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Beautiful Blooms

Flowers are one of nature's most sublime creations, and jewelry designers have long sought to preserve their fleeting beauty in gemstones and metal. Their imagination and craftsmanship have produced exquisite works of art – a gemological garden of unsurpassed loveliness. Here we share with you 12 magnificent pieces that uplift and inspire.



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January

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Wallace Chan is one of the most famous contemporary designers, and his genius blooms in *Rose Maiden* – an imaginative interpretation of the popular flower. Chan spent many years experimenting with titanium to develop techniques for making organic shapes, which are on full display in the leaves of *Rose Maiden*.

A 16.74 carat (ct.) mandarin garnet is a visual anchor to the exuberant and irregular petals surrounding it. Some 1.57 ct. of white diamonds and 3.31 ct. of green diamonds sprinkled on petals and filaments are other masterly flourishes.

January

HOLIDAYS

- 1 New Year's Day** - Belgium, Botswana, Dubai, Hong Kong, India, Japan, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States
- 2 Public Holiday** - Botswana, South Africa
- 9 Coming-of-age Day** - Japan
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** - United States
- 26 Republic Day** - India
- 27 Chinese New Year (1/27-2/1)** - Taiwan
- 28 Lunar New Year's Day (1/28-1/31)** - Hong Kong

TRADE SHOWS

- 23-26 28th International Jewellery Tokyo** - Tokyo, Japan
- 28-31 Centurion Jewelry** - Scottsdale, AZ
- 31 AGTA GemFair Tucson** - Tucson, AZ

BIRTHSTONE – GARNET

Thousands of years ago, Egyptian pharaohs adorned themselves with red garnet necklaces.





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The venerable house of Cartier looked to more innocent times when it created this nosegay (a bouquet of fragrant flowers). Popular during the Victorian era, nosegays were fashionable accessories worn by wealthy women.

Cartier added a dash of sophistication by making a bejeweled nosegay out of pear-shaped amethyst petals, and studding their hearts with diamonds. The bouquet rests on a lush bed of demantoid garnet and gold leaves. Platinum and channel set diamonds are the dangling stems.

February

HOLIDAYS

- 11 National Foundation Day** - Japan
- 17 Makha Bucha Day** - Thailand
- 14 Valentine's Day** - United States
- 20 President's Day** - United States
- 27 Peace Memorial Day (2/27-2/28)** - Taiwan

TRADE SHOWS

- 1 Centurion Jewelry** - Scottsdale, AZ
- 1-5 AGTA GemFair Tucson** - Tucson, AZ
- 3 Party at the GIA Gem Mine: Cosmic Blast** - Tucson, AZ
- 8-11 Signature IIJS** - Mumbai, India
- 9-12 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show** - Tucson, AZ
- 18-22 IJO Spring Buying Show** - Grapevine, TX
- 22-26 59th Bangkok Gem & Jewelry Fair** - Bangkok, Thailand
- 28 Hong Kong International Diamond, Gem & Pearl Show** - Hong Kong

BIRTHSTONE – AMETHYST

Legend says, amethyst kept its wearer clear-headed and quick-witted in battle.





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Graceful and elegant are fitting words to describe Julie Buckareff's lily. Exquisite petals of hand-carved quartz droop over a twining vine, a swooping stem accented with diamonds and upturned petals colored with tsavorite garnets.

The stamens crowning the creation are 18K rose gold and pink diamonds. A butterfly lounging on a leaf is a playful addition that adds a dash of color and creates a visual counterpoint.

March

HOLIDAYS

- 13 Holi - India
- 20 Vernal Equinox Day - Japan
- 21 Human Rights Day - South Africa
- 28 Gudi Padva - India

TRADE SHOWS

- 1-4 Hong Kong International Diamond, Gem & Pearl Show - Hong Kong
- 2-6 Hong Kong International Jewellery Show - Hong Kong
- 4-6 Atlanta Jewelry Show - Atlanta, GA
- 12-14 JA New York - New York, NY
- 23-30 Baselworld - Basel, Switzerland

BIRTHSTONE – AQUAMARINE

Aquamarine was said to calm waves and keep sailors safe at sea.





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A waterfall of pansies comes courtesy of the acclaimed jewelry designer Lydia Courteille. Dangling as if threaded on a garland, every petal of these 18K gold enamel earrings is a unique creation – just like nature, no two are colored the same.

