, before beginning his own appraisal firm in 1984. A popular speaker and mentor, he has appeared as a regular guest lecturer at the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program, and at numerous professional conferences. Committed to educating the public and industry, he has also acted as a consultant to investigative reports and trade journals, along with many other accomplishments.

Admission is free for those who have paid their 2025 annual meeting fees and \$15.00 (Cash or Check) at the door for all others. Don't forget to register as an annual member or per meeting member to stay on the DCGIA Email List. Download the attached registration form and bring it to the meeting.

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