

AGTA SPECTRUM AWARDS™

2012 ENTRY FORM

- Payment must accompany entry & entry form.
- Please use one entry form for each entry.
- Print clearly and retain copies for your records.
- All entries must be submitted by U.S. or Canadian* residents.
- **Entries must be received by September 23, 2011.**

Entrant _____

(One person's name only – this individual will receive all credit)

Company _____

Mailing address for correspondence (including returning shipment)

Name _____

Street Address/PO Box _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code/Postal Code _____

Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

New York City Drop Off – Yes No

One day only – October 4, 2011 - Location TBA.

AGTA SPECTRUM AWARDS™ – Check the primary category in which you are entering jewelry. Unchecked entries will be entered into Business/Day Wear.

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridal Wear | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Day Wear | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classical | |

PLATINUM HONORS™ – This piece meets the criteria for Platinum Honors™.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Honors | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridal Wear Under \$2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Day Wear Under \$2,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Classical Under \$3,500 |
- (Retail price. Bridal price is for semi-mount only)

PALLADIUM PRESTIGE™ – This piece meets the criteria for Palladium Prestige™.

- Palladium Prestige

CUTTING EDGE AWARDS™ – If your entry is an unset gemstone or object of art (not designed to be worn), check the primary category entered:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Gemstones | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Faceting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Faceted Gemstones | <input type="checkbox"/> Carving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phenomenal Gemstones | <input type="checkbox"/> Objects of Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pairs & Suites | |

Description of entry _____

Gemstone(s) variety & species, cut, etc. _____

Gemstone size, weight, etc. _____

Gemstone enhancements _____

Metal type and purity _____

Wholesale value of entry for insurance & shipping (\$) _____

Entry Fee _____

(1st Entry – \$195.00, all subsequent entries – \$150.00 each)

All entries will be photographed and posted on www.agta.org for free. Please check here if you do not want to be featured online.

Check here to have the image link to your website for a one-time fee of \$25.00* for all entries.

URL address Entry Fee _____

* By filling in the URL address, you agree to a \$25.00 fee. The AGTA is not responsible if you are unhappy with the photograph of your entry. No refunds.

INSURANCE – All entries will be insured while in the possession of the AGTA up to \$250,000 wholesale value. Additional fees for insurance on high value items are as follows:

- \$25 for \$25,000 - \$99,999
- \$50 for \$100,000 - \$199,999
- \$100 for \$200,000 - \$250,000

Entrys with a wholesale value over \$250,000 will be responsible for providing their own insurance coverage. Proof of insurance will be required. AGTA is not responsible for any loss in excess of \$250,000 wholesale value.

Entry payment method:

Check number _____

Visa MasterCard

American Express Discover

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____

Name of cardholder _____

Signature of cardholder _____

Amount _____

SHIPPING – AGTA will pay for return shipping via registered/insured U.S.

mail for all entries with a wholesale value under \$100,000. Entrants entering pieces with a wholesale value over \$100,000.01 will be responsible for return shipping fees. Entries will be returned after the conclusion of the competition – November 1 through December 1, 2011.

Check this box to indicate you have read and agree to the Rules & Regulations described on the reverse side of this entry form.

Signature of entrant _____

Printed name of entrant _____

Date _____

*Canadian shipments must be accompanied by NAFTA form (CBP 384) or it will be refused.

2012 RULES & REGULATIONS

By signing the entry form, entrants agree to abide by the rules of the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition and the final decision of the judges. In submitting an entry for consideration, entrants agree to hold the American Gem Trade Association (AGTA), its officers and directors, its staff and employees, its advertising and publicity agencies, and its members harmless from all claims, litigation and other legal proceedings. The entrants understand that AGTA will be responsible only for the replacement value of the material and labor, payable in the event of a loss or theft of any entry while in the possession of AGTA. The entrant understands that AGTA insures the entry against loss, damage or theft, whether occasioned by negligence or not. Entrants also understand that AGTA will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety and security of jewelry and gemstones submitted for judging.

The deadline for entry is September 23, 2011. Entries that arrive after the entry deadline will not be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made. International entries (those outside the U.S. and Canada) will not be accepted.

Entries that do not meet these rules of entry will be disqualified. Disqualified entries will be returned to the entrant without being judged.

If an entry is received that has been damaged during shipping, the entrant will be called immediately and the entry will be shipped back to entrant for repair and resubmission. AGTA is not responsible for entries that are damaged during the shipping process. If this occurs, please contact your shipper for their damage policy.

The Cutting Edge™ portion of the competition exists to honor creativity and excellence among lapidary artists, hence this portion is open only to gemstone materials of natural origin. Synthetic origin will preclude entry in this portion of the competition.

In the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ portion of the competition, gemstone jewelry entered in the competition must utilize natural colored gemstones or cultured pearls. Entries may use enhanced colored gemstones or cultured pearls, diamonds of any color (enhanced or natural) and synthetic stones. Entrants acknowledge, however, that the competition exists for the purpose of promoting natural colored gemstones and cultured pearls, and that the judges will consider the requisite use of these gemstones in comparison to diamonds and synthetic stones in the selection of winners. Jewelry suites will be accepted individually requiring a separate entry fee per piece.

