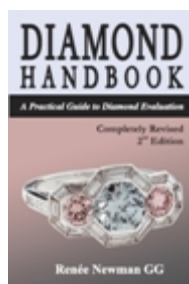


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by Renee Newman, 2nd edition 2008

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- Course 110-2 (Introduction to Gemstones), Wed, Sept 17 - Nov 12, 6:15 - 9:00 p.m.(10 sessions, Vancouver)
\$ 695 includes text-books and exam fee (no GST)

This is a general interest course introducing the basic identifying features of all important gems, including their appearance, special physical and optical characteristics, their occurrence and value factors. Also included is an introduction to diamond and colour gem grading, the use of gemmological instruments to aid identification.

Course Content: 1. Nature of Gemstones (1), Diamonds and Corundum 2. Nature of Gemstones (2), Beryl and organic gems 3. Crystal Structure and Origin of Gems, Opal, Topaz and Jade 4. Gem Cutting and Care, Garnet, Quartz and Spodumene 5. Gemstone Identification (1), Tourmaline, Chrysoberyl and others 6. Gemstone Identification (2), Diamond Grading (1) 7. Gemstone Economics, Markets and Values, Diamond Grading (2) 8. Colour Gem Grading and Appraisals 9. Gem Enhancement and Synthetic Gems 10. Review, Jewellery Manufacture, History and Fashion

Introduction to Diamonds - PLEASE REGISTER BY October 1

- Course 130-3 (Introduction to Diamonds), Fri, October 10, 6:15 - 9:00 p.m., Sat/Sun, October 11/12, 10 a.m - 4:30 p.m. (weekend class, Vancouver)
\$ 495 includes text-book and exam fee (no GST), study materials with binder will be shipped upon registration

In this course you will learn everything you need to know about diamonds. Sell more and answer customer questions with confidence. Introduction to diamond grading and jewellery fashion.

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Pearls, Opal and Jade - PLEASE REGISTER BY October 8

- Course 160-1 Fri, October 24, 6:15 - 9:00 p.m., Sat/Sun, October 26/27, 10 a.m - 4:30 p.m. (weekend class, Vancouver)
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In this course you will learn about pearl types and shapes, how to judge luster, thickness, colour and size of pearls. The identification and evaluation of South Sea, black and freshwater pearls and other organic gems are also covered. There will be one session on opal and its evaluation. Another session will cover the jades - oriental jadeite and nephrite.

PLEASE NOTE: The Vancouver Office will be closed from August 20 - September 9. In-Person Registration Day for the Fall 2008 term is Wednesday, September 17 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.; please call (604) 530-8569 for an appointment.

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Perles de Tahiti Under New Management

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