

Gem-A News

A round-up of the latest news from Gem-A

A SPARKLING RESOURCE

Gem-A Instruments assistant, Sophie Cox, spotlights the revised and updated third edition of the *Diamond Handbook: How to Identify & Evaluate Diamond* by Renée Newman GG, which is now available to buy from Gem-A Instruments.

The new 3rd edition of the *Diamond Handbook* is more advanced than ever before with updated information and photos on everything you need to know about identifying and evaluating diamonds. Highly recommended for professional gemmologists and those with a specific interest in diamonds, this book features need-to-know information, covering basic diamond facts, price factors, treatments and methods of detecting synthetic diamonds.

Notable additions are colour images of diamond spectra, a chapter on

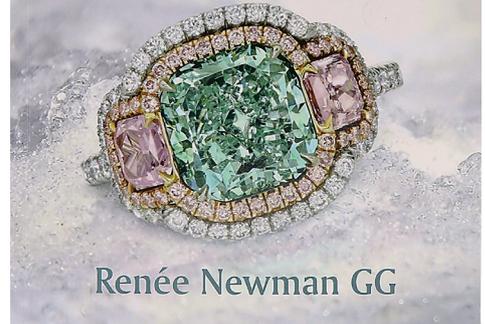
detecting transparent and black diamond imitations, and updated photos in the chapters on fancy colour diamonds and antique diamond jewellery. Most importantly, the author has updated the previous edition (published in 2008) to reflect major changes in the diamond trade, so even if you are already lucky enough to own a copy it is well-worth investing in this newer edition. ■

If you require further information, advice or to purchase your copy, please email instruments@gem-a.com

DIAMOND HANDBOOK

How to Identify & Evaluate Diamonds

Revised and updated 3rd Edition



Renée Newman GG

RRP £17.50

Current Gem-A members and students receive a 5% discount on books.

IS OUR NEW DIPLOMA PREPARATION RIGHT FOR YOU?

If you've passed the Gemmology Foundation course but need a refresher before moving onto Diploma, this short course is ideal for you. The course will return to the elements covered in Foundation and will enable you to move into Diploma with confidence. Currently, this is only offered in London at Gem-A HQ.

Courses will take place from 20-24 August 2018 and 28 Jan-1 Feb 2019. Prices start from £600 for members and £750 for non-members. To find out more, email education@gem-a.com.

ACADEMY OF VALUERS INTRODUCES ALAN HODGKINSON BURSARY

The newly-established Academy of Valuers has received a donation of gemmological instruments from established gemmologist and teacher, Alan Hodgkinson FGA DGA, leading to the creation of a dedicated Alan Hodgkinson Bursary. The bursary winner, to be decided by Hodgkinson personally, is designed to support a worthy applicant both financially and educationally on their journey to becoming a professional valuer. Highlights include free access to the Academy's workshops, a copy of Hodgkinson's book *Gem Testing Techniques* and a starter subscription to *GemGuide* – generously offered by Gemworld International Inc. president, Richard Drucker GG FGA (Hons). Find out more at academyofvaluers.co.uk/alan-hodgkinson-bursary.

OBITUARIES

Louis Van Ameringen FGA

Honorary life member, Mr Louis (Lou) Van Ameringen FGA, sadly passed away at the age of 94 in February 2018 at North Middlesex Hospital, following a short illness. A commercial traveller for many years with Emrich and Co., he is greatly missed by his wife Trudy of 70 years, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sadly, due to poor health in recent years, Lou had been unable to get around as much as he once did, and was much missed by the gemmological community. Our thoughts at Gem-A go to Trudy, family and friends.



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