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DIAMONDS FROM ALL ANGLES

JUNE 19, 2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It feels like just yesterday when we gathered in Tucson to commemorate AGA's 50th anniversary, a milestone we all can be proud of. In the few short months since then, we've continued to make strides in our mission to promote gemological knowledge and community...

Undoubtedly, one of our most thrilling moments was the launch of our new website in March. This beautifully designed platform is not just a website but a gateway to our vibrant community, a tool to promote our members, and a way to elevate our presence in the industry and the public.

April and May were punctuated by another highly successful AGA Career Forum and an interesting and timely webinar on meteorites' importance. Recordings of both events are accessible in the AGA Digital Library.

Today's virtual conference examines diamonds from all angles: the science, the market, and the legal environment. We appreciate our conference presenters, all leaders in their respective fields, for sharing their significant knowledge and time.

Thank you to our generous AGA Sponsors for their commitment to learning and support of AGA. Please consider these fine companies and institutions for your business needs.

Thank you to AGA members for your participation in today's event. To those of you who are not yet members, I'd like to personally invite you to consider joining some of the world's brightest gemological minds and supporting the gemological community by becoming an AGA member. Please visit our website to apply.

Please enjoy the conference,

Teri Brossmer, AGA President

AGA Leadership Board 2023–2026

AGA is led by the Board of Governors, a group of members who volunteer their time and talents to steer and grow the Association. Officers and Governors serve three-year terms.



PICTURED (L TO R): TOP ROW: OFFICERS. BOTTOM ROW: GOVERNORS.

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Consider volunteering with AGA

The Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA) has not just grown but thrived over the past 50 years. This success is a testament to the dedication and talents of AGA member volunteers, who have played a pivotal role at conferences, on our committees, and serving on the Board. Their contributions have not only shaped AGA's history but also enriched their own professional journeys.

Now, it's your turn to become a part of AGA's future history. We invite all AGA members interested in expanding the membership, who are ready to lend their unique skills and perspectives, to reach out to a board representative. Your contribution is not just welcomed, but valued and integral to our collective growth. They will provide you with all the necessary information on how to get involved.

AGENDA

Live Broadcast: June 19, 2024

Global Participation



LOS ANGELES

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(UTC - 7)

NEW YORK

12:00 - 3:00 pm
(UTC - 4)

LONDON

5:00 - 8:00 pm
(UTC + 1)

BANGKOK

11:00 pm, June 20
to 2:00 am, June 21

BROADCAST TIME ZONE LOS ANGELES / (UTC - 7)

- 9:00 am Welcome and AGA Opening Remarks
- 9:05 am Session 1: The Synthetic Rainbow: Color in Laboratory-Grown Diamonds by Sally Magaña
- 9:50 am Brief: Overview of Current Diamond Market Conditions by Paul Zimnisky
- 10:05 am Break (15 min.)
- 10:20 am Session 2: The Russia Sanctions Rollercoaster by Sara Yood
- 11:05 am Session 3: Grading Fancy Color Diamonds by Brian Denney
- 11:55 am AGA Closing Remarks
- 12:00 pm Conclusion



SESSION 1

The Synthetic Rainbow: Color in Laboratory-Grown Diamonds

Laboratory-grown diamonds produced by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) and high pressure, high temperature (HPHT) methods exist in colors that span the rainbow. The causes for these colors fall into several categories. Some have the same cause as natural diamonds (such as HPHT-grown diamonds that are blue due to high amounts of boron or yellow due to high amounts of isolated nitrogen). Other colors of laboratory-grown diamonds result from irradiation or annealing that produces similar colors to natural fancy color diamonds. Additionally, laboratory-grown diamonds can be made in distinct colors that are impossible in natural diamonds, such as those caused by high amounts of silicon or nickel. This talk will explore all the colors and treatment mechanisms currently used for CVD and HPHT laboratory-grown diamonds.



Presenter

Sally Magaña, PhD, GIA GG



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Sally Magaña is Senior Manager, Diamond Identification Gemological Institute of America (GIA). She has been at GIA for 18 years, researching aspects of natural diamond color and diamond physics, as well as identifying treatments and laboratory-grown diamonds. She obtained her PhD in Chemical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University, studying and producing various growth methods of chemical vapor deposition (CVD) diamonds. She has written extensively on various research topics of natural diamonds and laboratory-grown diamonds in gem trade and scientific journals.

