

An Extraordinary Opening Day for AGTA GemFair™ Tucson

February 3, 2016 – Tucson, AZ: The 34th annual AGTA GemFair™ Tucson opened yesterday with an air of excitement buzzing through the Tucson Convention Center. With record pre-registration numbers for the AGTA's flagship tradeshow, the first day of the show brought a packed house to the 300+ exhibitors eagerly awaiting the buyers' arrival.



Bill Heher of Rare Earth Mining, New Trumbull, CT. shared, “This was the best first day in company history! We sell 300 varieties of gemstones and at the end of the day, we were trying to figure out what we didn’t sell. The excitement from our customers flowed to the inside of the booth!”

That sentiment was echoed by buyers as well, excited about the treasures purchased so far. “AGTA GemFair™ is the best platform and place to find natural, no heat Sapphires and Rubies from reliable and reputable gemstone dealers – I made some amazing purchases on my first day!,” said Kirit Parekh, Gempros, Inc., New York, NY.

“This is the most important event we produce every year, and to see the excitement of the buyers and exhibitors alike, ensures that we’ve done our best to create an ideal marketplace for colored gemstones, cultured pearls and fine jewelry,” stated Douglas K. Hucker, AGTA CEO. “And the bonus is that among the plethora of shows available to shop, AGTA exhibitors sign an annual Code of Ethics, so buyers know they can shop with confidence.”

AGTA GemFair™ offers something for everyone, with special buyer amenities like Sweet Treats, free dinner giveaways from AGTA's exclusive “It’s On Us” dining restaurants in Tucson, CAD Design Studio, tools and equipment, educational seminars, onsite laboratory services and many more.

The AGTA GemFair™ Tucson is February 2 – 7, 2016, at the Tucson Convention Center. Registration information can be found at www.agta.org/tradeshows.

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 it's headquarter office in Dallas, Texas.

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