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Gemmological Association of Australia

Gemmological Association of Australia 71st Federal Conference & Seminar

The Gemmological Association of Australia (Tasmania Division) would like to extend an invitation to all members to attend the 71st Annual Federal Conference and Seminar to be held at the Philip Smith Centre, Edward Street, Glebe in Hobart from Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th May 2018.

You are invited to enjoy the warm hospitality of the Tasmania Division. We look forward to entertaining you, enlightening you and creating fond memories of this beautiful state we call 'home'. Plans are in hand for all events that are not in-house to take place at venues close by. As everyone knows, nothing is far away in Hobart.



Keynote Speaker

John J Bradshaw (USA)
Very Rare Gemstones

John has a background in chemistry and was working as an epoxy chemist when he took up faceting in 1979. A short time later, he gave up his chemist's job to become a full time lapidarist. He held the position of Curator of gemstones at the Harvard Mineralogical Museum for 20 years. John specializes in the finer "jewellery" type stones, although he cuts the whole spectrum from soft to hard stones.

Workshops

Grant Hamid
Coloured Stones Update

Bring your knowledge of coloured stones and their synthetic counterparts up-to-date in this informative hands-on workshop.



Kathryn Wyatt & Stan Prickett
Antiques Roadshow

Here is a chance for you to bring along your old antique jewellery and/or glass and enjoy an informal session with the experts. Both Kathryn and Stan are widely recognised for their expertise in these fields.



Guest Speakers

Dr Peter Murray
Perfect Preservation - Gemmology of Ancient Organisms

Peter is a world acclaimed palaeontologist and also a gemmologist, who combines his passion for fossils with an equal passion for all things gemmological.

Stan Prickett
Antique Glass

Stan is a specialist decorative arts dealer with over 35 years' trade experience in world ceramics, Australian pottery, glass, silver and in fact most small fine art collectibles. His special interests include Art Glass and Australian Pottery, especially the Harvey School.

Kathryn Wyatt
Antique Jewellery

Kathryn is a well-known Victorian Antique and Contemporary Jewellery Dealer, a qualified gemmologist and registered jewellery valuer and a member of the Australian Antique Dealers Association.

Registration information

Further details and registration information will be forwarded to each state Division electronically prior to 31 December 2017.

This will include accommodation options showing walking distances and time from each of them to the Philip Smith Centre. The Conference Dinner will be held at the Old Woolstore Inn which is 5-7 minutes' walk from there.



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