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“French Courtesans and Their Jewels” by Elyse Zorn Karlin

Wednesday, Oct 21, 2020 ; 6:30 – 9:00P.M.

By the late 19th century, and for a brief period in the early 20th century, courtesans had reached a level of social acceptance in many circles and settings, particularly in France, often even to the extent of becoming a friend and confidant to the wives of their benefactors. One of the great perks of being a courtesan to a powerful man was the magnificent jewelry that came along with the position. This is the story of some of the most famous French courtesans and their jewels.

[Please Join our Zoom Meeting – Oct 21st – from our web page linked here!](#)

Elyse Zorn Karlin is co-director of the Association for the Study of Jewelry & Related Arts (ASJRA), an author, and freelance curator. She is the past president of the American Society of Jewelry Historians, and has written for many publications and lectured at numerous venues. Out of this World! Jewelry in the Space Age, an exhibition Elyse conceived of and curated, will open at its third venue, The Tellus Science Museum, Cartersville, GA on November 6. [See Out of this World!](#)



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November Meeting:

DCGIA, 13400 Catocin Ct Herndon, VA 20170 USA

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