

List of Jewelry Retailers, Suppliers and Industry Related Organizations dedicated to Fair Trade and Eco-Friendly and From Mine to Market Sourcing.

Resources

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:

The first step that anyone interested in pursuing fair and ethical sourcing issues 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.

www.madisondialogue.org

Association for Responsible Mining (ARM):

ARM aims to enable fair trade certified precious metals, responsibly produced by artisanal and small-scale miners, to reach the jewellery marketplace, via its Standard Zero for Fair Trade Artisanal Gold and Associated Silver and Platinum.

[Standard Zero](http://www.communitymining.org) was developed by a knowledgeable and highly committed technical committee using FLO's Fair Trade Generic Standards, and adapting them to artisanal and small scale gold mining. Standard Zero has undergone extensive local, national, regional and global consultation since August 2006.

www.communitymining.org

The World Jewelry Confederation (CIBJO):

CIBJO is the World Jewelry Confederation. Dedicated to helping create a sustainable and responsible jewelry industry.

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. An international non-profit organization representing over 80 member companies across the gold and diamond supply chain. Committed to promoting responsible business practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the industry from mine to retail.

www.responsiblejewellery.com

Ethical Metalsmiths:

This group is made of mostly small designers and manufacturers interested in ethical jewelry practices. Formed for the purpose of stimulating demand for responsibly sourced materials as an investment in the future. They stand for social responsibility, a healthy environment and materials that are consistent with these values.

www.ethicalmetalsmiths.org

Columbia Gem House Fair Gems Project:

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.

Fair Trade Gems - www.fairtradegems.com

Main Home Page - www.columbiagemhouse.com

Clear Conscience project by Lori Bonn Designs:

Clear Conscience Jewelry and Accessories is an industry initiative to create a new standard for products that are environmentally and socially responsible. The project is initially sponsored by Lori Bonn Design Inc., but is intended as a non-proprietary standard for the industry. This company is one of the early movers in pushing for ethically produced product.

www.clearconsciencejewelry.org

Organic Gem Material:

Maggie Campbell Pedersen, FGA, ABIPP - Specialist information and education in Organic Gem Materials.

Organic Gems, is the only online archive devoted entirely to the subject of gem materials of plant and animal origin, which are used in jewellery and the decorative arts. Amber,

copal, jet, ivory, bone, antler, horn, rhino horn, tortoiseshell, pearl, shell and coral, and many other less recognised materials such as baleen, vegetable ivory, feathers and ammolite are all organic gem materials.

www.maggipec.co.uk

The Rapaport Group:

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.

www.diamonds.net

www.diamonds.net/fairtrade

Ethical Sourcing Gemstone Website:

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](#) and [Saleem H. Ali, Ph.D](#) along with several [research collaborators](#) at the University of Vermont.

www.uvm.edu/envnr/gemecology/index.html

The 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, www.celticjewelry.com and reprint them with permission.

www.celticjewelry.com/articles.php

Communities and Small-scale Mining Secretariat (CASM):

A global networking and coordination facility with a stated mission to “to reduce poverty by improving the environmental, social and economic performance of artisanal and small-scale mining in developing countries.”

www.artisanalmining.org

Artisan Small Scale Mining (ASM):

An important development initiative supported by the World Bank and other organizations, world wide. This website goes into details explaining this work.

www.artisanalmining.org

RETAILERS

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

Brilliant Earth:

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

Ruff and Cut:

A new product launch developed by Wade Watson in coordination with several other designers in support of Arts4Africa. Wade was also involved in starting Pride Diamonds—a successful social entrepreneurial venture in Sierra Leon.
www.ruffandcut.com

Green Karat:

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. Located in Houston, TX, USA.
www.greenkarat.com

Cred Jewellery:

The UK Company founded by Greg Valerio is pioneering fair trade gold with their designer jewelry brand. A Stakeholder Alliance Member of ARM.
www.credjewellery.com

Fifi Bijoux:

Luxury ethical jewelry designed by Vivien Johnston, based in the UK (Scotland). Promoting positive ethics and an alternative to exploitation, human rights abuses or damage to the environment. A Stakeholder Alliance Member of ARM.
www.fifibijoux.com

Sumiche Jewelry Co:

Eugene, Oregon based custom jewelers. One of the first jewelers to use Oro Verde, 'Green Gold' in the USA.
www.sumiche.com/

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 www.artisanweddingrings.com

SUPPLIERS:

Finesse Diamonds:

Canadian Diamonds from the Ekati mine. Also a DTC sight holder. Also offers diamonds from Russia, the 88 brand out of Australia. Also dedicated to the beneficiation of local communities in the diamond regions of Africa.

finessediamonds.com

Nenoir Diamonds:

Canadian Diamonds. Offering CanadaMark certified diamonds.

www.nenoir.com

Hoover and Strong:

Recycled precious metals. Offers the Harmony brand of recycled metals and ethical gems. All precious metals at Hoover & Strong including gold, platinum, palladium, sterling silver, fine silver and copper are 100% recycled. One of the premiere materials provider to the trade.

www.hooverandstrong.com

United PMR: (Precious Metal Refining)

Recycled precious metals.

www.unitedpmr.com

Vukani Ubuntu:

South African Fair Trade manufacturer. Vukani-Ubuntu has grown from a single idea back in 1998, to a national network of grass-roots development projects across South Africa. Dedicated to Integrated Sustainable Development as a world model.

www.vukani.co.za

S&P Trading:

EU Source for recycled metals. Located in Paris, France. A Stakeholder Alliance Member of [ARM](#).

Contact Patrick Schein: schein.patrick@gmail.com

Oro Verde: "Green Gold." (Corporacion Oro Verde):

Ethically sourced gold supplier, providing artisanal gold from Columbia. Dedicated to their environment and local communities. A Stakeholder Alliance Member of [ARM](#).

www.greengold-oroverde.org

The Ethical Bullion Company (EBC):

Ethically sourced gold bullion from artisanal miners. Working closely with ARM ([Association for Responsible Mining](#)).

www.ethicalbullion.com

Pride Diamonds:

A socially responsible diamond mining company, reinvesting profits in source local communities, bringing socially responsible rough diamonds to market. Based in Sierra Leone.

www.pridediamonds.com

Urth Solution:

Supplier of ethical gold from Madagascar and Bolivia. www.urthsolution.com

Nature's Geometry:

Supplier of rutilated quartz; Brian Cook; natgeo@sonic.net
General website: www.naturesgeometry.com

Tanzania Women Miners' Association:

Supplier of Tanzanian gemstones. Contact Shamsa Diwani shdiwani@yahoo.com

Impressione:

A jewelry manufacturing company based in the Philippines that values ethical production. www.impressione.biz

Faire Edelsteine (Thomas Siepelmeyer):

www.faire-edelsteine.de.

Contact info: epupa@web.de

This company has made several inroads into fair trade sourcing. His website is in German.

Gemkit Enterprises Ltd:

An IFAT registered company out of Kenya. This website is a sister company that provides beads and some cut gems.

www.geocities.com/gemkitent/sapphire.html (*Note: currently, their home page is not up and running*)

GET INVOLVED

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

Manufacturing Group
Colored Gemstone Group
Diamond Group
Precious Metal Mining.

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