



American Opal Society

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Monthly Newsletter

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Meeting Dates:

NovemberThursday, November 13, 1975

DecemberThursday, December 11, 1975

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Downey Moose Lodge 663

12741 S. Bellflower (Second Floor) Downey, California

November Meeting:

Vern Trozzi, an outstanding goldsmith and designer, gave an excellent lecture on designing jewelry for Opals. To add to the lecture on designing he had numerous cards with rings attached to illustrate good and poor designs. A few good suggestions from Mr. Trozzi on designing for Opals were:

- (1) When setting an Opal make sure it has an even "seat" so that at no point does it have a fulcrum on which to crack.
- (2) Beware of heavy prongs, its better to use more small thin light prongs so as not to crack the Opal.
- (3) When setting an Opal Cabashon its a good idea to contour the inside of the prong to conform to the exterior of the stone.

December Meeting:

According to our Program Chairman, Anthony Carton the December Meeting is going to be a special treat. Although our main interest

is in Opals, many of our members are interested in other gem stones. Some of which display unusual properties. Example: Cats Eyes, Stars etc.

To give us a facinating lecture we have Mr. Boyajian, who will talk on "Colored Stone Phenomina". He is an instructor at G. I. A.

Special Note:

It makes me very happy to announce that the Chicago group has now prepared the legal work for a State Charter and is about to become the third chapter of the American Opal Society.

Note:

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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