Editors’ Choice Award Winners Announced for 2012 AGTA Spectrum Awards™

Dallas, TX – November 2, 2011: The winners in the Editors’ Choice category of the 2012 AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition have been announced by the American Gem Trade Association and there was a tie for 1st Place. Manya Tessler of Manya & Roumen and Todd Reed of Todd Reed, Inc. emerged with the same number of votes after the ballots had been cast by over 70 editors and stylists who attended the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ Media Day.

Manya Tessler’s piece was an 18K yellow gold ring featuring a carved black Jade fish accented with fire Opals. Todd Reed’s piece was a Palladium and 22K yellow gold locket featuring blue Moonstones, grey Diamonds, blue Sapphires and white Diamonds opening to reveal a 76.03 ct. Moldavite Buddha. Reed’s piece also won Best of Show.

The annual AGTA Spectrum Awards™ Media Day was held October 24 and featured all of the jewelry and gemstone entries. Attendees included top fashion/accessory editors from the trade and consumer press, stylists and bloggers. Publications represented included Vogue, Elle, InStyle, Robb Report, Accessories, Brides and many more.

This year's AGTA Spectrum Awards™ will be presented during the 2012 AGTA GemFair™ Tucson to be held January 31 – February 5 at the Tucson Convention Center in Tucson, Arizona. Winning entries will be displayed during the show and AGTA Spectrum Awards™ recipients will be recognized during the AGTA Dinner Dance and Awards Gala. The event starts at 7:00 pm Saturday, February 4. Tickets for the gala are $100 and cocktail attire is encouraged.
For further information on the 2012 AGTA GemFair™ Tucson or the AGTA Dinner Dance and Awards Gala, please call (800) 972-1162 or visit our website at www.agta.org. For inquiries regarding the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition, please contact Adam Graham at adam@agta.org or (800) 972-1162.

The American Gem Trade Association is a not-for-profit Association serving the natural colored gemstone and cultured pearl industry since 1981. The AGTA serves the industry as "The Authority In Color" and has its headquarter office in Dallas, Texas.