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Designer Spotlight:

Tom Kruskal
TOM KRUSKAL DESIGNS



Coffee Break with Tom Kruskal

Tuesday, May 8th
2pm-6pm

Q: When did you start designing jewelry?

A: I have been making jewelry for over 40 years. My background is in mathematics, design and music.

Q: What inspires your designs?

A: My inspirations include organic shapes in the New England countryside, the ocean in its fluid changing forms, and music and dance.

Q: What does "hand-forged" mean?

A: Each piece is fabricated using cold forging followed by heat treating. The high polish is accomplished by a specially made mirror finish anvil that is struck by a polished hammer. The result is jewelry that is light weight yet strong and resilient, and styled as no casting or stamping could ever be.

Q: What's on your studio playlist?

A: I listen to pod-casts when my work allows. My favorites are Freakonomics, Radio Lab, and Fresh Air.

Meet Tom and enjoy coffee, treats, and an extended selection of Tom's jewelry. Browse a beautiful selection of gold, sterling silver, gemstone, and diamond jewelry.

Bring your tucked away loose gems to find a perfect mounting, too!

Per Tom's suggestion, we will drink coffee until it's acceptable to drink wine. Come for happy hour from 5-6pm!



From the bench...

5 Things We Look for Under Magnification

When you hand us your jewelry to be checked, cleaned, or repaired, we often reach for a loupe (a 10-power magnifier) to take a closer look. But what are we looking for? Here are five common issues that we see. We recommend having your jewelry checked and cleaned with us every six months. It's just like your visits to the dentist but a much more pleasant experience!

- 1. Broken or worn prongs:** Your prongs are the security and protection for your gems, so when one (or two...or three...) are missing or worn, there is a much higher likelihood that you will lose the stone. Prongs can break from an impact or wear away over time and need to be re-tipped with additional metal. You might have a broken or worn prong if you notice a sudden sharp spot or your ring is catching on clothing.
- 2. Loose gems:** A lifted prong or a shifted channel can cause your gem to become loose. It is important to catch this before the stone is so loose that it falls out! One at-home hack to check your jewelry: shake the piece of jewelry close to your ear. If you hear anything rattling, come see us!
- 3. Cracks or breaks in metal:** A common spot for cracks or breaks is the back of the shank which sits under your finger, but they can occur in other places as well if the metal has been stressed.
- 4. Chips or breaks in gems:** Even diamonds are not indestructible! Impacts, especially against metal, can cause damage to diamonds and colored gemstones.
- 5. Worn bails:** A beloved pendant sliding along a chain every day can eventually become worn. The bail, which the chain slides through, should be repaired or replaced once the metal has worn thin.

Emerald

May birthstone

Mineral Family: Beryl (Aquamarine and Morganite are also in the Beryl family)

Sources: Brazil, Colombia, Pakistan, Zambia, Ethiopia

Hardness & Toughness: 7.5 to 8 on the Mohs scale. Fair to good toughness.

Cut: Due to its hexagonal crystal shape, emeralds are commonly cut in rectangular step cuts known as emerald cuts.

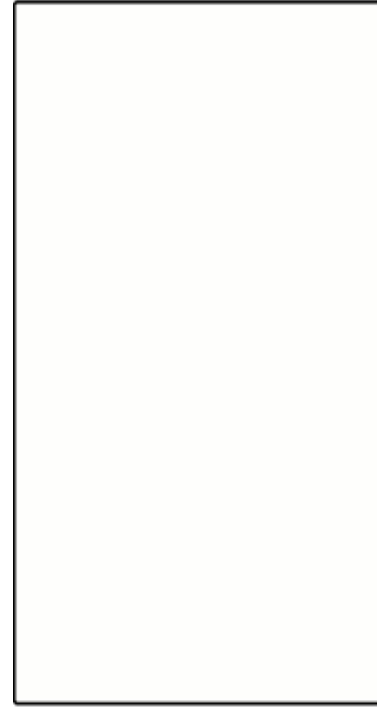
Care & Cleaning: Treat gently when worn. Use warm, soapy water with gentle scrubbing to safely clean. Avoid ultrasonic and steam cleaners.

Clarity: Visible inclusions are common. Most are treated to diminish the appearance of inclusions. Cedar oil has been used for centuries as a natural treatment.

First known mines were in Egypt dating from at least 330 BC

Its color of green is known to relieve stress and eye strain.

Gemstone for 20th & 35th wedding anniversary



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