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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.

Happy New Year!



For many people the new year brings new resolutions to lose weight, stop smoking, save money and numerous other personal goals. Over the course of my 50+ years, I have resolved over and over to lose weight. I have lost (and gained) the same thirty pounds numerous times. No matter where or when I lose it, it always seems to find me.

I have a simple resolution for you. Make a resolution to book an appointment with me to get your jewelry appraised or updated. It is easy, painless and very important. I will ensure your jewelry is properly documented and updated with current values. Insurance companies will only pay what is documented and some will even discount that amount. A current and accurate appraisal is the first step in protecting your jewelry. Be sure to take a few minutes to read my insurance questions located under "Downloads" in the blue column of this newsletter. This will help you make an informed decision when purchasing jewelry insurance.

It is also a great time to clean out your old jewelry and cash in the gold. Gold has been at an all time high but may not stay there much longer if the economy starts to recover.

Call me today for a free private consultation (860) 391-3001.

I am off to the Tucson Gem Show

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It is time for my annual trip to the Tucson Gem Show. The gem show is only a small part of what I do while in Tucson. I will be attending the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers two day winter conference, the Accredited Gemologist Association's annual one day conference and a couple of committee meetings. The conferences are a great time for networking with my colleagues and other experts in the gemology and appraisal fields. I will also spend a couple of days talking with stone dealers about current market trends. For more information about the gem show, click on this link: [Tucson Gem Show](#)



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When is a ruby like a filet mignon?



A few months back I ran an article in my newsletter about "lead glass" filled rubies. Recently, I had an opportunity to examine another client's ruby that had a different treatment. The client was interested in selling the stone. The ruby was beautiful! It had some of the finest color I had ever seen in a ruby. I explained to her that before we could properly market the stone, it needed to be sent to the American Gemological Laboratory for grading and, if warranted, country of origin determination. The ruby came back with a report stating that the stone was "diffusion treated". Diffusion treatment is a process that consists of exposing the surface of the stone to certain chemicals combined with high heat in a furnace. Generally, only the surface color changes, so if you sliced the gem in half, the inside of the stone would be a different color, usually a paler, less valuable color. The problem is the new surface color is not very deep, only about half a millimeter. If the stone is damaged or perhaps re-cut, then the original, undesirable color will be noticeable. An easy way to visualize this treatment is shown in the steak in the picture to the right. The surface is charred but the inside remains red.



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Sincerely,

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