



May 2022 Newsletter

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- June 15 - 2022-2023 Executive Board Installation Event

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FEATURED BOARD MEMBER'S MESSAGE

Charles Carmona, GG, ASA
Gems & Jewelry Chairperson



Scottish Gemmological Association 2022 Conference

After a 2-year pandemic hiatus, the 25th annual conference of the Scottish Gemmological Association took place at the Westerwood/Doubletree golf resort outside of Edinburgh, Scotland from April 29th to May 2nd. Among the 110 attendees were four Americans, including Charles Carmona, GG, ASA, Gems & Jewelry Chair of the Los Angeles chapter of the ASA. He spoke briefly to the assembled delegates about online education opportunities currently coming from the United States. The program included various topics on diamonds, colored gemstones and pearls, lapidary and carving arts, the auction markets and historical gems and jewelry. There was also an inside tour of the national museum collections in Edinburgh and social events on the first three nights. An educational and fun time was had by all.

Charles Carmona is President of Guild Laboratories, Inc., based in the downtown Los Angeles jewelry district, and with partner offices in Shenzhen and Guangzhou, China and Bangkok, Thailand. Guild Laboratories provides gemstone testing and diamond grading services to the wholesale trade and jewelry appraisals to the public.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 18th - Virtual Happy Hour Conversation: Counterfeits in Appraisal Practice II
- June 15th - 2022-2023 Executive Board Installation Event and Lifetime Achievement Award Honorees



ASA LA Virtual Happy Hour Conversation: Counterfeits in Appraisal Practice Part II

May 18th, 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Join the Los Angeles Chapter over Zoom for the second part of our program about counterfeits. We welcome esteemed fellow appraisers, Kathy Poppers, John Henley, and Carolyn Mani, to discuss their own encounters with counterfeits and issues of authenticity in their respective fields: fine art, books, and fashion. There will be time for questions along with the opportunity to share your own accounts.

[Register Now](#)

IN THE NEWS

Executive Board Election

Congratulations to our new Executive Board for 2022 - 2023:

- President: Douglas Nason, ASA**
- Vice President: Kathy Poppers, ASA**
- Treasurer: Patricia A. Thomson Graham, ASA**
- Secretary: Cindy Cronk Vukovic**

If you are interested in serving on the Board as a Chairperson for your discipline or on a Committee you are passionate about, please reach out to Cindy Cronk Vukovic at cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com to attend a board meeting (held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month).

Rising Stars Award

After Celebrating 4 years of nominations, ASA Rising Stars award is one of the most sought-after and distinguished honors for emerging valuation professions. Its recipients include some of the region's most successful and community minded individuals in the industry. Nominations are collected in the spring with winners receiving complimentary registration to the 2022 ASA International Conference.

Criteria:

- Eligible participants must be age 40 and under within the 2021 - 2022 fiscal year;
- Has demonstrated leadership and exemplify commitment to their professional community;
- Has made significant contributions towards the valuation profession within the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and
- A strong commitment to the advancement of the valuation profession.

To nominate someone, follow this link: [NOMINATE](#)

The New Appraisers.org Website has Launched!

After months of waiting, the new [website](#) is up and running. It's faster, easier to navigate and most importantly, user-friendly.

The new design features include:

- Improved site design and architecture to easily and quickly access our most popular online resources.
- A responsive, mobile-friendly design—our new site is accessible from your desktop, phone or tablet.
- An enhanced registration/shopping experience with an easier and faster checkout process.
- A robust learning management system to host our online courses and educational activities.
- A user-friendly association management system to better support our members and their activities.

Make sure to fill out your profile for the Find An Appraiser search!

Newsletter and Facebook

Excited about upcoming events or talks related to your discipline? Send us the details and we'll include it in next month's newsletter along with posting it on our Facebook page. Please email it to: info@appraisersla.com or cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Board Meeting over Zoom Dates:
Wednesday, May 18, 8am - 9am
Wednesday, June 15, 8am - 9am

CURRENT LOS ANGELES BOARD:

- President: Gazelle R. Wichner, ASA (RP), gazellewichner@gmail.com
- Vice President: Douglas Nason, ASA (RP), nasond@wellsfargo.com
- 2nd Vice President: Carol J. Krieks, (GJ), joy.works@outlook.com
- Treasurer: Patricia A. Thomson Graham, ASA (RP), ktsinc@verizon.net
- Secretary: Open Position
- Executive Administrator: Cindy Cronk Vukovic (PP), cronkvukovic@appraisersla.com