Pansy comes from the French *penser*, meaning “to think,” and giving one was a gesture of friendship and platonic love. Some 1.83 ct. of spinel are the hearts of the flowers, while .72 ct. of diamonds and blackened metals that edge the blooms make for a subtle contrast. Flowers are a favorite subject of Courteille, and are featured in her various collections – regardless of the theme.

April

HOLIDAYS

- 3 **Tomb Sweeping Day** - Taiwan
- 4 **Ching Ming Festival** - Hong Kong
- 4 **Children's Day** - Taiwan
- 6 **Chakri Memorial** - Thailand
- 10 **Passover (4/10-4/18)** - Israel
- 13 **Songkran Festival (4/13 - 4/17)** - Thailand
- 14 **Good Friday** - Botswana, Hong Kong, South Africa, United Kingdom
- 15 **The day following Good Friday** - Hong Kong
- 16 **Easter Sunday** - United States
- 17 **Easter Monday** - Belgium, Botswana, Hong Kong, United Kingdom
- 17 **Family Day** - South Africa
- 24 **Miraj Night (The Prophet's Ascension)** - Dubai
- 27 **Freedom Day** - South Africa
- 29 **Showa Day** - Japan

TRADE SHOWS

- 5-8 **AGS Conclave** - Hollywood, CA
- TBD **Jewellery Arabia** - Kuwait

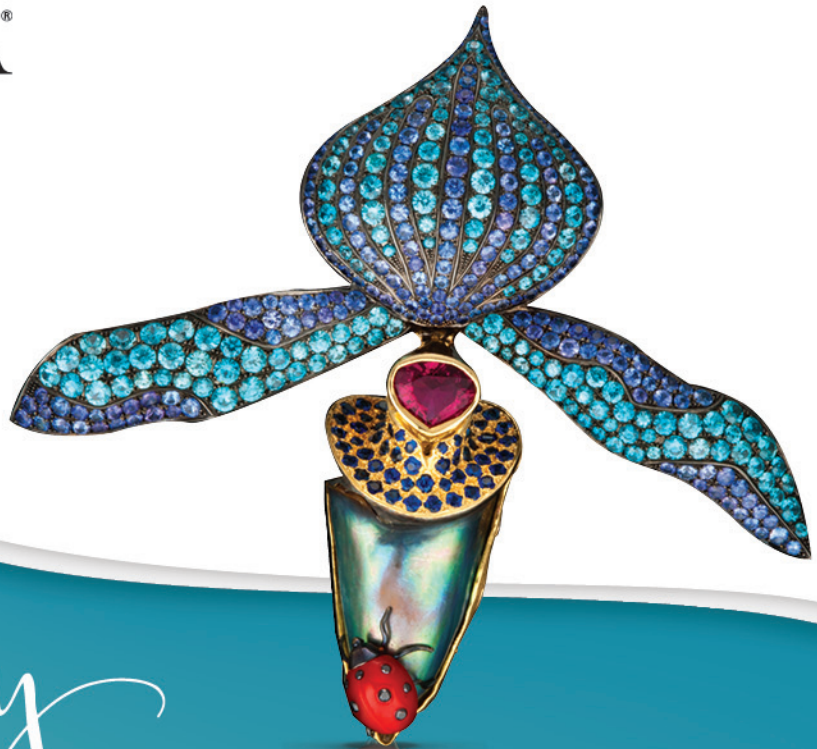
BIRTHSTONE – DIAMOND

Natural diamonds occur in a range of colors like yellow, blue, green, pink and red.





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Award-winning designer Paula Crevozhay's *Midnight Seduction* is an object of enchantment. The magic begins in the orchid's vibrant petals of 195 purple sapphires and 148 blue zircons. Beneath this floral canopy sits a fiery rhodolite and a gold collar set with 2.98 ct. of sapphires. A silvery 28.89 ct. abalone is the stalk; a ladybug made of a 2.5 ct. piece of coral and flecked with black diamonds shyly explores it.

Lady Slipper orchids represent "capricious behavior." Giving one to a friend or beloved would make for an interesting statement.

