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Reznikov's Fine Jewelry Accepted for Membership in the American Gem Society

San Antonio, TX-- Reznikov's Fine Jewelry, was accepted for Retail Firm membership in the American Gem Society (AGS).

"We are proud to have Reznikov's Fine Jewelry, join our organization," said John Carter, CGA, and President of the American Gem Society Board of Directors. "The staff at Reznikov's Fine Jewelry shares the American Gem Society's commitment to consumer protection through ongoing gemological education and a high standard of business ethics. We encourage anyone shopping for fine jewelry to visit their store and see how they can help you find the perfect piece of jewelry."

The American Gem Society has been dedicated to proven ethics, knowledge and consumer protection since 1934. Only one in 20 retail jewelers has chosen to meet the exacting standards required for membership. In addition to satisfying the American Gem Society's criteria, including recertification on a yearly basis, members have shown a proven commitment to their community and the highest standards of ethical practice. When purchasing fine jewelry, shop with confidence by visiting a credentialed American Gem Society jeweler.

You can find an American Gem Society jeweler at ags.org/findajeweler. For more information regarding the American Gem Society, please call 866.805.6500 or visit the AGS website at www.americangemsociety.org.

About the American Gem Society

The American Gem Society, founded in 1934 by Robert M. Shipley, is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to proven ethics, knowledge, and consumer protection within the jewelry industry. The American Gem Society is a professional organization awarding

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credentials for its members, who are held to the highest ethical and professional standards in the industry and must pass annual recertification examinations to maintain their titles. Less than one in 20 jewelers in the country have chosen to meet the exacting standards necessary for membership.

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If you would like to find out more about hosting one of our wonderful students, please contact Vicki Odom at (832) 455-7881 or email at vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com. I can get you started in helping to make the world a better place to live.



Pollinators

– Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

There are many animal pollinators, most of those being insects. Probably the most well-known of pollinator insects are bees and more specifically, honeybees. Honeybees are pollinators, but only make up a small portion of the bee population around the world. Most bees are solitary and nest in the ground. Solitary bees are not aggressive and many are stingless, so people should not be afraid of them.



Butterflies and moths are also important pollinators. Unfortunately, due to habitat destruction and other factors, their populations are on the decline. If you want to provide habitat for butterflies and moths, you need to be sure to fulfill the requirements of all life stages. Host plants are needed for egg laying and caterpillar feeding; nectar plants are needed for adult feeding; and overwintering sites are needed for various stages.



Flies are an often-overlooked pollinator. With their poor reputation for carrying diseases, many people consider flies to be pests. Flies can be beneficial by fitting into food webs, breaking down waste material, feeding on some species of insects, and pollinating plants (including some food crops such as apples and peppers).

Ideas to help conserve pollinators:

- Plant native plants that provide nectar blooms spring, summer, and fall
 - o Provide a variety of colors
 - o Provide a variety of flower/ bloom shapes
 - o Provide multiple levels of plants (groundcover, shrubs, trees, etc.)
 - o Plant in clumps of the same plant to make it easier for pollinators to find them
- Reduce turf and replace with flowering plants
- Plant native bunch grasses to provide food and shelter for insects
- Allow fallen leaves to remain on property to provide shelter
- Create areas of bare soil for ground nesting bees (choose sunny areas that will provide dry soil)
 - Use integrated pest management to reduce pesticide use
 - Provide water in a SAFE manner for insects; use shallow dishes with rocks, stones, sand, or some substrate to allow insects to drink without drowning

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com





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