

Upcoming Shows

Royal Oak Clay, Glass and Metal Show
Washington Street, just South of 7th St.
Royal Oaks, MI (Northern suburb of Detroit)
June 14-15, 2014
www.michiganartshows.com/artshow/Royal-oak

Bristol Renaissance Faire
Kenosha, WI
Shop-Gems of Antiquity, 542 The Buttery E.
July 5 - September 1, 2014
(weekends only + Labor Day, 10a-7p)
www.renfaire.com

Bring any of my jewelry for a free cleaning and inspection. Only here can you select from my loose gems to use in one of my settings.

Wausau Festival of Arts
Downtown Wausau
Wausau, Wisconsin (central)
September 6-8, 2014
www.wausaufa.org

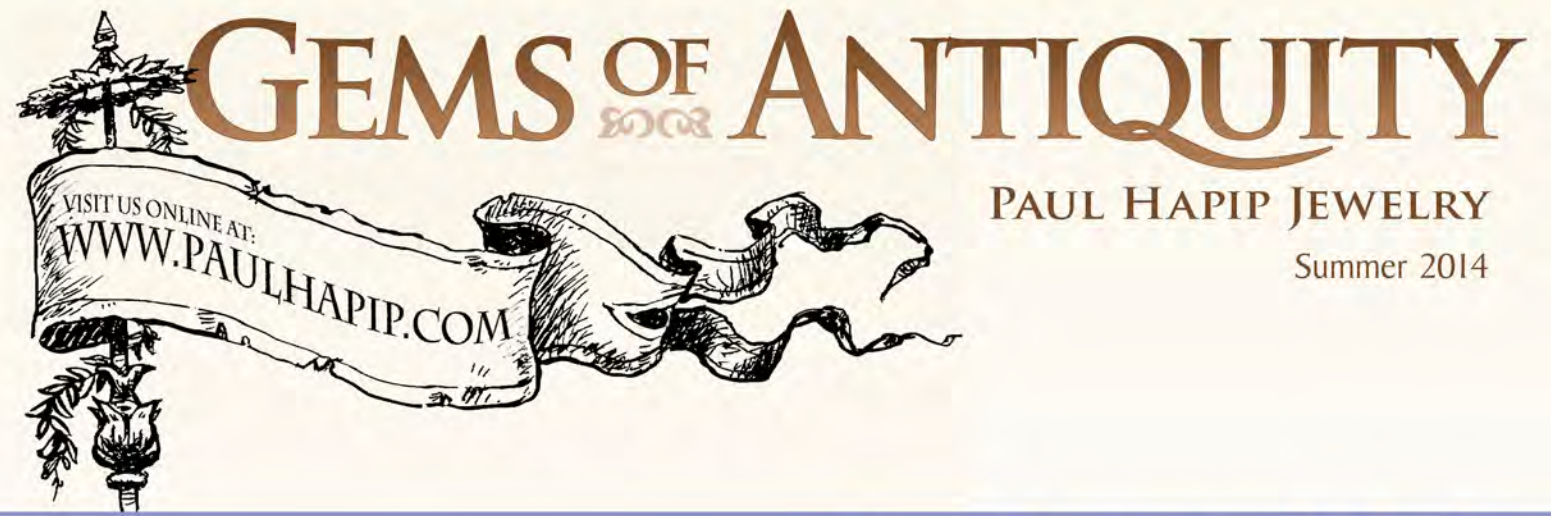
Common Ground Art Fair
South Old Woodward, between Maple and Frank
Birmingham, Michigan
September 21-22, 2014
theguild.org/art-fairs

Winter Art Festival off the Square
Madison, WI
Monona Terrace Convention Center
November 15-16, 2014
<http://www.artcraftwis.org/winteraf.html>

Autumn Festival at the Odeum
Villa Park, Illinois
November 20-23
(west suburb of Chicago) • Booth I-1
visit: www.hpifestivals.com
\$1 off coupons

WinterFaire Columbus
Columbus, Ohio
Multi-Purpose Building • Ohio State Fairgrounds
December 5-7, 2014
www.ohiocraft.org/fairs_wf.html

Please check my website, www.paulhapi.com for updates.



Gem Hunting in Sri Lanka

I first came to Sri Lanka in 1981. I was studying to become a Graduate Gemologist, and there's nothing like hands on experience! This is now my sixth trip to this tropical paradise.

I started my gem buying in the capital of Colombo at the home of my principal supplier. His prices are quite fair, and that sets the benchmark for knowing the local going rates for sapphires and other rare gems. It was shocking to discover that prices were up 50-100% since my last trip here in 2009. The booming economy of China has produced vastly growing demands for gems, so much so that the Chinese are buying the entire production of some local mines. This shrinks the available supply of Sri Lanka gems for the rest of the world and prices skyrocket!

in the home of Palithar Gunasekera. Dr. Gunasekera is the foremost gemologist of Sri Lanka. During my stay he became my agent-putting out the word that I'm here to do business, and giving me his idea of local prices and then verifying the gem's natural origins.

Here in Ratnapura, I added to my collection of fine sapphires (blue, green, white, purple, orange, Padparascha, and bi-color) and Alexandrites. Then I also was able to acquire very some more unusual gems - Garnets in green, orange, and color change, Spinel, Star Ruby, Cat's Eyes in Garnet, Alexandrite, and Komerupine, pastel yellow Danburite, and bright white Jeremejevite. Jeremejevite is "one of the extremely rare gem minerals" per the book *Gems* by R Webster.