May

HOLIDAYS

- 1 **Labor Day** - Belgium
- 1 **Labour Day** - Botswana, Hong Kong
- 1 **Maharashtra Day** - India
- 1 **Memorial Day** - Israel
- 1 **Workers Day** - South Africa
- 1 **National Labor Day** - Thailand
- 1 **May Day** - United Kingdom
- 2 **Independence Day** - Israel
- 3 **The Birthday of the Buddha** - Hong Kong
- 3 **Constitution Memorial Day** - Japan
- 4 **Greenery Day** - Japan
- 5 **Children's Day** - Japan
- 5 **Coronation Day** - Thailand
- 10 **Visakha Bucha Day** - Thailand
- 14 **Mother's Day** - Belgium, United States
- 25 **Ascension Day** - Belgium, Botswana
- 29 **Dragon Boat Festival (5/29-5/30)** - Taiwan
- 29 **Spring Bank Holiday** - United Kingdom
- 29 **Memorial Day** - United States
- 30 **Tuen Ng Festival** - Hong Kong
- 31 **Shavuot** - Israel

TRADE SHOWS

- 3-5 **The Arusha Gem Fair** - Arusha, Tanzania
- 17-19 **21st International Jewellery Kobe** - Kobe, Japan
- 21-24 **Santa Fe Symposium** - Albuquerque, NM
- TBD **Nepal International Gem & Jewellery Expo 2017** - Kathmandu, Nepal

BIRTHSTONE – EMERALD

Cleopatra had a passion for emeralds, and they were used in her royal adornments.





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A lover has plucked a handful of wild flowers from the field – such is what Bulgari's floral spray brooch conjures. This impromptu gift has an impressive 47 natural, fancy-colored and fancy-cut diamonds that weigh a total of 29.38 ct. Marquise-shaped diamonds are the leaves; pear-shaped stones are the petals; emerald and baguette cuts make up the stem.

The center flowers, composed of yellow, pink and white diamonds, are mounted on tiny springs – a technique called *en tremblant*, which imparts lifelike movement. And so the brooch captures the charm of an untamed flowerbed, and imitates its balletic swaying in the wind.

June

HOLIDAYS

- 5 Whit Monday** - Belgium
- 16 Youth Day** - South Africa
- 18 Father's Day** - United States
- 25 Eid Al Fitr (6/25-6/26)** - Dubai

TRADE SHOWS

- 5-8 JCK Las Vegas** - Las Vegas, NV
- 22-25 June Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair** - Hong Kong

BIRTHSTONE – PEARL

More than 3,000 years ago, a Chinese scribe wrote about natural pearls as part of a king's tribute.





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Impressive artistry was behind Lynn Nakamura's seemingly simple *Summer Flower* brooch. The petals are hand-carved mother of pearl with a matte finish. Creating the ripples and folds in them required a master lapidary.

Selecting 40 Brazilian pink tourmaline cabochon briolettes that are the pistil demanded an artist's eye. Wild roses near full bloom were Nakamura's inspiration, and her astonishingly lifelike piece is a lasting reminder of the passing moment.

July

HOLIDAYS

- 1 Sir Seretse Khama Day** - Botswana
- 1 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day** - Hong Kong
- 4 Independence Day** - United States
- 8 Asarnha Bucha Day** - Thailand
- 17 President Holiday- 1st Day** - Botswana
- 17 Marine Day** - Japan
- 18 Public Holiday** - Botswana
- 21 National Holiday** - Belgium

TRADE SHOWS

- 1-3 Unique Gems & Jewellery Show** - Pune, India
- 18-20 Pawn Expo** - Las Vegas, NV
- 23-25 JA New York** - New York, NY
- 24 GIA Jewelry Career Fair** - New York, NY
- 28-31 Malaysia International Jewellery Fair** - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

BIRTHSTONE – RUBY

Ancient Burmese warriors inserted rubies into their flesh to make them invincible in battle.





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GIA alumnus Mark Patterson plays with the palette of yellow in his *Yellow Orchid* brooch. Sapphires of burnt yellow color the tips of the petals, turn into sunny yellows in the middle, and eventually become pale yellow. Colorless diamonds are set on the pistil.

The metals echo the color of the gems: 24K yellow gold morphs into 18K gold, and then platinum. Using two materials to create these subtle gradations in color required impressive craftsmanship.