SESSION 2

Russia Sanctions Rollercoaster: An Update

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the jewelry industry has been trying to ensure that our supply chain is free of Russian goods and that financial resources are not funneled back to Russia to fund their war on Ukraine. The sanctions rollout was slow and deliberate but is still causing a lot of confusion at the company level, and there are reports of significant slowdowns at the border. Sara Yood's talk will address the sanctions, their purpose, and how they've been implemented by the US government and other members of the G7. She'll talk about what's to come and how businesses can ensure compliance with ever-changing regulations.



Presenter

Sarah Yood, JD



Sara Yood, Deputy General Counsel at the Jewelers Vigilance Committee (JVC), is an attorney admitted in the state of New York with extensive experience in legal and regulatory compliance. Sara's responsibilities at JVC include anti-money laundering compliance, FTC Guides compliance, trademark litigation, copyright, advertising monitoring and review, creating legal compliance tools and publications, and advanced legal strategy. She is also an expert in U.S. and international laws concerning the importation and exportation of animal materials used in jewelry and has authored multiple JVC publications on a broad range of topics. Yood came to JVC from a fellowship at the Fashion Law Institute at Fordham Law School, where she received her law degree. She is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. Yood serves on the board of the United States Kimberley Process Authority (USKPA), previously served on the board of the Women's Jewelry Association (2016-2022), and outside of work, sings with (and chairs the Board of Trustees of) the New York City Master Chorale.



SESSION 3

The Fancy Color Research Foundation Grading Methodology

Coveted and rare, fancy-color diamonds remain challenging to evaluate. Building on our introduction to the Fancy Color Research Foundation's fancy-color grading system, presented at the AGA Las Vegas conference in 2023, Brian will share information on the practical application of grading fancy-color diamonds and market insights gleaned from years of experience in this field.



Presenter

Brian Denney



Brian Denney, FGA, DGA, ICGA, GIA GG is recognized worldwide as an expert in natural-colored diamonds and rare gemstones. As a master diamond grader, he shares his knowledge with retailers and private clients across the United States. By purchasing directly from the origin mines and dealing with esteemed global suppliers, Denney curates the finest diamonds and gemstones available.

The director of Gems of Note in Naples, Denney enjoys the opportunity to showcase diamonds, extremely unique colored gemstones, high jewelry, and custom creations of exceptional rarity and bring the earth's most magnificent works of natural art to those with a discerning taste for beauty. He offers an experience to work one on one with true experts, creating a truly custom environment that redefines luxury.



