



AGTA Spectrum Awards™ Move to Summer 2016

Dallas, Texas – February 23, 2016 – The American Gem Trade Association (AGTA) announced that the prestigious annual design competition, the AGTA Spectrum Awards™, is moving to Summer 2016. Deadlines for entries will be June 17, 2016, with the New York drop-off taking place on June 28, 2016.

“The Spectrum Awards are one of our biggest promotional efforts and we are always looking for ways to increase participation and to make participating even more beneficial to the entrant,” stated Douglas K. Hucker, AGTA CEO. “We felt if we changed the dates to summer, this would be better for the designers and manufacturers, because it wouldn’t remove their inventory during the holiday selling season. And, what better publicity during that time, than to promote a Spectrum Award-winning piece!”

In its 33rd year, the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ is the world’s premier colored gemstone and pearl jewelry design competition with categories in Evening Wear, Bridal Wear sponsored by *The Knot*, Business Day Wear, Classical Wear and Men’s Wear. AGTA Spectrum Awards™ also feature the Platinum Honors™ sponsored by Platinum Guild International and the newest category, the Savor Silver Awards™ sponsored by the Silver Promotion Service. The AGTA Cutting Edge Awards™ honor loose colored gemstones in everything from Classic Gemstones to one-of-a-kind Carvings, Pairs and Suites to amazing Objects of Art. The competition is open to U.S. and Canadian designers and cutters.

For further information regarding the AGTA Spectrum Awards™, please contact Megan Whitmire at megan@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.

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