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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your continued interest in my newsletter. I welcome suggestions for improvements and discussion topics. Please browse through the links in the right hand column. These links will connect you to a lot of very useful jewelry-related information.

Off To The Tucson Gem Show!



I will be on my annual trip to Tucson from February 2nd to the 9th. This is my favorite business trip of the year. I will be attending two appraisal and gemological conferences, a software support meeting, a special class on grading pearls and an appraiser seminar. I also have a board meeting with my friends at the American Society of Appraisers. This trip is a great opportunity to catch up on new developments in the industry and meet up with long time friends. In addition to these conferences, seminars and meetings, I will spend a couple of days hunting through tons of gemstones and pearls. Fun, fun, fun!

Check Out My Feature Story In Ink Magazine

In February, I have a feature story in Ink Magazine. If you would like to read it, pick up a free copy of Ink Magazine or follow this link: [Connecticut Jewelry Appraisers - Ink Magazine](#)

The story starts on page 6. Hope you like it.

Pearl Basics

From The Jewelry Information Center

A reputable jeweler is your best source for cultured pearls. A knowledgeable jeweler can explain how to balance a number of quality and

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size variables to get the best selection available within a certain price range. You will be able to evaluate pearls on the basis of the following criteria:

Lustre

The combination of surface brilliance and a deep-seated glow, the luster of a good-quality pearl should be bright, not dull. Your reflection should be seen clearly on the surface of a pearl. Any pearl that looks too chalky or dull indicates low quality.

Surface

Cleanliness of the pearl surface refers to the absence of disfiguring spots, bumps or cracks. A pearl with a clean surface will have a higher value than a spotted, bumpy or cracked one.

Shape

Since cultured pearls are grown by oysters and subject to the whims of Mother Nature, it is very rare to find a perfectly round pearl. While rounder pearls are more valuable, asymmetrical, or baroque, pearls have a unique charm and are available at a more moderate cost.

Color

Rose Silver/White Cream Gold Blue/Gray Cultured pearls occur in colors from rosé to black. While color is a matter of preference, rosé or silver/white pearls tend to look best on fair skin tones, while cream and gold-tone pearls are flattering to darker complexions.

Size

Measured by their diameter in millimeters, the average cultured pearls sold today are between 7 and 7 1/2 millimeters. Generally, the larger the pearl, the more valuable it will be.

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call 860-391-3001 or [email](#) to book an appointment



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Sincerely,



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