

Dear friends!

We represent to your attention the current issue of "Precious and decorative stones of Ukraine" magazine, in which we have prepared a series of scientific and popular publications of our regular and new authors.

The results of complex gemological study of a pearl/nacre doublet insert in an antique jewelry item conducted by Yu. Gayevsky and O. Belichenko, the experts of the State Gemological Center of Ukraine will be informative for gemologists.

O. Zhurukhina, the head of the scientific research department of Desiatynna church Museum, tells about the stone inserts in antique jewelry of the X-XIII centuries, found during archaeological research in Kyiv. Author pay attention to the morphological and technological characteristics of objects, ways of delivery of raw materials and products, as well as preferences of certain types of inserts.

A group of scientists, namely K. Derevska, V. Nesterovskyi, S. Isaev, S.Kozhenevskyy, K. Rudenko, prepared a publication about the building material of religious buildings in Kievan Rus, which describes the use of Ovruch quartzite in the construction of church buildings in Kiev X-XII centuries.

M. Kosmachova and I. Kolosova inform about the gemstones from the exhibition of the Natural History Museum of V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, and the possibility of their use for gemologists training.

An interesting article by V. Nesterovskyi and S. Trykolenko is about the traditions of using coral jewelry in Ukrainian culture, which have become an authentic element of the national women's clothing.

We wish you a pleasant acquaintance with the presented material, inspiration in life and new successes in the field of gemology!

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