August

HOLIDAYS

- 9 **National Women's Day** - South Africa
- 11 **Mountain Day** - Japan
- 12 **H.M. the Queen's Birthday** - Thailand
- 14 **Krishna Janmashtami** - India
- 15 **Independence Day** - India
- 25 **Ganesh Chaturthi** - India
- 28 **Late Summer Holiday** - United Kingdom

TRADE SHOWS

- 5-9 **IJO Fall Buying Show** - National Harbor, MD
- 12-14 **Atlanta Jewelry Show** - Atlanta, GA
- 28-30 **Japan Jewellery Fair 2017** - Tokyo, Japan
- 31 **Facets Sri Lanka** - Colombo, Sri Lanka
- TBD **India International Jewellery Show (IIJS)** - Mumbai, India
- TBD **Times Asia Jewels Fair** - Bangalore, India

BIRTHSTONE – PERIDOT

Most peridot is brought to the surface of the earth by volcanoes.



BIRTHSTONE – SPINEL

For centuries, spinel, the great imposter, masqueraded as ruby in Europe's crown jewels.





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An imaginative artist can see the beauty in unconventional material and turn it into art. Such was the case when Katey Brunini used carved cow bone in this delightfully understated orchid.

A 15.5 mm Tahitian pearl is the pistil of this unusual flower, which is cupped by 1.6 ct. of pink diamonds set in rose gold. Brunini's creation rests on a hand-carved 18K rose gold branch that is so realistic it looks like it could have been found on a forest floor.

September

HOLIDAYS

- 1 **Eid Al Adha (9/1-9/3)** - Dubai
- 4 **Labor Day** - United States
- 18 **Respect for the Aged Day** - Japan
- 20 **New Year's Eve** - Israel
- 21 **Al Hijra (Islamic New Year)** - Dubai
- 21 **New Year's Day** - Israel
- 23 **Autumnal Equinox Day** - Japan
- 24 **Heritage Day** - South Africa
- 25 **Public Holiday** - South Africa
- 30 **Botswana Day** - Botswana
- 30 **Dassera** - India
- 30 **Yom Kippur** - Israel

TRADE SHOWS

- 1-4 **Jewellers Association Show** - Jaipur, India
- 3-5 **International Jewellery London** - London, UK
- 9-11 **Delhi Jewellery & Gem Fair** - New Delhi, India
- 13-17 **Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair** - Hong Kong (AsiaWorld-Expo)
- 15-17 **Denver Gem & Mineral Show** - Denver, CO
- 15-19 **Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair** - Hong Kong (Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre)
- 23-24 **World of Gems Conference** - Chicago, IL
- TBD **60th Bangkok Gem & Jewelry Fair** - Bangkok, Thailand
- TBD **Jewellex Africa** - Johannesburg, South Africa

BIRTHSTONE – SAPPHIRE

In the Middle Ages, the clergy wore blue sapphires to symbolize Heaven.





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The birth of a flower is the story of this lily ring by Jewellery Theatre, and drama is the keynote of the tale. Some 66 green diamonds (.34 ct.), yellow diamonds (2.2 ct.), and 143 colorless diamonds (.89 ct.) chronicle the flower's determined journey from soil to sunlight.

Sinuous lines from the root to the stem illustrate the struggle. The tension resolves in a 5.54 ct. yellow diamond bursting out of the bud. Jewellery Theatre describes its work as "movable theater," and this piece brims with brio of new life.

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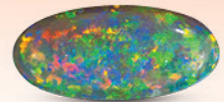
- 1 **National Day** - Hong Kong
- 2 **Public Holiday** - Botswana
- 2 **Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti** - India
- 4 **Sukkot Eve** - Israel
- 4 **Mid-Autumn Festival** - Taiwan
- 5 **The day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival** - Hong Kong
- 5 **Sukkot (10/5-10/11)** - Israel
- 9 **Health-Sports Day** - Japan
- 9 **National Day (10/9-10/10)** - Taiwan
- 11 **2nd Sukkot Eve** - Israel
- 12 **2nd Sukkot** - Israel
- 19 **Diwali** - India
- 20 **New Year (Govardhan Puja)** - India
- 20 **Bhai Duj** - India
- 23 **Chulalongkorn Memorial Day** - Thailand
- 28 **Chung Yeung Festival** - Hong Kong

TRADE SHOWS

- 22-25 **GSA Annual Meeting** - Seattle, WA
- 27-29 **CAPA Convention & Exposition** - San Diego, CA
- TBD **GIA Jewelry Career Fair** - Carlsbad, CA
- TBD **Gem & Jewellery India International Exhibition** - Chennai, India

BIRTHSTONE – OPAL

The Bedouins believed that opals contained lightning and fell from the sky during thunderstorms.