BRIEF

Overview of Current Diamond Market Conditions



Presenter

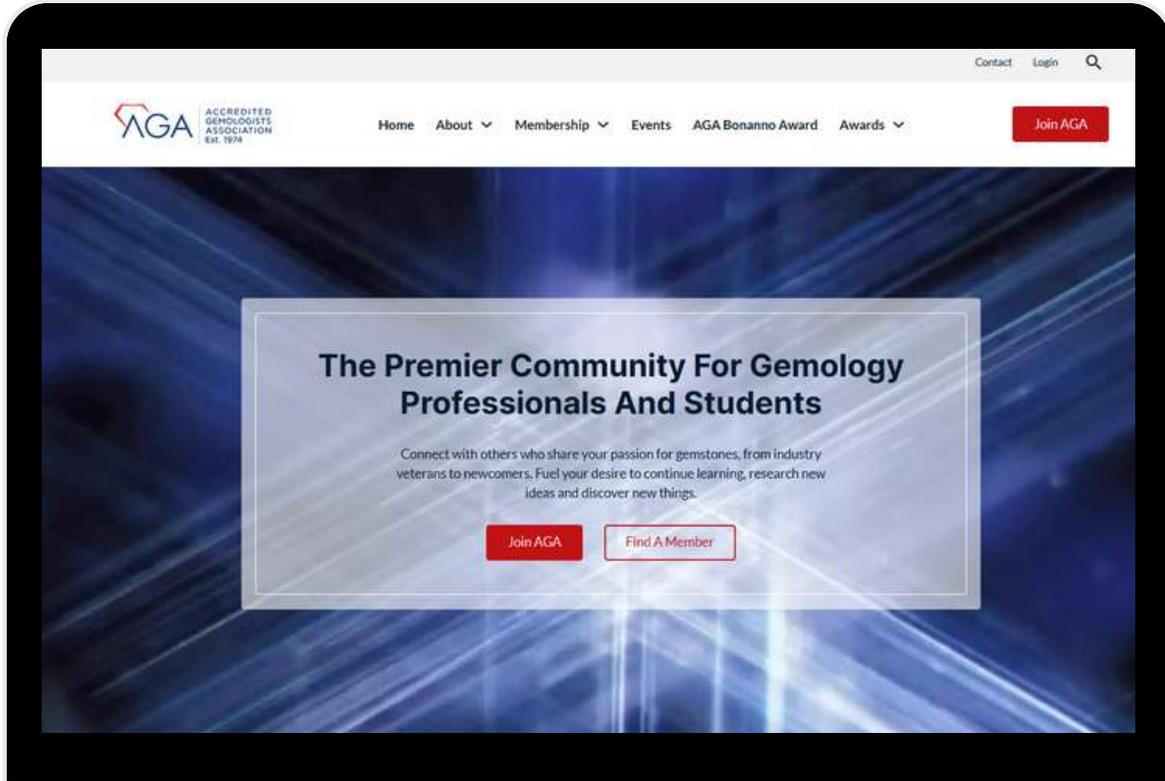
Paul Zimmisky, CFA

In this brief overview, Paul will employ visuals and charts to demonstrate and emphasize his analysis of supply and demand in the natural diamond market, the impact of laboratory-grown diamonds, and sanctions on Russian diamonds.

Paul Zimmisky, CFA is a leading global diamond industry analyst based in the New York City metro area specializing in global diamond supply/demand fundamentals and the companies operating within the industry. His research and analysis on the diamond industry is used by financial institutions, management consulting firms, private and public corporations, governments, intergovernmental organizations and universities. He has a monthly subscription-based diamond industry research report, a proprietary rough diamond price index, and a regular podcast available on iTunes and Spotify.



To learn more about each of our presenters, please read their complete bios available on AGAtoday.org



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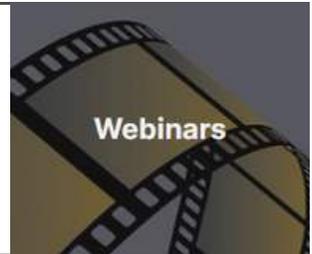
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THIS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES FEATURES LIVE INTERVIEWS WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS AND LEGENDS.



