

*From the Desk of  
Colin Bennett Jr.*

We had a wonderful time this year at the wine festival in downtown Livermore. We had a booth, and it gave us the pleasure of meeting new people, and saying hello to old friends we already have. We introduced our new line of Pandora Jewelry, and I must say it was a big success. The Pandora line is a success all across America, so we are very happy and proud to offer it in our area, in sterling silver and also in 14K yellow gold. If you haven't had the opportunity to see it, please stop by, and have a look.

We have trunk shows also lined up for the summer months, starting with the Livingstone line of color jewelry the third week in May. Livingstone has been so popular, not only for the beautiful color gemstones and the excellent quality they offer, but also for the price point. Its hard now a days to get good value, but we at Caratti Jewelers can offer top quality jewelry at very reasonable pricing.

Please stop by to get your calendar of events of planned trunk shows, you are in for a treat.

*What is a Goldsmith?*

A goldsmith is a very talented individual, one that has gone through years of special training. Their skill can also be in design. They form metals using filing, soldering, and forging, casting, and polishing.

What is the benefit of buying from a Goldsmith who also owns a Jewelry store?

When you purchase from a goldsmith owned store, you can be assured of top quality, as they take pride in their work.

Of course not all goldsmiths are as good as the one we have here at Caratti Jewelers but we are very proud to say that our owner, Colin Bennett Jr, does an outstanding job in all our repairs as well as custom design work. Colin has trained for many years, and it shows in his work.

All our repairs are done on premises, which is something our customers appreciate, and feel confident about when leaving their beautiful jewelry and heirlooms.

If you need a piece of jewelry appraised, we can help you there too. There is nothing that we can not do for you.

*May Birthstone "*

*Emerald*

There is so much information about the emerald, I wanted to share some facts and folk lore with you.

Emerald is one of the most precious gemstones available today. It comes from the Beryl family, and is a green crystal known as the "stone of spring" and once thought to bestow eternal youth.

They also are said to increase inspiration and to endow the wearer with patience. They are believed to enhance memory and to endow the wearer with the ability to see situations clearly.

The emerald has always been associated with fertility and birth and also with the eyes.

The emperor Nero is said to have had an emerald eyeglass, but this is unlikely as the stones are usually much too clouded for this purpose.