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The American Gem Society Recognizes Industry Leaders at the Circle of Distinction Dinner

Las Vegas, NV (July 30, 2015) – The historic New York City Plaza Hotel provided the perfect setting for the jewelry industry's most prestigious night on July 28, 2015: The American Gem Society's Circle of Distinction Dinner. The event celebrated three well-known and highly respected industry professionals: John Green, of *Lux, Bond & Green*, received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, while Georgie Gleim, of *Gleim the Jeweler*, and Yancy Weinrich, of the *JCK Events*, received the AGS Triple Zero Awards.

"The Circle of Distinction is a celebration of excellence in our industry," said Ruth Batson, CEO of the American Gem Society and AGS Laboratories. "This very special event is an opportunity for our industry leaders to come together to observe the outstanding contributions of the exceptional individuals being honored."

While accepting their awards, John Green, Georgie Gleim, and Yancy Weinrich shared inspiring words filled with memories of their upbringing in the jewelry industry, their accomplishments, and heartfelt accounts of gratitude.

"Getting my start at AGS, where I was able to learn from the best, most professional, passionate jewelers in the country, was a great way to launch my career!" stated Ms. Weinrich.

President of the AGS Board of Directors, Louis Smith, in introducing Georgie Gleim for the AGS Triple Zero, remarked that a week before the event, he had called Ms. Gleim and asked her a hard question. "I asked her, of all her accomplishments and years in the jewelry industry, what stood out the most. She told me it was coming to her first conclave when her Dad came in as AGS President in 1973 in New Orleans. She met and made friendships with people that have lasted to this day."

Ms. Gleim, in her speech, expanded on her comment to Mr. Smith when she said this about the industry: "It's far more than making a living. It's making a community."

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Green stated, "The American Gem Society, giving me this honor, is a beautiful dream. And as you say in Las Vegas: AGS ROCKS!"

For more information regarding the American Gem Society, please call [866.805.6500](tel:866.805.6500), or visit www.AmericanGemSociety.org.

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ABOUT THE AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY

The American Gem Society, founded in 1934 by Robert M. Shipley, is a not-for-profit trade association dedicated to proven ethics, knowledge, and consumer protection within the jewelry industry. The American Gem Society is a professional organization awarding credentials for its members, who are held to the highest ethical and professional standards in the industry and must pass annual recertification examinations to maintain their titles. Less than one in twenty jewelers in the country have met the exacting requirements necessary for membership.

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