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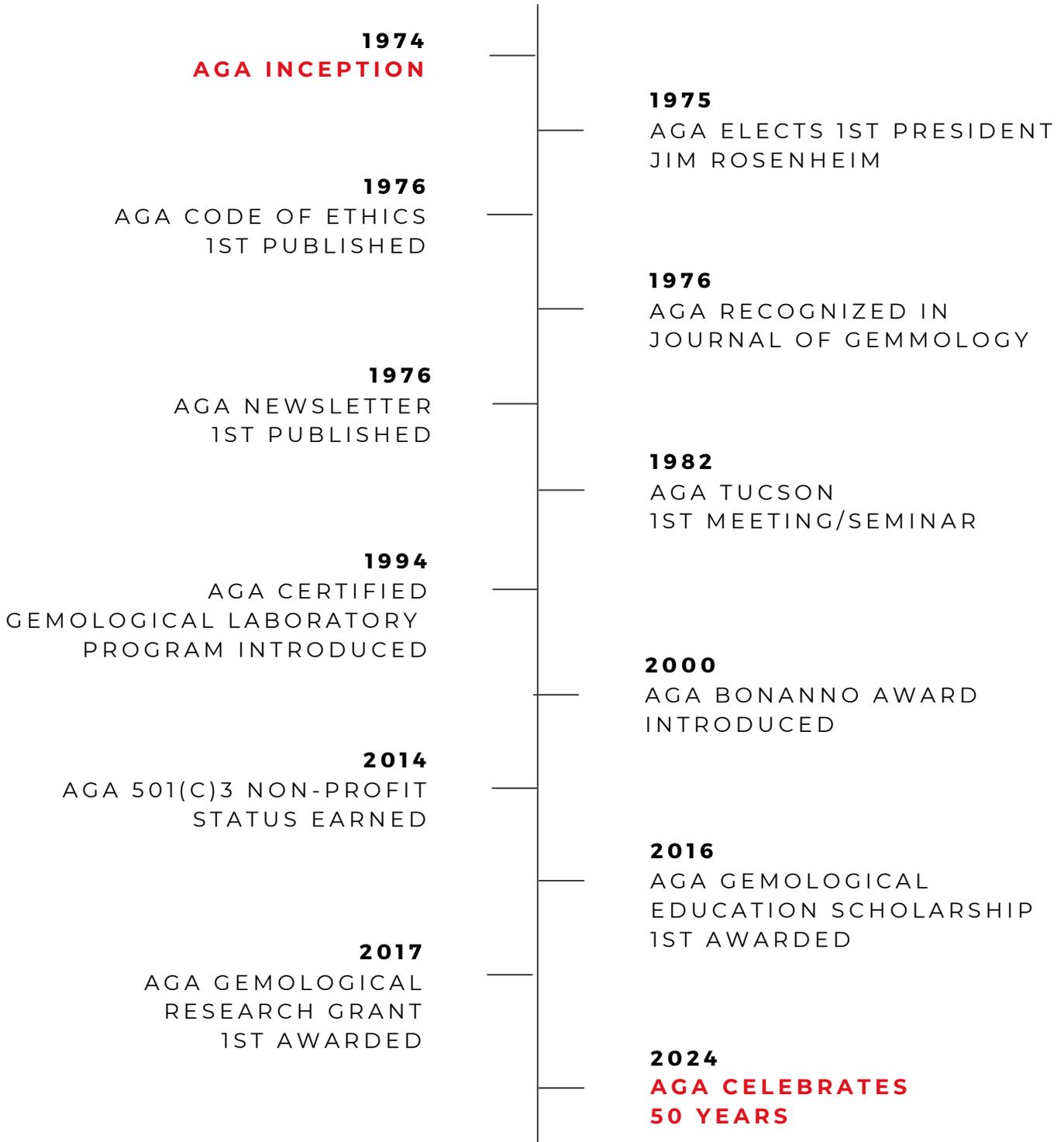
THE ACCREDITED GEMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

1974 - 2024

AGA KICKS OFF 50!! - TUCSON 2024



AGA TIMELINE



AGA FOCUS ON GEMOLOGY

GEMOLOGY IS BEST WHEN SHARED WITH OTHERS

1974	U.S. FGA "STUDY GROUP" FORMED	
1975	GROUP INVITED GIA GC'S TO JOIN	
1976	AGA INCORPORATED - 30 MEMBERS	
1979	AGA GROWS TO 10 U.S. CHAPTERS	
1980	AGA MEMBERSHIP 300+ GLOBALLY	
1982	1ST AGA ACCREDITED GEM LAB LIST	
1983	1ST AGA TUCSON CONFERENCE	
1980S	AGA REGIONAL MINI-CONFERENCES	
1994	1ST AGA BOOTH AT AGTA TUCSON	
2000S	AGA JOINS SOCIAL MEDIA	
2021	1ST AGA CAREER FORUM	
2021	1ST VIRTUAL AGA CONFERENCE	
2024	AGA PREPARES FOR ANOTHER 50 YRS.	

AGA FOCUS ON GEMOLOGY

GEMOLOGY REQUIRES A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

1976	AGA INITIATES MEMBERS' CODE OF ETHICS	
1976	AGA PUBLISHES 1ST NEWSLETTER	
1979	AGA TAKES ON GEMSTONE PRICING SCAMS	
1982	AGA ANNOUNCES PROGRAMS MASTER GEMOLOGISTS APPRAISER	
1983	AGA PUBLISHES 1ST ACCREDITED LABORATORY LIST	
1986	AGA INTRODUCES CORNERSTONE PUBLICATION	
1990	AGA ORGANIZES CONFERENCES ON RADIATION & FRACTURE FILLING	
2008	AGA ESTABLISHES LIGHTING TASK FORCE	
2009	AGA ADDRESSES LEAD GLASS RUBY COMPOSITES	
2012	AGA CONTRIBUTES TO FTC COMMISSION GUIDES UPDATES	
2020	AGA INTRODUCES WEBINARS	
2021	AGA LAUNCHES VIRTUAL LIBRARY	
2024	AGA DEBUTS NEW WEBSITE + MEMBER PROFILE VIA PUBLIC SEARCH	

AGA Loves To Gather!