BIRTHSTONE – TOURMALINE

Tourmalines become electrically charged when exposed to heat or pressure.





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Jewelry designer Angela Conty created *Remembering Cambodia* after a trip to the country. Entranced by pink and orange lotus blossoms that bloomed in ponds, pools and ceramic pots, Conty turned to Oregon sunstone, green chalcedony, 18K and 15K gold and zircon to recreate the riot of colors.

The green chalcedony represents a folded lotus leaf; Oregon sunstones are the lotus blossoms. Peering over the lotus leaf on the right is a golden gecko. A 29.95 ct. Chinese pearl drop roots the energetic piece.

November

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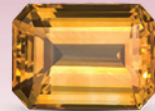
- 1 **All Saints Day** - Belgium
- 3 **Culture Day** - Japan
- 11 **Armistice Day** - Belgium
- 11 **Veterans Day** - United States
- 23 **Labor Thanksgiving Day** - Japan
- 23 **Thanksgiving Day** - United States
- 24 **Day After Thanksgiving** - United States
- 30 **Martyr's Day** - Dubai
- 30 **Milad Un Nabi (The Prophet's Birthday)** - Dubai

TRADE SHOWS

- TBD **Beijing Show** - Beijing, China
- TBD **Jewellery Arabia** - Bahrain

BIRTHSTONE – CITRINE

Natural citrine is rare. Most citrine on the market is the result of heat treatment of amethyst.



BIRTHSTONE – TOPAZ

During the Renaissance, people thought topaz could break magic spells.





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December

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Joel Arthur Rosenthal (JAR), the famed jewelry designer, is the creator of this stunning flower brooch. A poppy in full bloom first captures the eye. A green tourmaline scrolling stem draws it downward to a 37.23 ct. pear-shaped diamond and a tender poppy bud of pink and green tourmaline.

JAR's use of a diamond this size and stature as an ornament is unconventional, for it would typically be the center stone. Perhaps the piece is symbolic of the cycle of life: it has a poppy in full bloom, a seed (the diamond), and a poppy on the verge of blossoming.

December

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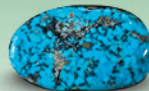
- 2 **National Day** - Dubai
- 5 **H.M. the King's Birthday** - Thailand
- 10 **Constitution Day** - Thailand
- 12 **Hanukkah (Chanukkah) (12/12-12/20)** - United States
- 13 **Hanukkah (Chanukkah) (12/13-12/20)** - Israel
- 16 **Day of Reconciliation** - South Africa
- 23 **The Emperor's Birthday** - Japan
- 25 **Christmas Day** - Belgium, Botswana, Hong Kong, India, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States
- 26 **Boxing Day** - Botswana
- 26 **The first weekday after Christmas Day** - Hong Kong
- 26 **Day of Goodwill** - South Africa
- 26 **Boxing Day** - United Kingdom
- 27 **The second weekday after Christmas Day** - Hong Kong
- 31 **New Year's Eve** - Thailand

TRADE SHOWS

- TBD **Kolkata Jewellery & Gem Fair** - Kolkata, India
- TBD **Jaipur Jewellery Show** - Jaipur, India

BIRTHSTONE – TURQUOISE

Turquoise is the national gem of Tibet.



BIRTHSTONE – TANZANITE

Ali Juuyawatu, a Masai tribesman, is credited with finding the first tanzanite crystal.





THE STORY AND MISSION OF GIA

GIA's founder, Robert M. Shipley, had a tremendous impact on the world of gems. Shipley recognized the need for a comprehensive, international approach for understanding and evaluating gemstones. Without it, confusion and distrust would reign both at home and abroad. Shipley founded the Gemological Institute of America (GIA), not only as a place for gemological study and research, but as an educational facility where gem knowledge could be organized and shared with the public. His goal, and the Institute's enduring principles, are clearly reflected in GIA's mission statement:

Ensure the public trust in gems and jewelry by upholding the highest standards of integrity, academics, science and professionalism through education, research, laboratory services and instrument development.



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