

A Brief History about the Appraiser, La Shawn Bauer

La Shawn Bauer has been actively involved in the jewelry industry his entire adult life.

28 years experience at the Jewelry Bench and on the Sales Floor.

27 years studying Gemology and Appraising Gems and Jewelry.

17 years performing In-Depth Gem and Jewelry Appraisals.

Internationally known and respected Master Gemological Appraiser, Anna M. Miller, used some of La Shawn's personally designed charts and graphs in her Registered Master Valuer Program Course books she designed and published in 1991.

Even today La Shawn continues to constantly fine tune and update his appraisal reports so that they continue to be one of the most comprehensive, highly detailed and in-depth gem and jewelry appraisal reports available in the US today.

Attention to detail and full disclosure are La Shawn's trademarks, along with his use of high resolution, digital photomicrographs and his own personally designed and manufactured special camera adapters that fit several different specialized gemological instruments.

La Shawn has become a nationally and internationally recognized and respected gemologist and gemological appraisal specialist in his own right.

He is also available to give FREE informative talks, lectures and speeches to organizations, clubs and groups on Gems & Jewelry, Appraising and Appraisals and other related topics about the jewelry industry

Please Call 4 to 6 weeks in advance to set up a date. (775) 815-4130

Professional Qualifications Titles and Memberships

**Mr. La Shawn Bauer, G, G, GG,
ASG/AGA, CGL/AGA, RMVP.**

Gemology (G)
Paris Junior College
Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology (PJC/TIJT)

Gemologist (G)
Gemological Institute of America (GIA)

Graduate Gemologist (GG)
Gemological Institute of America (GIA)

Accredited Senior Gemologist (ASG/AGA)
Accredited Gemologist Association (AGA)

Certified Gemological Laboratory (CGL/AGA) #25
Accredited Gemologist Association (AGA)
Expires 01-01-2009

Registered Master Valuer Program (RMVP)
RMVP "Contributing Member, Presenter & Instructor"

Active Memberships:

Accredited Gemologist Association (AGA)
AGA "Accredited Senior Gemologist" (ASG)
AGA "Certified Gemological Laboratory" (CGL)

American Society of Appraisers (ASA)
ASA "Candidate Member"

American Society of Jewelry Historians
ASJH "Member"

Canadian Gemmological Association (CGA)
CGA "Associate Member"

Gemmological Association of Great Britain (GAGB)
GAGB "Ordinary Member"

GIA Alumni Association (GIA-AA)
GIA-AA "Diploma Member"

National Association of Jewelry Appraisers (NAJA)
NAJA "Member"

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Business Location

Located inside Michael & Son's
In the Indian Colony Smoke Shop
Crossroads: 395 and Glendale - 2nd Street



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9 Critical Questions

To Ask Before you have your Gems & Jewelry Appraised

Consumer Education

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The 9 Most Critical Questions you should always ask before you hire a Gem & Jewelry Appraiser to appraise your jewelry.

- #1. Are you a Professionally Trained and Formally Educated Gem & Jewelry Appraiser?
- #2. By Who? What organization(s) trained you in Valuation Science?
- #3. Are YOU and all of Your Appraisals USPAP Compliant?
- #4. What Professional Appraisal Organization(s) do you belong to?
- #5. Are you Accredited or Certified with those Appraisal Organization(s) you belong to and not just a paid member?
- #6. What Professional Appraiser Titles do you hold within those Appraisal Organizations you belong to?
- #7. Do you have a Certified “Master Color Grade” Set of Diamonds and Do you state this fact in your appraisal reports?
- #8. Do you have an Accredited or Certified Gemological Laboratory?
- #9. Accredited or Certified by Who? What Organization?

If they answer, No to any of these questions you should keep looking and searching for an appraiser who can answer YES to EACH AND EVERY One of these questions.

Make No Mistake About It.

A Gemologist *is not* an Appraiser!

How to use the Internet to Search for a Professionally Trained and Formally Educated Gem & Jewelry Appraiser.

It is really quite easy to do.

There are basically Six (6) places to look to find a Qualified Gem & Jewelry Appraisal Specialist.

You can even check and see what their membership status is along with their appraisal titles and what their designations are.

Here are the Six (6) Organizational Names and their web sites which have a search function so you can search for a Qualified Gem & Jewelry Appraiser in your area.

ASA
American Society of Appraisers
<http://www.appraisers.org/findappraiser/>

NAJA
National Association of Jewelry Appraisers
http://www.najaappraisers.com/html/find_an_appraiser.html

ISA
International Society of Appraisers
http://www.isa-appraisers.org/ISA_form.html

AAA
Appraisers Association of America
<http://www.appraisersassoc.org/PageId/1/LId/0,7/Id/7/Find-an-Appraiser.html>

AGS
American Gem Society
<http://www.americangemsociety.org/member-search.php>

RMVP
Registered Master Valuer Program
<http://www.mastervaluer.com/>

Do a Simple Background Check on all of the Gem & Jewelry Appraisers in Your Area.

Once you find an appraiser and know their name you can also use your internet search engines such as Google or Yahoo and type in their name and see what comes up on them.

Try this out, type in my name to Goggle and also do it again using Yahoo and see what you come up with.

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Now do it again and type in my name this way.

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See!!! It is that easy to do.

What all do I need to bring with me to my appraisal appointment?

Bring Everything!!

Even if it is a New, Recent Purchase you should bring the following items to your appraisal appointment.

Sales Receipts, Warranty Papers, Credit Card Receipts, Old Appraisals, Recent Appraisals, Diamond Grading Reports, Colored Stone Grading Reports, along with Old Insurance Policies that list a description of the item(s) you have insured.



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