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Ruby & Sapphire Presented by Richard W. Hughes

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

This may be a once in a decade happening!

Currently in the U.S. from Bangkok, Thailand; Lotus Gemology's Richard W. Hughes will discuss Ruby & Sapphire. Learn what is happening in the mines and markets. What you should look for when buying and journey to the lands where ruby and sapphire are unearthed with the foremost expert in the field.

Richard W. Hughes is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost experts on ruby and sapphire. The author of several books and over 150 articles on gems and gemology, his writings and photographs have appeared in a diverse range of publications. In a lengthy career, Richard has received numerous industry awards. Co-winner of the 2004 Edward J. Gübelin Most Valuable Article Award from *Gems & Gemology* magazine, the following year he was awarded a Richard T. Liddicoat Journalism Award from the American Gem Society. In 2010, he received the 2010 Antonio C. Bonanno Award for Excellence in Gemology from the Accredited Gemologists Association.

The Association Française de Gemmologie (AFG) in 2013 named Richard as one of the fifty most important figures that have shaped the history of gems since antiquity. Richard was awarded a visiting professorship at Shanghai's Tongji University in 2016. 2017 saw the publication of Richard's *Ruby & Sapphire: A Gemologist's Guide*, arguably the most complete book ever published on a single gem species and the culmination of nearly four decades of work in gemology.

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 members who have paid their 2018 annual meeting fees and \$15.00 (Cash or Check) at the door for all other visitors. Please visit the Chapter's website at www.dcgia.org.

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Next Meeting: September TBD

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