

Canadian design dazzles showgoers



The entries were strictly Canadian – they came, in record numbers this year, from Victoria to Halifax and all points in between. But the talent was world-class. This year's entries in the Canadian Jeweller Buyers' Choice awards competition drew rave reviews at Toronto's Jewellery World Expo, where they were displayed throughout the show, August 8-10. Many thanks to Prestige Pak of Montreal, which provided beautiful forms on which to display the collection.

Many thanks also to the judges: Pat Thompson and Carey Jones of Diamond Design; Anne Neumann, Harold Wein-

stein Associates; Kim Sutch, Diamond Information Centre; Myra McKeen, Canadian Jewellers Association; and Varouj Tabakian, Gallery 363. The support of the Canadian Jewellers Association, which provided lamps and loupes for the judging, is also appreciated.

For the second year in a row, the overall winner was Diane Lazauskas of Mappins Fine Jewellers in Kelowna, B.C. Her entry, an 18k gold and ebony pendant with diamonds, is featured on the cover of this issue. The piece placed first in Category B, jewellery with a retail value of \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Len Rodels of Absolute Design,

Edmonton, placed first in Category C, jewellery over \$5,000, with a 14k gold and diamond ring. The spectacular ring contains 16 princess-cut diamonds, 12 baguettes, 32 rounds and a centre stone of 1.13ct, for a total carat weight of just over three carats.

In category A, jewellery up to \$1,000, the winner was Susan Outerbridge of The Vault/Touch of Gold in Halifax. She won for her understated 2.16ct peridot ring with two elegant, marquise-cut diamonds on each side of .14 tww. The 14k gold is both polished and frosted.

The names of the other winners follow.

Category A

- Second place: Michael Valitutti, Nathan Hennick, Toronto, for an 18k yellow gold ring with a 3.20ct roll-top cut African amethyst, tsavorites and diamonds.
- Third place: Claire Vessot, Prime Art & Jewel, Montreal, for a sterling silver pendant with citrine, blue topaz and tourmaline. Each section moves independently.
- Honorable mention: Idar Bergseth/David Dahl, Idar Jewellers, Victoria, B.C., for an 18k yellow gold and 19k white gold "Martini" brooch, with custom-cut quartz, hematite bead and 2mm round emerald.

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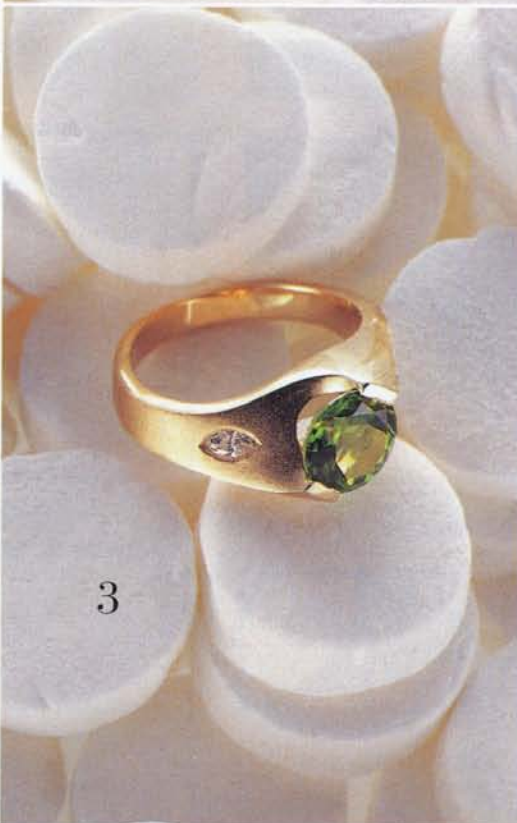
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Category B

- Second place: Idar Bergseth/David Dahl, Idar Jewellers, Victoria, B.C., for a filigreed 18k gold and platinum ring with a .50ct "Canadian" diamond (inscribed with a polar bear on the girdle, from Sirius diamonds), in a half-bezel setting. The ring is entitled "Arabesque."

- Third place: David Abugov, Touch of Gold, Halifax, for an 18k gold and platinum ring with 5.77ct overland rectangular bar-cut green tourmaline and full-cut brilliant diamonds of .70ctw. The ring is designed so that the tourmaline and the diamonds each have their own separate viewing planes.

- Honorable mention: Kendra Ohama, The Goldschmiede Studio, Calgary, for 14k gold earrings with rubies, tsavorite garnets and diamonds.



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1. Pendant by Diane Lazauskas. Overall winner and first in Category B.
2. Diamond ring by Len Rodels. Winner in Category C.
3. Peridot ring by Susan Outerbridge. Winner of Category A.
4. Clockwise from left: Amethyst ring by Michael Valitutti, Martini pin by Idar Bergseth/David Dahl and pendant by Claire Vessot. They placed second, fourth and third, respectively, in Category A.



Category C

- Second place: Peter Jost, The Goldschmiede Studio, Calgary, for a 14k yellow gold and 19k white gold gent's ring with a 1.38ct emerald and seven round-brilliant diamonds.
- Third place: Socrates Reppas, Marquis Jewellers, Toronto, for a platinum ring with .71ct suspension-set, trilliant-cut diamond.
- Honorable mention: Idar Bergseth/Harry Milford/David Dahl, Idar Jewellers, Victoria, B.C., for a platinum and 18k gold cocktail ring with an 11mm South Sea pearl and diamonds of 1.32ctw in a circular bead setting pattern.

5. Clockwise from top: Diamond ring by Socrates Reppas, gent's emerald ring by Peter Jost and pearl ring by Idar Bergseth/Harry Milford/David Dahl. They placed third, second and fourth, respectively, in Category C.
6. Left to right: Ring by David Abugov, earrings by Kendra Ohama and diamond ring by Idar Bergseth/David Dahl. They placed third, fourth and second, respectively, in Category B.