Since AGA's inception, it has been about community, professional knowledge, networking, and friendships.



AGA ANTONIO C. BONANNO AWARD

For Excellence In Gemology



Established in 2000, the AGA Antonio C. Bonanno Award was created to recognize those who have made significant contributions to the field of gemology and their work to establish and maintain high professional standards. The award pays homage to the legacy of Antonio C. Bonanno, a pivotal force in the formation of the Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA).

Bonanno award recipients are recognized during the AGA Gala Awards Ceremony & Dinner following the annual AGA Conference in Tucson, AZ.

Learn more about the award, read recipient's full bios, and take action by submitting a 2024 Nomination Form - available on AGAtoday.org.

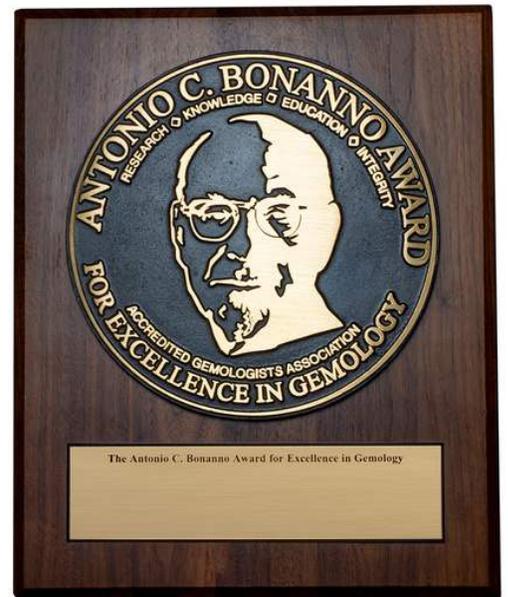
Award Recipients 2000 - 2023



HELP US SELECT THE 2024 AGA BONANNO AWARD RECIPIENT

The Accredited Gemologists Association (AGA) is currently seeking nominations for this prestigious award. AGA Bonanno Award for Excellence in Gemology recognizes individuals for their major contributions to the field of gemology.

AGA encourages everyone in the global gemological community to participate by submitting a nomination.



Visit AGA website for award FAQ's and [view all past award recipients & their bios.](#)

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2024

AGA membership is not required to submit a nomination OR be nominated for the award.

LOOKING AHEAD...



ACCREDITED GEMOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION

2024 AGA CALENDAR

JULY DEADLINE TO NOMINATE: (JULY 15)
2024 AGA BONANNO AWARD

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CELEBRITY INTERVIEW

OCTOBER AGA HOSTED WEBINAR

NOVEMBER AGA VIRTUAL CAREER FORUM

FEBRUARY 2025

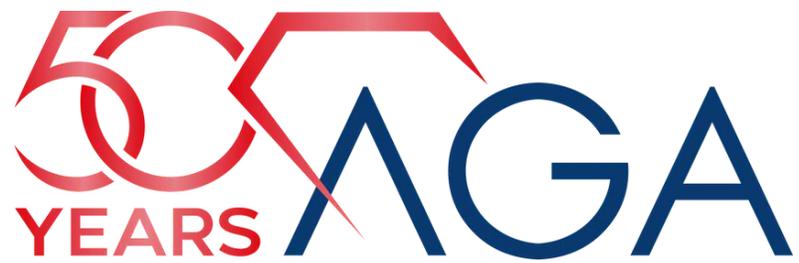
AGA TUCSON CONFERENCE & GALA AWARDS DINNER*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

TUCSON, AZ



**AGA BONANNO AWARD RECIPIENT RECOGNIZED*



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