

TRADE SUPPLIERS AND RESOURCES

Here's my best list of resources and suppliers. I will make additions to it as more information is passed to me. I put comments after those organizations that I know something about.

This list was drawn and expanded from the resource section my Ethical Jewelry Handbook, a free e-book available upon request.

RESOURCE LIST

Madison Dialogue

www.madisondialogue.org <<http://www.madisondialogue.org/>>

The first step that anyone interested in pursuing FRE should be to join the Madison Dialog List serve. You will get articles sent to you by various members on the list on any topic that seems important. Some will be relevant and some will immediately be deleted.

The real value of being on the list, however, comes if you have a particular question or concern. You can simply put the question out on the list serve to the broad network. You will get answers from a broad network of people who are connected all over the world by shared values of social responsibility

Association for Responsible Mining (ARM)

www.communitymining.org <<http://www.communitymining.org/>>

ARM has been the primary advocate for the implementation of third party fair trade certification for small scale mining. They have already developed fair trade certified gold and platinum which will be offered in European market sometime in 2008. Sometime in 2009 the gold will be available in the US as well.

ARM at some point in the future may also be involved in colored gemstones and diamonds, all third party certified and coming from artisanal miners.

CIBJO's Sustainable Jewelry website

CIBJO is the World Jewelry Counsel. <http://www.sustainablejewellery.org/>

Council for Responsible Jewelry Practices (CRJP)

This is a trade group representing mainly the views of large companies in the jewelry sector interested in developing ethical standards. <http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/>

Ethical Metalsmiths

<http://www.ethicalmetalsmiths.org/>

This group is made of mostly small designers and manufacturers interested in ethical jewelry practices.

Columbia Gem House Fair Gems Project

www.fairtradegems.com

Eric Braunwart, founder of Columbia Gems, pioneered his own fair trade system and sells his gemstones with full transparency. He has become a trusted source for colored stones for those in the jewelry sector wanting ethical sourcing.

Clear Conscience project by Lori Bonn Designs

This company is one of the early movers in pushing for ethically produced product.

<http://www.clearconsciencejewelry.org/>

Organic Gem Material

http://www.maggiecp.co.uk/*

Rapaport Group

www.diamonds.net <<http://www.diamonds.net>>

Martin Rapaport has been a powerful voice for fair trade diamonds and jewelry production. He has invested heavily in the development of this product which has yet to hit the market. He has also supported other fair trade based projects and created a Fair Trade Liaison position in his company, which is held by Amanda Stark.

Ethical Sourcing Gemstone Website

<http://www.uvm.edu/envnr/gemecology/index.html>

The site provides information for educators, researchers, governments, miners and companies. Also on the site are case studies done on the gemstone sector in various countries. This excellent work coming from Tiffany Scholar Sally Dickinson DeLeon <<http://www.uvm.edu/%7Esdickins/>> and Saleem H. Ali, Ph.D <<http://www.uvm.edu/%7Eshali/>> along with several research collaborators <<http://www.uvm.edu/envnr/gemecology/contacts.html>> at the University of Vermont.

Myth and Lore of Gemstones

I recently completed 15 articles on birthstones, drawing on myths and lore. A “meaning” for the gemstone is offered to the reader, based on the stories. I wrote these because I could not find this type of resource any where on line and they might be useful in a retail situation for a customer inquiring about birthstones. You can view these articles on my website, <http://www.celticjewelry.com/articles.php> <<http://www.celticjewelry.com/>> and reprint them with permission.

RETAILERS

The companies below represent successful examples of marketing and product development that reach what I call the Patagonia, Whole Foods customer.

Brilliant Earth

www.brilliantearth.com

This company has successfully marketed to consumers interested in ethical jewelry products. They are excellent examples of first movers in the jewelry sector.

Rough and Cut

A new product launch developed by Wade Watson in coordination with several other designers in support of Arts4Africa. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Arts4Africa>
Wade was also involved in starting Pride Diamonds—a successful social entrepreneurial venture in Sierra Leon.

Green Karat

www.greenkarat.com

This company has successfully marketed to consumers interested in ethical jewelry products. They are quite pure (no mining) and excellent examples of first movers in the jewelry sector.

Cred Jewelry

The UK Company founded by Greg Valerio is pioneering fair trade gold with their designer jewelry brand.

Fifi Bijou

Luxury ethical jewelry designed by Vivien Johnston, based in the UK.
<http://www.fifibijoux.com/ethical-jewellery.html>

Reflective Images

Last but not least, this is my company. We produce jewelry for both wholesale and retail. Visit www.celticjewelry.com to see our FRE system. Our companion site is artisan www.weddingrings.com

SUPPLIERS:

Finesse Diamonds: Canadian Diamonds and DTC sight holder, <http://finessediamonds.com/>

Nenoir Diamonds: Canadian Diamonds: <http://www.nenoir.com/>

Hoover and Strong: Recycled precious metals. <http://www.hooverandstrong.com/>

United PMR: Recycled precious metals: <http://www.unitedpmr.com/>

Vukani Ubuntu: South African Fair Trade manufacturer. <http://www.vukani.co.za/>

S&P Trading: EU Source for recycled metals. Contact Patrick Schein, Paris – France schein.patrick@gmail.com

Oro Verde: “Green Gold.” : <http://www.greengold-oroverde.org/>
http://www.greengold-oroverde.org/ingles/cov_ing.html

The Ethical Bullion Company (EBC) <http://www.ethicalbullion.com/>*

Pride Diamonds: <http://www.pridediamonds.com/>

GET INVOLVED

These working groups that came out of the Madison Dialog are in the process of is developing fair trade standards. They are open to those interested in participating.

**Manufacturing Group
Colored Gemstone Group
Diamond Group
Precious Metal Mining.**

**If you would like more information, please contact me:
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