It was an exciting and successful gem buying trip, All in all, I returned home "stone broke," but with an amazing collection of beautiful gemstones which I look forward to showing to you.



Gem gravels are scooped up one basket at a time..

Leaving Colombo, I traveled to Ratnapura, "City of Gems" in their local language. Ratnapura is located in the center of the principal mining area. I set up my buying office



Dr. Gunasekera, on my right, and I with many of the gem dealers.

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Featured Designs

I have two new ring designs for 2014, the Coleus Leaf Design, and the Bamboo Leaf Design. Both were inspired by my most recent trip to South East Asia.

Prior to traveling to Sri Lanka for business, I spent nine relaxing days vacationing on the island of Bali. Bali is one of the 4,000 islands that comprise the country of Indonesia. It lays off the eastern tip of the island of Jakarta.

I am always taking photographs of local plants and all types of artwork on my travels. Clothing, sculpture, paintings, anything with a floral theme is inspiring for my design work.

Near my bungalow in Ubud, I came across a series of large bas relief panels depicting leaves and flowers. One panel in particular displayed a beautiful cluster of leaves and this became the inspiration for my Bamboo Leaf ring.



Bas relief panel inspiration for Bamboo Leaf Design.

One day I went sightseeing in Colombo and wandered through the gardens of a church. At eye level I saw this beautiful four leaf pattern at the end of a stem. Amazed, I realized that I was looking at a seven foot tall Coleus bush. Back in the US, we are most familiar with Coleus as a small potted plant. My camera was on the fritz, so I pulled out a small pad of paper and made a quick sketch. It was one of those moments where I just KNEW that this design would make a great ring!



Paul's original sketch for Coleus design.

Lastly, I am re-introducing my Australian Wildflower pendant which I first developed in 1986. It is rarely seen as it is designed for pear shaped gems, and the pear cut is one of the rarest shapes in gemstones. I am now making a concerted effort to offer it in a selection of gems. This pendant is available with or without small gems set in the center of each flower. It could make a wonderful Mother's pendant with her birthstone surrounded by the birthstones of each child.

I hope you can come out to one of my fairs this year to see these new designs and some of my wonderful new gemstones.



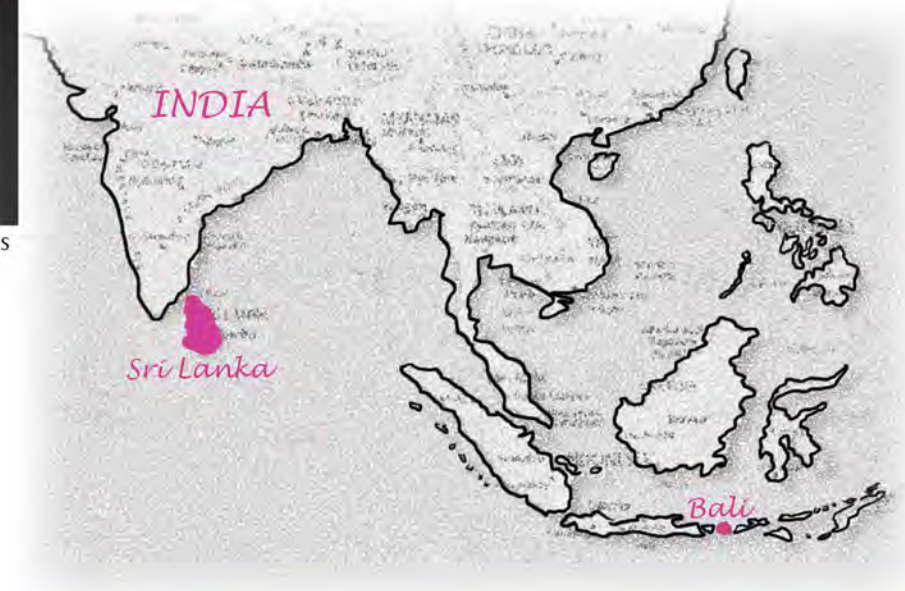
Australian Wildflowers with Sapphire and Diamonds

Gem Facts & Fantasy: Healing Stones

- Many gems have been credited with the power either to cure or relieve certain ailments. Physicians of past centuries often recommended that the stones should be finely powdered, mixed with fruit juice & syrup and taken internally. It was also advised that healing stones could be worn on the body.

Ague (fever)	Sapphire
Asthma	Jade
Boils	Sapphire
Dermatitis	Diamond
Tumors	Zircon
Dysentery	Emerald
Evil Sorcery	Amethyst
Eye Complaints	Opal, Ruby
Jaundice	Yellow Garnet, Topaz, Zircon
Loss of Courage	Diamond, Sapphire
Plagues	Amethyst, Garnet, Zircon
Snake Venom	Emerald
Tired Eyes	Sapphire, Topaz
Weak Heart	Garnet, Jade, Zircon

- Healing powers of gems is controversial, no guarantees implied.
- Reproduced from *The Power of Gemstones* by Raymond J.L. Walters



Bamboo Leaves Design with Sapphire



Coleus Leaves with Tourmaline