

## Upcoming Shows

Royal Oak Clay, Glass and Metal Show  
Washington Street, Royal Oaks, MI  
(Northern suburb of Detroit)  
June 8-9, 2013  
[www.michiganartshows.com/artshow/Royal-oak](http://www.michiganartshows.com/artshow/Royal-oak)

Bristol Renaissance Faire  
Kenosha, WI  
Shop-Gems of Antiquity, 542 The Buttery E.  
July 6 - September 1, 2013  
(weekends only + Labor Day, 10a-7p)  
*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.*

Art & Apples Festival  
September 6-8, 2013  
Rochester Park | Rochester, Michigan  
[www.artandapples.com](http://www.artandapples.com)

Riverssance Festival of Fine Art  
Lindsey Park, East Davenport, IA  
September 21-22, 2013  
[www.midcoast.org/riverssance.htm](http://www.midcoast.org/riverssance.htm)

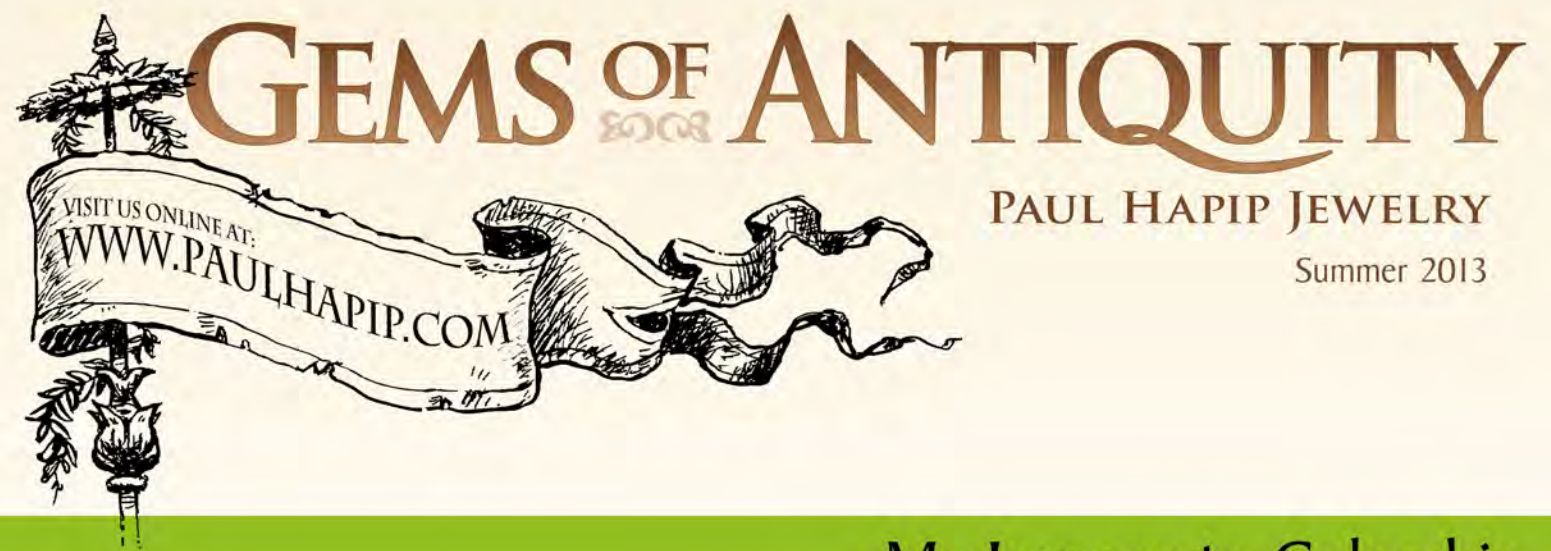
Town Line Art Fair  
Sister Bay (Door County), WI  
October 12-13, 2013  
[www.finedesignsgallery.com/2013\\_season.html](http://www.finedesignsgallery.com/2013_season.html)

Winter Art Festival off the Square  
Madison, WI  
Monona Terrace Convention Center  
November 16-17, 2013  
[www.artcraftwis.org/craft-fairs](http://www.artcraftwis.org/craft-fairs)

Autumn Festival at the Odeum  
Villa Park, Illinois  
(west suburb of Chicago) • Booth I-1  
November 21-24, 2013  
Thursday/Friday: 11a-9p  
Saturday: 9a-7p  
Sunday: 10a-5p  
visit: [www.hpifestivals.com](http://www.hpifestivals.com) \$1 off coupons

WinterFaire Columbus  
Columbus, Ohio  
Multi-Purpose Building • Ohio State Fairgrounds  
December 6-8, 2013  
[www.ohiocraft.org/fairst.html](http://www.ohiocraft.org/fairst.html)

Please check my website, [www.paulhapip.com](http://www.paulhapip.com) for updates.



## My Journey to Colombia

This winter I spent the month of February in Colombia, home of the **World's Best Emeralds**. My journey here served two purposes - to further my learning of the spanish language, and to buy emeralds. My first three weeks were spent in the north of Colombia, in the caribbean port city of Cartagena. Here I was immersed in spanish - living with a local family, doing homework each morning, and private lessons every afternoon. In the evenings I wandered the Old Town (founded 480 years ago) visiting emerald and jewelry shops, becoming acquainted with the amazing variety, quality, and prices of this gem. I stumbled upon a family where the father was a famous emerald miner; here I bought my first stones.

