

America's Best Jewelers announces 2010 recipients

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New York—America's Best Jewelers, the fine jewelry trade's only retailer-exclusive social network, has announced the list of 39 jewelers nationwide that have earned the "America's Best Jewelers 2010" designation through their high level of operational excellence.

Produced and administered by National Jeweler, the America's Best Jewelers program qualifies winning jewelers through a comprehensive benchmarking survey conducted in partnership with the Jewelers of America's (JA) annual "Cost of Doing Business" survey. Launched in 2008, the ABJ program provides an avenue for jewelers to share successful strategies with their peers, offering a fresh approach to the educational offerings available to the jewelry retail community. Members meet to share best practices face-to-face at facilitated panel session conferences at the JA New York and Couture jewelry shows and online at ABJNetwork.com.

"Jewelers recognized with the America's Best Jewelers designation this year were judged on their performance in 2009, which, as we all know, was an especially challenging year for our business," said Whitney Sielaff, National Jeweler editorial director and ABJ program administrator. "These companies proved themselves through that trying period, demonstrating they could maintain excellence in disciplines across the full range of jewelry retaining operations, from human resources to marketing and financial performance. It's inspirational to know that well-run companies can maintain high standards even when the going gets tough. Congratulations to all these fine jewelers."

Jewelers receive the America's Best Jewelers designation in one of two categories—Couture and independents—based on factors including size, style of operation and range of product carried. For 2010, 17 companies earned the designation in the Couture category, and 22 earned it in the Independents category.

The lists include both repeat winners from past years as well as emerging retail stars.

The winners in the Couture category for 2010 are:

- Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry and Watches, El Paso, Texas
- Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, Gross Pointe Woods, Mich.
- Ben David Jewelers, Danville, Va.
- Nancy And David Fine Jewels, Millburn, N.J.
- Day's Jewelers, Waterville, Me.
- Vincent's Jewelers, Creve Coeur, Mo.
- Mountz Jewelers, Carlisle, Pa.
- E.E. Robbins - Engagement & Wedding Rings, Seattle
- R.F. Moeller Jeweler, St. Paul, Minn.
- Blue Marlin Jewelry, Islamorada, Fla.
- Lasker Jewelers, Eau Claire, Wisc.
- Adam Neeley Fine Art Jewelry Inc., Laguna Beach, Calif.
- Nelson Coleman Jewelers, Towson, Md.
- Ware Jewelers, Auburn, Ala.
- Harold Stevens Jewelers, San Diego
- Harold Jaffe Jewelers, Toledo, Ohio
- Houston Jewelry, Houston

The winners in the Independents category for 2010 are:

- Thomas A. Davis Jeweler, Holland, Mich.
- Longnecker Jewelry, McCook, Neb.
- M. Foster Jeweler At River Oaks, Houston
- David Hayman Jewellers, Yorba Linda, Calif.
- Goodman's Jewelers, Madison, Wisc.
- Almagem Corporation d/b/a Julz by Alan Rodriguez, Canton, Ohio
- Lexington Jewelers Inc., Lexington, Va.
- Howard's Jewellery and Gifts Inc., Hazle Township, Pa.
- Peterson Jewelers, McCook, Neb.
- Thacker Jewelry, Lubbock, Texas
- Wallace Jewelers, Wheeling, W.V.
- Robison Jewelry, Fernandina Beach, Fla.
- David Craig Ltd., Langhorne, Pa.
- Riddles Group Inc., Rapid City, S.D.
- Dominic's Fine Jewelry, Sterling Heights, Mich.
- Diamond Channel Inc. C/o Goldin Inc., Chicago
- Corbo Jewelers Inc., Rutherford, N.J.
- Decker Diamond Jewelers, Ebensburg, Pa.
- Goldsmith Jewelers Inc., North Royalton, Ohio
- Gold In Art, Mount Dora, Fla.
- Elements, Ltd., Des Moines, Iowa
- Orloff Jewelers, Fresno, Calif.

In addition to receiving the ABJ designation, this year's winners will be invited to participate in retailer-to-retailer educational sessions during the JA New York and Couture shows. Winning jewelers also will be sharing advice online through the ABJ Network, a social network where all Jewelers Board of Trade (JBT)-listed North American retailers can conveniently access, connect and share best practices at any time. Visit ABJNetwork.com to learn more.