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GAA

Gemmological Association of Australia

GAA 64th ANNUAL FEDERAL CONFERENCE - 2010

Thursday 20th May to Sunday 23rd May

at

Rydges

Corner of Grey & Glenaig Streets,
Southbank, Brisbane

**The Gemmological Association of Australia
Queensland Division**

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 19th May 2010 (Designated Delegates only)
 Full Day (9am – 4pm) **Review of Strategic Plan** (Boulevard Room)
 (including m/tea, lunch, a/tea)

Thursday 20th May 2010 (including m/tea, lunch, a/tea)
 Full Day (9 am – 4 pm) **Education & BOS & E forum** (Boulevard Room)
 9:00 - 10:30 am Publicity Meeting (in Executive boardroom)
 11:00 - 12:30 pm Finance Meeting (in Executive boardroom)
 1:30 - 4:00 pm Editorial Meeting (in Executive boardroom)
 5:30 - 6:30 pm **Social Meet & Greet/Conference Registration** (Parklands Terrace)

Friday 21st May 2010 (all held in Boulevard Room)
 Full Day (9 am – 5 pm) **Federal Council Meetings** *NON-DELEGATES: 12:30-3pm*
 (including m/tea, lunch, a/tea) *Travel by CitiCat to St Lucia*
 9:00 - 10:00 am Directors Meeting *for riverside drinks & BBQ*
 10:30 – 5:00 pm Welcome and Federal Council Meeting
 6:30- 8:00 pm **Cocktail Party & short talk w/ display** (Ross Chapman "A New Gem")

Saturday 22nd May 2010 (Boulevard Room)
 9:30 - 10:00 am **GAA Annual General Meeting**
 10:00 - 10:30 am Morning Tea
 10:30 - 4:00 pm **Scientific Seminar (NCJV members 5 CPD points)**
 (including m/tea, lunch, a/tea) Speaker details on the following page
 7:00 - 11:00 pm **Gala Dinner** (guest speaker: John Calleija "Designing for the 21st C"
and Graduation Ceremony (Rooftop/Level 12)

Sunday 23rd May 2010 Post-Conference workshop/mini-trip(s).
 Pre-booking required for Option 1 & Option 2

Option1
 9:30 – 3:30 pm **Digital Camera Workshop** with Trevor Linton. (Places limited.
 Suitable for most cameras less than 4 yrs old.) *Effective use of your
 Digital Camera – Basics and Computer Enhancement of Imaging.*
 (Gemmology House - 4 hr workshop, light lunch, return transport).

Option 2
 9:00 – 4:00 pm **Thunder Egg Mine**, Cedar Creek, Mt Tamborine (weather permitting)
 Coach tour with talk, lunch & fossicking equipment provided; closed shoes
must be worn, bring sun hat & water)

Option 3
 9:45 - **Old Government House**, 2 George St - self-guided tour (podcasts
 available) & morning tea (transport (ferry) and tea at own expense)
 GAA Qld member to show the way from Rydges

GUEST SPEAKERS - UPDATED

Ronnie Bauer R.A.,Macc.,B.A.(media), Post Grad.Bus.Admin.,F.G.A.A., Dip.D.T.
 Ronnie Bauer has over 30 years of Gem industry experience and since starting Bauer Gemmological
 Laboratories in 2005, Ronnie has strived to meet the needs of the Jewellery/Gemmology industry by
 providing a high quality level of service in Gemstone Identification.The inscription of a logo, security code or a
 grading certificate number on the girdle of a diamond has been recognized commercial identification practice
 for about eight years. In the talk the process of Laser inscriptions and the concerns raised will be discussed.
Talk: *Laser Inscriptions on Diamonds*

Steve Dobos BSc (Hons) BSc PhD MAusIMM MAWA (Director Dobos & Associates)
 After finishing his doctorate at Macquarie, Steve joined Harvard, eventually becoming Laboratories Director at
 its Earth & Planetary Sciences Department, later transferring to Queensland University. Leaving academe in
 1994, he became specialist consultant in environmental geochemistry and mineralogy. A keen collector,
 especially of beryllium minerals and its gem varieties, Steve is active in the Queensland Mineralogical Society
 and a 'closet gemmologist' who has been known to teach GAA Queensland elementary crystallography.
Talk: *Less Common and Exotic Beryllium-Bearing Gem Minerals*

Ms Jenni Brammall Manager – Australian Opal Centre, Lightning Ridge
 Jenni Brammall completed a science degree in Zoology and History and Philosophy of Science at the University
 of NSW, then in 1987 received first class Honours in Vertebrate Palaeontology. In the mid 1990s, while part of a
 research team collecting opalised fossils underground, Jenni fell in love with Lightning Ridge and with opal. Jenni
 has contributed to numerous publications and several exhibitions, most recently (2008), the new exhibition and
 showroom of the Australian Opal Centre (formerly Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre), of which she has
 been project manager since 2004. The Australian Opal Centre is a public facility being developed to celebrate
 and promote the Australian opal industry. Each of Australia's opal-producing regions has distinctive opal and
 opalised fossils.
Talk: *The Colourful World of Australia's Gem*

Ross Chapman QDA MBA FGA (GAA tutor & Accredited Trainer for Gem-A)
 A gemmology instructor since 1970 and owner-operator of a boulder opal mine in central Queensland for more
 than 25 years, Ross has presented papers in London, Bangkok and Brisbane. He discovered the new gemstone,
 Thortveitite, co-authoring a *Journal of Gemmology* article on the subject. He conducts annual tours of Thai gem
 markets and is an active fossicker and jewellery and opal-cutting tutor for the North Brisbane Lapidary Club.
Talks: *Thortvietite- a New Gemstone* (Friday evening cocktail party)
Buyer Beware – Bangkok Gems Markets (Saturday Seminar)

John Calleija, award-winning jeweller (DeBeers Diamond Int'l, Grand Prix Australian Jewellery
 Design Awards and most recently Harper's Bazaar Diamond Guild Australia 2009 Jewellery Awards): John
 specialises in designing and crafting custom jewellery for his shops on the Gold Coast, Sydney and London. He
 is one of the 100 jewellers privileged to be invited to the annual Argyle Mine pink diamond tenders.
Talk: *Designing for the 21st Century* (Saturday evening Gala Dinner)

For Conference queries contact Ros Kerlin (Conference Co-ordinator) at 0419 128 362.
 Should you require extra forms, please visit the **GAA website at www.gem.org.au**
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 Michelle at the GAA Qld Office (e-mail: qld@gem.org.au)