All jewelry designs must be original and must have been executed since the last AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition in October 2010.

Entrants agree to clearly indicate if any gemstone or gemstone jewelry entered in the competition is synthetic (laboratory created) in origin.

Entrants agree to clearly indicate, to the best of their knowledge, gemstone enhancement information for all gemstones or gemstone jewelry entered in the competition. Gemstones so commonly enhanced that they are considered ubiquitous in the trade (such as the heating of ruby or sapphire) will be assumed to be treated, unless otherwise noted by the entrant. If the entry form indicates an untreated gemstone where this is rare or unusual, the entry must be accompanied by a laboratory report verifying this. Entrants unfamiliar with common gemstone enhancements should request a complimentary copy of the "Gemstone Information Manual" from the AGTA.

For the purposes of publicity, one person or company (the entrant) will be granted credit, regardless of the number of people involved in a collaborative entry. Additional credits will NOT be provided to the media. Please complete the entry form carefully; no changes to the information on this form will be accepted or allowed after the conclusion of judging.

By entering this competition, entrants acknowledge and agree that, although the competition is intended to honor creativity and excellence among lapidary artists, designers and manufacturers, neither the judging of the entries nor the designation of winners constitutes or shall be deemed or construed to be a determination by AGTA, the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition or the judges thereof that the design, cut, composition or appearance of any entry was originally developed or created by the entrant thereof.

Because winning entries historically have received substantial publicity, entrants must agree to consign winning entries to AGTA for the purpose of photography, display and promotion.

AGTA will, however, make every attempt to return entries during the 2011 holiday selling season. Winning entries will be on display at the AGTA GemFair™ Tucson 2012.

AGTA reserves the right to photograph all gemstones and jewelry submitted for judging in the competition for promotional use without payment or royalty to the entrant for such use.

Entrants grant AGTA competition judges the right to make corrections or adjustments to an entry form, if either the AGTA Competition Committee or the judges believe the entry would be better suited for judging in another category. Judges also reserve the right to refrain from awarding a winner in categories where the number or nature of entries does not warrant recognition, in their opinion.

At the discretion of the judges, up to three winners in each category or division will be awarded trophies. Additionally, one "Best Use of Pearls", "Best of Show" and one "Best Use of Color" trophy will be awarded. Honorable mentions (if any) will receive a certificate.

For the Platinum Honors™ sponsored by PGI, each Spectrum category will be awarded one Platinum Honors™ award, along with one "Best Use of Color and Platinum." Additionally, three awards will be presented for Bridal Wear Under \$2,500 retail (not including the center gemstone), Business/Day Wear Under \$2,000 retail and Classical Under \$3,500 retail. In order for a piece to be eligible in this division, the platinum must meet ISO standards (900 or 950) and must comprise at least 90 percent of the metal used. All entries meeting these qualifications will be judged separately in the Platinum Honors™ division.

For the Palladium Prestige™ sponsored by Palladium Alliance, each Spectrum category will be awarded one Palladium Prestige™ award, along with one "Best Use of Color and Palladium." In order for a piece to be eligible in this division, the palladium must be 950 quality or higher and must comprise at least 90 percent of the metal used. All entries meeting these qualifications will be judged separately in the Palladium Prestige™ division.

- Judging will be held in October 2011.
- Winners will be notified by telephone after the conclusion of the competition.
- Non-winning entries will be returned in random order to entrants between November 1 and December 1, 2011.
- Please note that AGTA cannot guarantee the return of your original packing materials, custom boxes or bags.

Shipping
AGTA will pay for return shipping via registered/insured U.S. mail for all entries with a wholesale value under \$100,000.

Entrants with pieces with a wholesale value over \$100,000 will be responsible for arrangement and payment of return shipping fees.

Insurance
All entries will be insured while in the possession of the AGTA up to \$250,000 wholesale value. Additional fees for insurance on high value items are \$25 for \$25,000 - \$99,999; \$50 for \$100,000 - \$199,999 and \$100 for \$200,000 - \$250,000. Entrants entering pieces with a wholesale value over \$250,000 will be responsible for providing their own insurance coverage. Proof of insurance will be required. AGTA is not responsible for any loss in excess of \$250,000 wholesale value.

Entry and insurance fees must accompany the item(s) entered in the competition and be drawn on a U.S. bank. Fees are in U.S. dollars and may be paid by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. AGTA strongly recommends that the entrant should retain a copy of entry forms and competition rules.

Questions? Call the AGTA at 800-972-1162.

IMPORTANT SHIPMENT INFORMATION

Please ship all packages to:
AGTA Spectrum
3030 LBJ Freeway, Suite 840
Dallas, TX 75234

Entries will be returned by registered/insured U.S. mail, unless otherwise noted above.

All Canadian shipments must be accompanied by a NAFTA form (CBP 384) or it will be refused.