

## Hawaii Jewelers Association 2018 Design Competition

**Honolulu, Hawaii (May 4, 2018) - Hawaii Jewelers Association is proud to celebrate our 69th Annual Banquet and Design Competition!**

Our 2018 winners were announced at our annual banquet on April 28, 2018. The jovial atmosphere was infectious as everyone celebrated the artistry, craft skills, and innovative designs created by fellow jewelry industry colleagues. And the winners are.....

**2018 Designer of the Year - Carrie Nottage Smith - Na Hoku -  
with: VENUS FERN DROPS**



### Category 1: Jewelry Under \$3,500



**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – ENDLESS OCEAN: by The Maui Divers Design Team at Maui Divers Jewelry. \$1,995.00 Inspired by and made in Hawaii using proprietary techniques for inlaying gold into coral gem. The spiral inlay design represents the currents forever returning the wearers heart to Hawaii. Stamped “Made in Hawaii” it holds two hemispheres of gem black coral signifying interdependence of the earth’s oceans and lands.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - BLUE LAGOON: by Carrie Nottage Smith - Na Hoku. \$3,400.00 Richly elegant with finely crafted articulation this pendant displays a beautiful black pearl complimented by an exotic blue tourmaline gem all captured in a circle of diamonds. Colorful and brilliant, Blue Lagoon has a tropical feel but would fit right in with the outfit you're going to wear to that nice restaurant in Manhattan!



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - CINDERELLA: by Denny Wong - Denny Wong Designs. \$3,300.00 This pendant shows off with brilliant billowing blue light just like Cinderella's enchanted slippers. The enchantment of this pendant is created by imaginatively setting a moonstone over a brilliant blue topaz. Not to worry, it won't turn into a pumpkin at the stroke of midnight. It is quite permanent, expertly crafted in 18 karat gold and accented with a tanzanite and red spinel.

**People Choice** - BLUE LAGOON: by Carrie Nottage Smith - Na Hoku.

### Jewelry Over \$3,500



**1<sup>st</sup> Place** - MAUKA AND MAKAI: by Carrie Nottage Smith - Na Hoku. \$11,500.00 This elegant and graceful necklace depicts the ebb and flow of the ocean and mountain sky. An incredible design, complete with a hidden clasp flowing into multi directional articulating links of 14 karat gold all set off with 5 carats of brilliant diamonds. It rests luxuriously on the body with every move shimmering with light like our ocean waters embracing the rising mountains. The only thing better than our mauka and makai life in Hawaii would be wearing this piece while living it!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** - ROSEBLOOD: by Moshe Hakemolo - Hawaii Estate and Jewelry Buyers. \$26,000.00 This ring shows off an impressive 8.5 carat Burmese ruby cabochon held in an opulent cluster of rose cut and round diamonds. A rich and glamorous piece perfect for any of your "Citizen Kane" type customers!





**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – SPARKLE & FLASH: by Jane Chen - Opal Fields. \$4,900.00 This pendant holds two boulder opals, one displaying its play of color in a sparkle pattern and the other in a flash pattern. The brilliant color displayed by these gems is framed in yellow gold bezels finished in a stitched engraving pattern. A genuine one-of-a-kind jewelry piece that its sparkly and flashy owner proudly shows off!

**People's Choice** - HERITAGE: by The Design Team at Maui Divers. \$3,995.00 This incredible necklace is made of articulating links of gold sculpted into coral branches that embrace a suite of glorious black pearls. A stunning and affordable piece that can be casually worn at any occasion while living the Hawaiian lifestyle. No surprise that it was created in Hawaii by Maui Divers and titled to reflect this company's amazing heritage and legacy from deep sea divers to one of our country's largest jewelry manufacturers including the co-stewardship with the state of Hawaii in managing Hawaii's black coral reserves that produce our states gemstone.



### Hawaiian Themed Jewelry



**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – VENUS FERN DROPS: by Carrie Nottage Smith - Na Hoku. \$1,899.00 The simple but very clever and imaginative articulating design of these drop earrings is captivating. The delicate gold fern leaves and pink spinel gems come alive with graceful motion and color. Any women would love the feel and the flattering look of these exquisite earrings.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – FEATHERED CAPE NECKLACE: by The Design Team at Maui Divers. \$2,995.00 Meticulous shell inlaying technique, old-world craftsmanship and cutting edge CAD/CAM technology were used to create this design. The colorful beauty of the Hawaiian feather cape symbolizes high rank and spiritual protection which is emulated in this necklace. Finely made to illustrate the colorful bird feathers used to create these cloaks it also shows the fine fiber weaving used that is intricately sculpted in the gold backing. It can be worn facing either direction with equal impressiveness.





**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** - LOOK, ITS DIAMOND HEAD!: by Tom Wheeler - Opal Fields. \$24,900.00 The gem in this piece is a wonderful example of Australia's boulder opal showing how unique and inspiring an individual gem can be. This gem's pattern and appearance depicts Hawaii's Diamond Head in an amazing and profound way. The ~ diamond ~ setting around the opal is rather amazing and profound too adding to the opal's intriguing beauty. The wearer can really enjoy this beauty seeing it on their wrist in the comfortable spring loaded bracelet or easily unclip the ornament and fold out the hidden bail to wear it as a pendant.

**People's Choice** - FEATHERED CAPE NECKLACE: by The Design Team at Maui Divers. \$2,995.00

### **Estate Jewelry Winner**

EYE OF THE HURRICANE: from Opal Fields. Created in the mid 1970's this phenomenal ring shows off a large, rare treatment free purple pink star sapphire surrounded in a hurricane pattern of marquise diamonds. Easy to see the asterism phenomena being the eye of this hurricane. Was the woman who wore it - bold yet delicate like the design of this rare platinum ring?



\*You may view all 34 pieces and photos taken throughout the evening on our [website](http://www.hawaiijewelersassociation.com), [hawaiijewelersassociation.com](http://www.hawaiijewelersassociation.com)

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