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## The Smithsonian Gems

Presented by **Dr. Jeffrey E. Post**

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**Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017**

**7:00 – 9:00 P.M.**

Join us as we welcome Dr. Jeffrey E. Post, who will present a discussion on the The National Gem Collection renowned for its rare and magnificent gems including the notorious Hope diamond, the exceptional 423-carat Logan sapphire, and the Carmen Lúcia ruby, one of the largest and finest examples in the world. It is also known for its historic pieces, including the Marie Antoinette earrings, the Blue Heart diamond, the Marie Louise Necklace, and the Maximilian emerald. This beautifully illustrated talk by the Curator-in-Charge, Jeffrey E. Post, will explore the rich, fascinating stories behind some of the famous gems in the National Collection.

Dr. Jeffrey Edward Post, a native of Wisconsin, received Bachelor of Science degrees in geology and chemistry from the University of Wisconsin - Platteville, and his Ph.D. in chemistry, with a specialty in geochemistry, from Arizona State University. He is currently Chairman of the Department of Mineral Sciences, and since 1991 has served as Curator of the U.S. National Gem and Mineral Collection. Dr. Post served as the lead Curator for the Janet Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals that opened in 1997. He has published more than 90 scientific articles in these fields. He is the author of The National Gem Collection.

We meet at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 Ft. Meyer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, at the Virginia end of Key Bridge, 703-807-2000. Admission is free for those who have paid their 2017 meeting dues and **\$15.00** for all others. Please visit our website at [www.dcgia.org](http://www.dcgia.org).

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Next Meeting: Tuesday Nov. 14, 2017

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