The last week I spent in the capital city of Bogata, 8000 feet high in the Andes Mountains. There's an area of this city called the Emerald District! I had two contacts here, dealers that sold at the Tuscon gem show. One became my broker - he gave me my own office and put the word out to the sellers that I wished to buy emeralds. He then screened them for the high quality I wanted and advised me of what he would pay. Then it was up to me to do the bargaining, putting my spanish studies to excellent use.

There are two main mines in Colombia - the Muzo Mine which is the biggest producer of emeralds, and the Chivor Mine which produces clear emerald crystals that are green with a hint of blue. The hardest emeralds to find are those of good clarity. Most emeralds are heavily included, becoming translucent and even opaque. The Columbians put an interesting spin on this, calling it "El Jardin" or The Garden!

In the process of changing travelers checks into the local currency, I ran into an obstacle that I'd never encountered before. I went to the bank each morning to exchange money

as I was buying a lot each day. On the first day I was informed that I could only change \$3000. The next day, I was told that this was not per day, but per month! It turned out that in the 1990's the cocaine cartels were laundering their drug money in the U.S. by buying travelers checks there and then cashing them back home in Colombia. The American DEA influenced the Colombian government to impose this draconian law to "turn off the spigot."



A parcel of Colombian emeralds.

Please come by at my shows to see my wonderful collection of vibrant green emeralds, including cat's eye emeralds - a true rarity.

Additionally, this Winter I also met with my principal Sapphire and Tourmaline dealers and have added some real "gems" to my collection.

**GEMS OF ANTIQUITY**  
PAUL HAPIP JEWELRY  
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Phone: 262-537-2884

What precious gem comes from Colombia?

## The Best of my Classics

This year I am featuring three rings that are among the most popular that I've ever designed and made. They are; the Tiger Lily Flower, the Philodendron Leaf, and the Jonquil Flower.

The Tiger Lily and Philodendron ring designs both debuted in June of 1981. They have been favorites now for over 30 years, often as engagement or wedding rings.

The Jonquil Flower ring design, premiered in April of 1987. It was very popular until the early 2000's. At that time, I had created new designs for rectangular gemstones, and the Jonquil Flower design was retired. This year it makes its reappearance, coinciding with my exciting, new collection of emeralds, which are so often cut as rectangles that the gem trade refers to rectangular cut stones as "emerald cut."

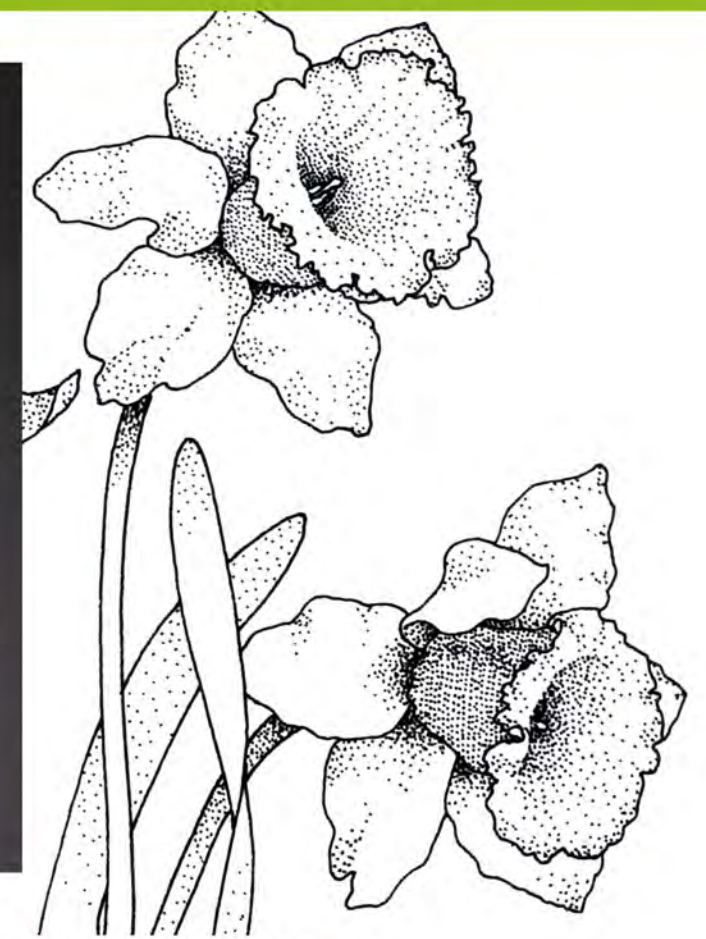
And so you have three of my pride and joy!



Tiger Lily Flower with Blue Sapphire & Diamonds



Jonquil Flower & Leaf with Orange Zircon



## Gem Facts & Fantasy: EMERALD

- In ancient times, parents wishing to keep children safe from the twin scourges of leprosy and plague hung emerald pendants around their necks.
- Emerald talismans were often used in the exorcism of demons.
- Emerald has long been a lover's emblem - the stone was claimed to lose its color if a partner had been unfaithful.
- Dreaming of an emerald means a bright future and a renewing of old friendships.
- Cure for jaundice and epilepsy; removed all bodily and mental pains.

\*Reproduced from "The Power of Gemstones" by Raymond J.L. Walters

\*Healing powers of gems is controversial, no guarantees implied.



Buying emeralds.