



Dear Member,

Happy New Year! We hope you've had a wonderful break and are ready to participate in an exciting year with JMGA WA. This is the first edition of the JMGA WA Newsletter for 2016. What do you think of the new look? Feel free to email your feedback to newsletter@jmgawa.com.au

What exciting projects have you been up to over the Christmas break? Have you travelled overseas and checked out the jewellery scene, developed a new skill, taken part in an exhibition, invested in some new books, purchased new equipment? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

Please email newsletter@jmgawa.com.au and remember if sending photos, please use .jpg format. Unfortunately our newsletter system doesn't accept .PDF files.

The next newsletter deadline is the **14th March**.

Kind regards,

Hannah Jago

Newsletter Co-ordinator

The next JMGAWA General Meeting will be held on Monday 22 February 7.30pm at Sultana Shamshi's place. Please contact sultana.shamshi@gmail.com for the address.

Guest speaker: Nicky Baker

There will be an array of beautiful gemstones to view and purchase on the night. See you there!

Payment by cash preferred, online facilities available.

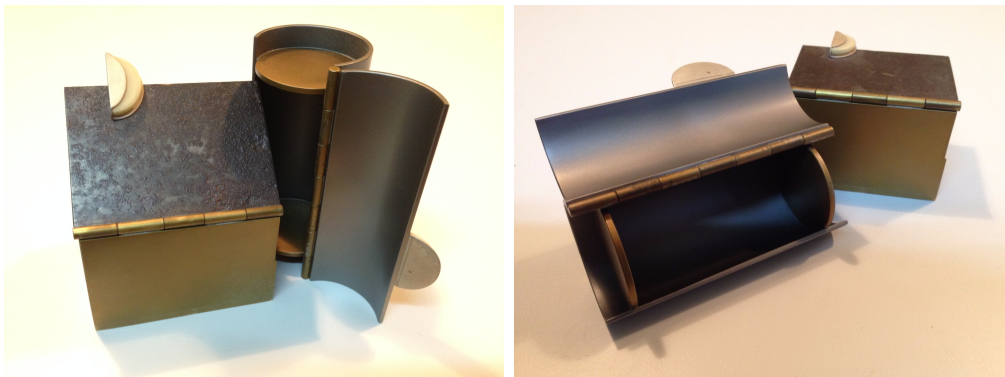


Images: Nicky Baker Gemstones. Top: Boulder Opal slices. Bottom: Natural Tanzanite.

President's Message

Welcome to a New JMGAWA Year. The promise of another exciting and interesting year is about to unfold.

We are currently organising two workshops for 2016. The first is with Max Butcher scheduled to take place at the end of April and coordinated by Di Dunstall.



Images: Hinges by Max Butcher

The second is with Julie Blyfield planned for early July 2016 and coordinated by Sultana Shamshi. Information about these workshops will be sent out soon.



Image: Julie Blyfield.

Our 2016 Exhibition Steering Committee had their initial meeting Monday 9 February and began coordinating the event for later in the year. There will be discussion about the exhibition at the General Meeting so please come along and join in the conversation.

As well as the above we have interesting Guest Speakers lined up to join us throughout the year, group outings to organise and other opportunities to show and sell your works along with Bazaar at the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing you at our first General Meeting for 2016.

Kind regards,
Annette Ellson
President JMGAWA Inc.

Congratulations!

JMGAWA Inc Awards – CIT Jewellery and Object Design Graduates 2015

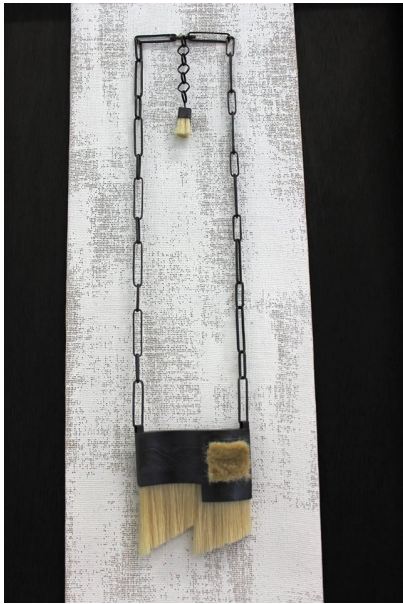
Technical Ability Award

Yasmin Eghtesadi's technical virtuosity in transforming a simple motif into challenging pieces has given her work a unique technical edge.



Contemporary Jewellery Concepts Award

Fatemeh Boroujeni's work displays an interesting ability to marry a historical motif with a contemporary aesthetic – somewhere between Persepolis and a paint brush.



Congratulations to both graduating students. We look forward to welcoming you to the Group.

