



Washington DC Chapter GIA Alumni Association

21st Century Jade: Why it's Prized, How It's Tested & Valued

Presented by **Renee Newman**

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7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

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Renee Newman will give practical tips on how to distinguish fake and treated jade from natural jade using examples of modern jade jewelry and carvings.

Jadeite and nephrite prices continue to reach record highs at jewelry auctions. Before the 2008 Beijing Olympics, nephrite was viewed more as a trinket than as a worthy jewelry material. However, that changed when the Olympic medals were inlaid with nephrite and people learned that nephrite jade was the original Chinese “stone of heaven.” Since then, jade prices have risen rapidly and the allure of nephrite jade in China has soared. When gem materials go up in value and popularity, the desire to imitate and treat them increases. Some fakes are obvious, while others aren't. Learn:

- Why jade is so prized
- The difference between jadeite and nephrite
- Which types of jadeite and nephrite are most valued.
- Detect fake jade using visual, tactile and auditory non-technical clues
- Recognize when to be suspicious that jade has been treated with chemicals
- Appreciate contemporary jade.

Renée will be available before and after her presentation to autograph books. Bring cash or a check if you would like to purchase copies of them. Her *Exotic Gems: Volume 4* book explores the history, lore, evaluation, geographic sources and identifying properties of non-traditional gems. It describes with text and photos how to evaluate jade quality and detect imitations and dyed jade. Information about the book is available at www.reneenewman.com/exotic4.htm.

For more information about Renée and her books go to www.reneenewman.com.

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 fees and \$15.00 for all others. Please visit the Chapter's website at www.dcgia.org.

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