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Downtown Inspections Update

MJSA West Coast Regional Manager Amy Wenslow detailed the latest on downtown inspections in a recent conversation with DHF Downtown News. Since the end of February, the LA Department of Building & Safety (DBS) has conducted 1951 tenant usage inspections in the downtown Jewelry Mart area. As a result of those inspections, 1035 businesses received orders to comply.

Twenty-one downtown high rises have been inspected to date. "Inspections are ongoing and they intend to go to every building," stressed Wenslow. The DBS is on the lookout for violations that may include improper electrical wiring, improper plumbing fixtures, lack of mechanical ventilation and the use of unapproved equipment. These problems often stem from tenant or building improvements that are done without permits.

If DBS identifies a problem during an inspection, they will issue an order to comply, which stipulates the time allowed to fix that problem. If action isn't taken within the specified time, the DBS can fine, and eventually close the business. With building related problems, they can actually close the entire building.

The County Fire Department

makes inspections at the same time as the DBS. County Fire can cite businesses for not having an EPA ID number, for not having documentation to dispose of hazardous waste or for not having a CUPA permit for hazardous materials and waste.

The City Fire Department makes inspections separate from the DBS and County Fire Department. The Los Angeles City Fire Department has made over 1500 tenant inspections. Notices of violation include use of unapproved compressed gas, unsecured compressed gas tanks, improper extension cords, improper hose, improper torches and smoking in tenant spaces. City Fire can also cite businesses for having an extremely dirty office space, overflowing trashcans, and not having Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).

City Fire issues F315 permits which regulate the quantity of chemicals in the tenant space. They are issued after the inspection and must be posted in the tenant space. Wenslow also pointed out that propane is prohibited in any of the downtown buildings.

Wenslow cited an example of just how expensive a citation can be. If a citation for using an extension cord is issued and that extension cord is not upgraded within 30 days of the citation,

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the business will receive a \$218.00 reinspection fee. That makes for one very expensive extension cord. Needless to say, keeping your house in order is very important.

If you have questions about compliance you can contact Amy Wenslow at the local MJSA office at 213 622-5771 or stop by their office at 510 W. 6th St. Suite 910.



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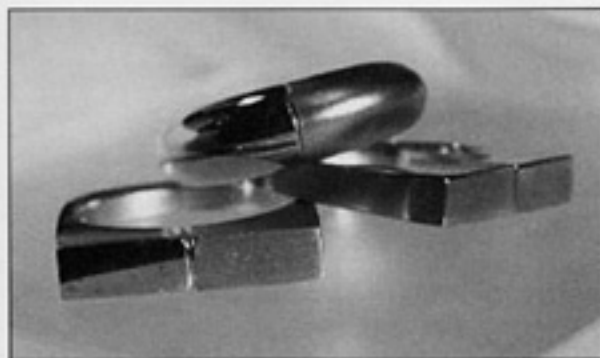


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Award-winning downtown designer Claudia Endler

Claudia Endler is a Southern California raised and educated renaissance woman who now designs and produces exquisite jewelry in Los Angeles for a growing audience of aficionados. In fact, she frequently stops in at our downtown annex to pick up her Gold.

Her "Juxtaposed" stackable ring design (shown here) placed



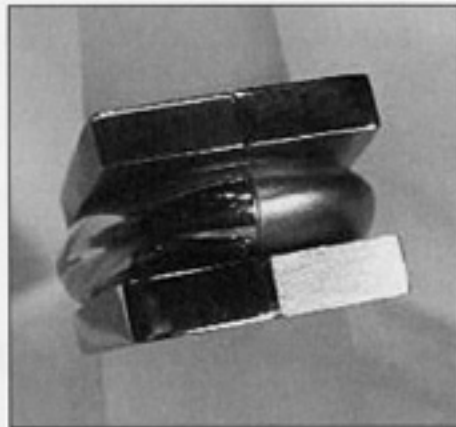
"Juxtaposed" stacking ring set, made from DHF 18K Red, 18K White, 18K Yellow Gold.

Third in the recent annual California Jewelry Association's (CJA) Showcase Design competition. Her work has won many other awards, both in the US and internationally. We congratulate Claudia on her recent award and look forward to seeing her work receive many other prestigious jewelry design awards.

Claudia's diverse background includes working in the retail jewelry sector, and a BA from UCLA in Sociology and Business. Her studies have included not only jewelry and fabricating techniques, but also diamond grading, graphic design, and illustration. She is also active in the industry, serving on the LA and national boards of the Women's Jewelry Association (WJA) and as a

member of the Jewelry Designer's Professional Network (JDPN).

Her design philosophy is architectural and elegant in its simplicity. She focuses on pure form to compliment rather than overwhelm (not as easy to achieve as one might think). She is developing a collection of fine jewelry as she continues to do custom design for private clients.



The Patania family, of Patania's Jewelers Silver Originals in Tucson, is being honored by the Tucson Museum of Art with a special exhibit showcasing their gold and silver jewelry. "The Patania: A Legacy in Silver and Gold," the fourteenth installment of the Stonewall Foundation Exhibition Series, opened Sept. 11 and runs through Oct. 31. The exhibit highlights design and craftsmanship from three generations of Patania family metalsmiths.

Jewelers of America welcomed four of its members into the JA 100 Club during the JA International Jewelry Show held Aug. 1-4 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. The new member retailers who have been in business for at least a century are Hauser's Jewelers, Hampton, Virginia; Kuhn's Jewelers, Salisbury, Maryland; Potter and Mellen Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; and Wilshire Jewelers, New Hampton, Iowa.

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