Book Reviews by Sultana Shamshi

Chasing the Mountain of Light, Across India on the Trail of the Koh-i-Noor Diamond. Kevin Rushby. Flamingo Press.

This is an adventure story, a travelogue and a quest to discover the origins of the most famous gemstone of all times – The Koh-i-Noor , which literally translated means a mountain of light. It follows the trail of the ancient diamond trade in India and is a truly fabulous story which includes the accounts of Jean Baptiste Tavernier, the 17th century gemstone dealer and extraordinary traveller who spoke of the value of the Koh-i-Noor as two and a half days' food for the entire world. Very well written and enjoyable.

The French Blue, An Illustrated Novel of the 17th Century. Richard W. Wise. Brunswick House Press.

A novel , a fictionalised account of the life and times of Jean Baptiste Tavernier, the most celebrated traveller and gem dealer of the 17th century. He served at the courts of Louis the 14th, Shah Abbas of Persia and met with Shah Jehan and bought and sold another famous

Indian diamond, then known as the French Blue but now known to be the infamous Hope Diamond. He sold thousands of diamonds to King Louis whose appetite for them was insatiable. A very entertaining read but not as well written as Chasing the Mountain of Light, but then I cannot resist a good diamond chase.

Exhibitions

A Year In the Making:



Image: Jacquie Sprogoe. Fee Fi Fo Fum - Golden Eggs in the Nest of the Giant's Magic Hen.

Twelve months, twelve West Australian jewellers and twelve different themes. This touring exhibition of mostly JMGA members opens on 17th March and runs until 16th April at Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, 3 Rocca Way, Wanneroo.



Image: Jill Parnell. *Beauty can you feel it*, pique a jour box, 100mm diameter.



Image: Inca gold llama statuette, C 1500, Peru. British Museum.

A History of the World in a 100 objects

The Western Australian Museum is hosting *A History of the World in a 100 objects* located at the Perth Cultural Centre. All works are on loan from the British Museum from 13 February - 15 June 2016.

Be taken on a voyage through the British Museum's collections to explore the last two million years of human history. Each object featured in *A History of the World in 100 Objects* marks a point on your journey through history: from early stone tools to Dürer's celebrated print *The Rhinoceros*; the famous Flood Tablet to colourful Javanese shadow puppets.

Unlock fascinating stories and discover interactions between cultures of the past. Wonder at the remarkable achievements of humans as they faced changing climates, new lands and changing political arenas, and be amazed by their ingenuity and awed by their craftsmanship.

Exclusive to the Australian tour is the bronze Head of Augustus from Meroë. One of the most important surviving portraits of Rome's first emperor, it was originally part of a statue that was ritually beheaded in antiquity. This object caused an international sensation when excavated in Sudan in 1910.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to view treasured objects from around the world and discover how humans have shaped the world and, in turn, have been shaped by it.

Entry is paid. Adults \$17.40, Concession \$12.30. Valid ID required. Tickets can be purchased by selecting a date from the calendar below, or from the Ticket Counter at the WA Museum - Perth.

For more information, click [here](#).

For Sale

Stanley Fatmax storage box – Job Chest with wheels 90L is up for auction and will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids so far \$30 & \$50. If you are interested in placing a bid come along to the meeting or email your bid to secretary@jmgawa.com.au



JMGAWA Biennial General Meeting is happening in March 2016. At this meeting all Committee positions will be declared vacant and a new Committee will be voted in. Members have the opportunity to nominate or be nominated for these key and rewarding positions.

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
COMMITTEE MEMBER X 2

If you are interested in any of the positions and would like more information please email president@jmgawa.com.au

Monday 21 March 2016 - 7.30pm

BGM & GM

Doubleview Bowling Club - Jill Parnell

Tuesday 26 April 2016

Crystal Universe & Meal out

Details & time – Sultana Shamshi

May 2016

Visit to AJS & Meal out

Details TBC - New President

Articles

- For those of you who missed the news, here's a link to Julie Bishop's seven most powerful brooches <http://www.sbs.com.au/topics/life/article/2016/01/26/guide-julie-bishops-seven-most-powerful-brooches>
- Pricing handmade items <http://www.lifesbigcanvas.co.uk/ten-things-you-shouldnt-say-when-pricing-handmade-items/>
- Jewellery scam <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/announcements/consumers-warned-about-jewellery-store-fails-deliver-superfold-pty-ltd-exclusive>
- Record breaking 404 carat diamond found <https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/business/a/30824277/lucapa-discovers-record-diamond/>
- Artists wanted to transform new WA Museum <http://visual.artshub.com.au/news-article/special-reports/museums/megan-anderson/artists-wanted-16-million-art-budget-for->

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