

# Georgia Jewelers Association Jewelry Design Contest

## 2024

### Eligibility

Anyone who is a GJA member or is employed by a GJA member and who is interested in designing and creating one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry that says something of current styles and fashion.

### Rules of Entry

- Pieces MUST be original designs created by the person entering the contest.
- All entries must be completed pieces made within the last two years.
- Pieces cannot have been mass produced or previously sold (unless Jeweler has written signed permission from client to use the pieces for the times required).
- Pieces should not be marked or hall-marked until after the judging. Previously sold pieces must have this information masked. We will mask marking or hallmarking to our discretion if you do not.
- Special displays are not allowed. All pieces entered must be on standard display material.

GJA reserves the right to disqualify any piece which does not meet all criteria.

### Timetable

March 25, 2024: Application and entry fee with description of each piece attached must arrive at GJA office or Thorntons Fine Jewelry.

April 21, 2024: Pieces must be brought to convention site and delivered to design contest co-chairs, Christine Thornton Randall by 9AM.

April 21, 2024: Design contest, judging & awards ceremony during New Member & Past Presidents Luncheon

### Details of Entry

Entrant may enter one piece in any or all four categories. Each piece submitted requires \$50 entry fee. Entry fee is non-refundable.

**Category 1A)** Materials may not exceed \$300 in cost value. Pieces must be made of silver, gold, platinum or palladium and may contain stones.

**Category 1B)** Material from \$301 to \$1000 in cost value. Pieces must be made of silver, gold, platinum or palladium and may contain stones.

**Category 2)** Materials from \$1001 to \$3000 in cost value. Pieces must be made of gold, platinum, or palladium and may contain stones.

**Category 3)** Materials over \$3001 in cost value. Pieces must be made of 14K gold or higher karat gold, platinum or palladium and may contain stones.

Material only- Do not include labor.

### Judging

The entries will be judged by qualified people in the jewelry industry and the art communities.

When the pieces are being judged, they will be identified only by number.

The judges will select winning pieces on the basis of: Creative use of materials, Contemporary design, Wearability, Originality and Fashion merit.

### Prizes

Plaques will be awarded to the First and Second Place pieces in each category and to the "Best of Show". All convention attendees are eligible to vote for the "People's Choice" category to select the most popular entry. Display of entries will be at the Convention on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Presentation of awards will be at the Sunday luncheon. Award plaques will be awarded to all winners.

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## Jewelry Entry Form

Thank you for your entry in the Annual GJA Jewelry Design Competition. We appreciate your interest and support of the organization.

Please fill out and submit this form along with your entry fee(s) to the GJA office or Thornton's Fine Jewelry by March 25, 2024. Finished pieces must be brought to the convention by 9AM April 21st, 2024. By sending in this application you agree to all of the rules and entry details. You may mail, or email this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Store \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pieces Entered:

Category 1A \_\_\_\_\_

Category 1B \_\_\_\_\_

Category 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Category 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00

Total Fee Sent \_\_\_\_\_



### Send Entry Forms and Fees by 3/25/24 to:

Thorntons Fine Jewelry

2830 Lexington Rd.

Athens, GA 30605

Phone (706) 548-1633

Fax (706) 369-6629

Entry Fee payable to GJA

P.O. Box 2124

Duluth, GA 30096

Phone: (770) 826-1462

[ivvdoss@georgiajewelers.org](mailto:ivvdoss@georgiajewelers.org)

All finished entries must be brought to the convention. Entries remain the property of the person entering them. All entries will be picked up at the convention. GJA assumes no liability for loss or damages to any piece entered. Insurance for each piece entered will be the sole responsibility of the entrant.