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From Collector to Commercial - the journey of gems in the global marketplace

Presented by **Dr. Joel E. Arem**

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Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Join us as we welcome Dr. Joel Arem, who will showcase the 'future of the gem industry'. EVERY gem was once a "collector" stone because only royalty could own them, and a 'mass market' did not exist for centuries. Over time all gems made a "transition" to the 'commercial' marketplace, some sooner than others.

Even amethyst was a rare 'precious' gem as little as 200 years ago. Come hear about the "gems of the future" – gems currently making the transition from 'collector' to 'commercial' and predictions of where the process will go next.

Dr. Joel E. Arem has been involved with minerals and gemstones for 60 years. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, he first became interested in minerals in grade school. A long-standing commitment to a scientific career matured through High School and led to a major, first in chemistry, and then in geology, at Brooklyn College. Arem graduated Magna Cum Laude, elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, and with Honors in Geology, and the highest graduating average in the history of the BC Geology Dept. Joel's unique perspective as a trained scientist, teacher, lapidary, trader, museum curator, collector, designer and author has provided Arem a widely-held reputation as one of the world's foremost gemstone authorities and educators.

We meet at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 Ft. Meyer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209. Admission is free for those who have paid their 2017 meeting dues and **\$15.00** for all others. Please visit the Chapter's website at www.dcgia.org.

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Next Meeting: Sunday December 3, 2017
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