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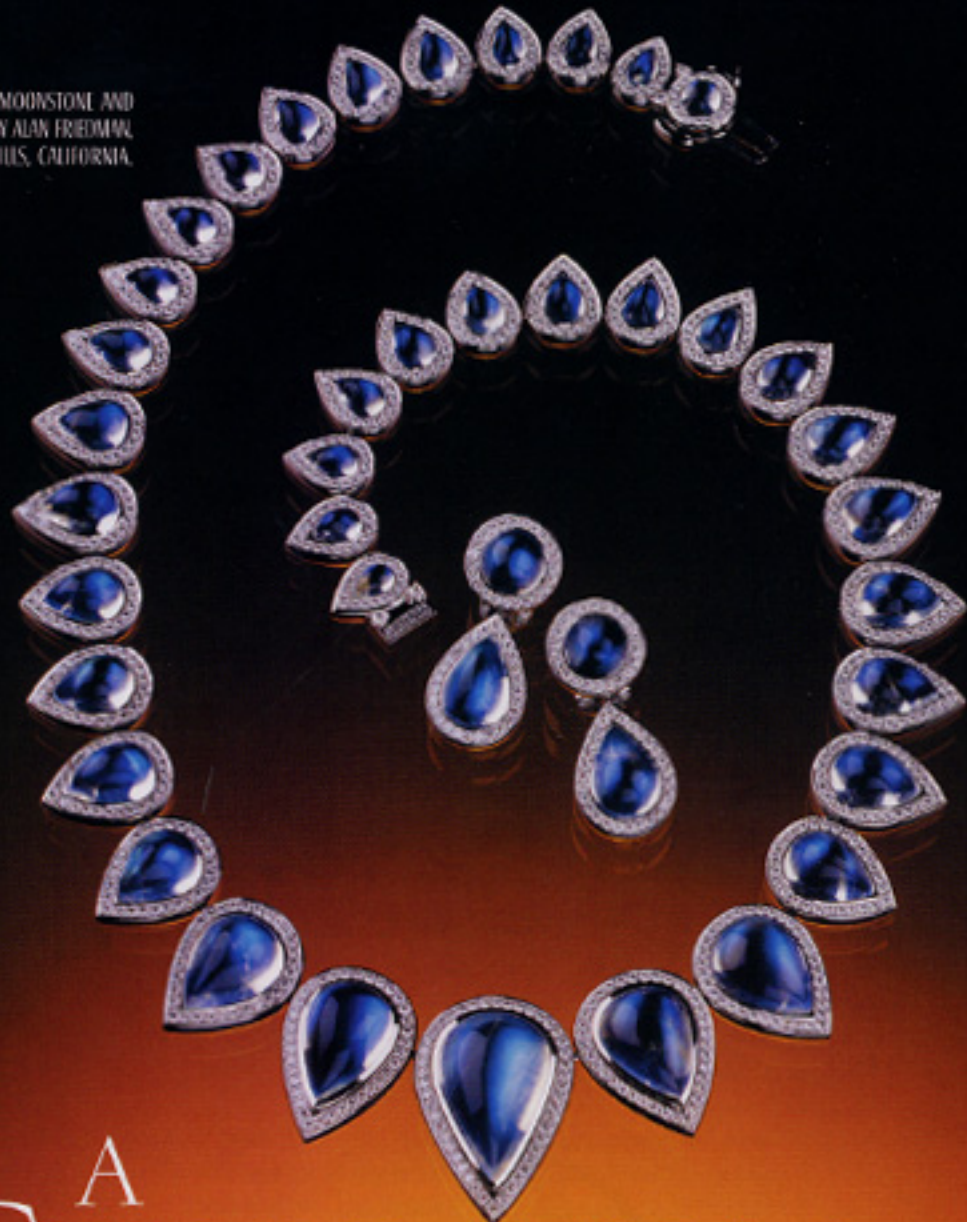
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SPECTRUM'S BEST OF SHOW: MOONSTONE AND
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ALAN FRIEDMAN CO., BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA.



A CELEBRATION OF COLOR

The 2003 AGTA Spectrum Awards

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Tis the Tucson gem fair season, and the best of colored gemstone and jewelry design is showcased in the 2003 AGTA Spectrum and Cutting Edge Awards competition. The vibrant beauty of colored gemstones is brought to life by some of today's most creative jewelry designers.

Last year, the Spectrum Awards, sponsored by the American Gem Trade Association, replaced the previous method of categorizing designs by price points with more progressive fashion categories: bridal, business/day,

casual, evening, and men's. Designs are also judged for Manufacturing Honors as well as Platinum Honors (sponsored by Platinum Guild International USA). The Cutting Edge awards, to honor excellence in the lapidary arts, were also included in the contest.

On the following pages are highlights from the 2003 AGTA Spectrum Awards. For a complete list of winners and future contest information, call AGTA at (800) 972-1162 or visit www.agta.org. The world of gems just got a little brighter.

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SPECTRUM'S BEST USE OF COLOR AND BRIDAL DIVISION, THIRD PLACE: FANCY COLORED SAPPHIRE AND PLATINUM BAND BY JEFFREY KUBNER, BALLERINA GEM CO., NEW YORK.

BRIDAL DIVISION, SECOND PLACE: SOUTH SEA PEARL AND DIAMOND NECKLACE BY ZIAD NOSHIE, ALMAZA JEWELERS, HOUSTON, TEXAS.



BUSINESS DIVISION, HONORABLE MENTION: FRESHWATER PEARL BOONWORM PIN BY BETH NEUFELD-SHUTZ, NEUFELDS GLENDORA PROMENADE, GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA.



BRIDAL DIVISION, MANUFACTURING HONORS: SPESSARTITE GARNET IN SPLIT SHANK DIAMOND RING BY PAUL DERRICKSON, JEWELERS TOUCH, PLACENTA, CALIFORNIA.



BUSINESS DIVISION, MANUFACTURING HONORS: SPESSARTITE GARNET EARRINGS BY AARON FURLONG, AARON HENRY DESIGNS, LOS ANGELES.

BRIDAL DIVISION, FIRST PLACE: SAPPHIRE RING IN PLATINUM AND 18K GOLD BY ALAN FRIEDMAN, ALAN FRIEDMAN CO., BERNERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA.

BUSINESS DIVISION, SECOND PLACE: INUITIAN PEARL CROSS PENDANT WITH TANZANITE, EMERALD, AND YELLOW DIAMONDS BY CATHLEEN BRUNT, CATHLEEN BRUNT FINE ART JEWELRY, KIHU, HAWAII.



CASUAL DIVISION, SECOND PLACE: TOURMALINE AND DIAMOND RING BY GARY DEMIRJAN, DEMIRJAN JEWELRY DESIGN, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA.



BUSINESS DIVISION, THIRD PLACE: MALAYA GARNET AND ORANGE SAPPHIRE RING BY RITA HYAMS, DESIGNS BY RITA HYAMS, SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA.



CASUAL DIVISION, THIRD PLACE: EARRINGS WITH CARNELIAN DROPS AND ORANGE/BROWN DIAMONDS BY CLAUDIA ENDLER, CLAUDIA ENDLER DESIGNS, LOS ANGELES.

BUSINESS DIVISION, FIRST PLACE: ROSE QUARTZ EAR CLIPS BY ROBERT ACKERMANN, ROBERT ACKERMANN INC., MONTMOUNT, QUEBEC, CANADA.