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Eichhorn Attends Conference

Eileen R. Eichhorn GG of Eichhorn Jewelry, Inc. in Decatur recently attended The National Association of Jewelry Appraisers' 36th ACE© It Annual Mid-Year Conference in Cleveland Ohio.

The Association, consisting of national and international membership, is dedicated to the maintenance of professional standards, professional ethics and education in the field of appraising jewelry. All members must adhere to the professional Code of Ethics of the Association and all appraisal assignments must be performed under the constraints of this Code.

This year's conference concentrated on several work areas which confront jewelry appraisers on a daily basis updating their knowledge to keep current. Lectures were given on expert witness testimony skills, treated rubies/sapphires, and cameos as well as workshops using the spectroscope. Renowned gemologist Dusan Simic's lecture on *Identifying Diamond Types and Synthetic Diamonds* proved most helpful. Eve Alfille spoke on the multitude of pearl types and values in the marketplace with China's influence. Arthur Skuratowicz had a very informative hands-on session dealing with how jewelry is manufactured along with Fred C. Craig II, GG on *Circa Dating the Common Man's Jewelry*. A special behind the scenes tour of the gems and minerals housed in the Cleveland Museum of Natural History with curator Dr. David Saja was the highlight of the conference. After a guided tour, Dr. Saja shared many of the gems and mineral specimens for closer observation in his private office. He explained that only 10% of the acquisitions are on display at any one time.

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