



TUCSON TIME!

It's Tucson time again - time to fly South and get free of this SNOW!

This newsletter is a BIG preparation for the biggest (gem) show on Earth. So, hold on!

First up is sharpening your Tucson buying teeth by checking-out this [report of a rough scam](#) that came my way from Africa.

What's wrong with this picture (above)?

If you really want to know, click through and check out the report. The money you save may be your own...

FACETING ACADEMY 2017 OPENS

The Spring Faceting Academy is now OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT. We've added additional time and material to bring this event to OVER ONE HUNDRED HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.

[CLICK HERE to learn more.](#) Or, click the button to go directly to enrollment.

If you're serious about your faceting career or hobby - ready to take the brakes off and get past all the frustration and into the fun and productivity, grab one of ONLY TEN SEATS AVAILABLE.

They're going to go fast!

Meet Frank and Julie

Frank Umberger, Faceting Academy Graduate, and his lovely wife Julie are partners in jewelry art.

We're pleased to feature them in our Graduates' Galleries on the Academy site. Check their gallery for a taste of what they'll be showing at our Academy of Faceting Artists booth at the [22nd St. Show](#) in Tucson!





Meet Oke and Mark

Oke Millett, Faceting Academy Graduate and GIA GG, and his partner Mark Raymond are proprietors of Discovery Gems and Jewellery.

They are now featured in our Graduates' Galleries on the Academy site. Check their gallery for a glimpse of the goodies they'll be showing at our Academy of Faceting Artists booth at the [22nd St. Show](#) in Tucson!

Simple Sapphire Snowflake

This new design was slated for release at Christmas. In the major pre-Tucson site update, it's finally live.

The design is pretty fast and easy to cut - and the accompanying free video shows some of the tricks of strategic facet sequencing to prevent over-cutting, and to save time. I hope you enjoy.



The Alien Pear

A new design to celebrate Halloween - and also just now live on the site. This is an intermediate CAM architecture with a checkerboard crown. This design will liven-up darker materials.

You'll want a pretty strong faceting game if you're going to do this one well - or log-in and make use of the detailed step-by-step video available to site members.

The Academy of Faceting Artists

A co-op of select graduates from the International Faceting Academy comprise the Academy of Faceting Artists. They will be showing their gemstone art, including collaborative works with metal artists, at [the 22nd St show](#) in Tucson. Find them under the colorful banner like this one:



Expect to find some excellent faceting work in an interesting variety of materials, along with metal work of various kinds, from PMC silver to fine Gold. I will be showing with the group, bringing some new carvings, new mixed-stone pieces, and some collector's stones, including the Spectrum Sunset record-holding flawless Oregon Sunstone:



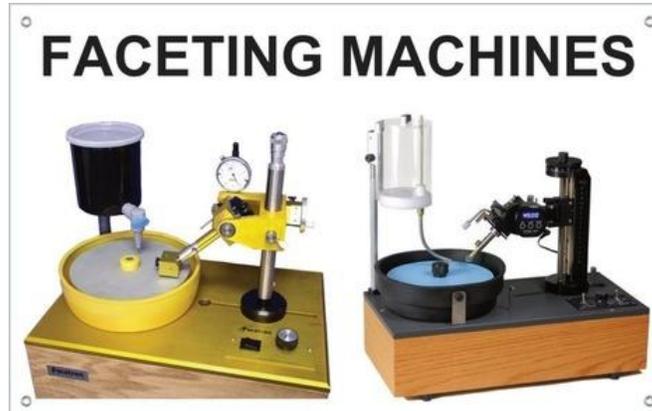
The Academy of Faceting Artists booth will be a happening event, with demonstration faceting on both Facetron and Ultra Tec machines, questions and answers about the Faceting Academy - and lots of perks available only at the show - like [DEALS on machines](#), [Voodoo polish](#), [rough](#) - and [special perks I'm not even announcing... You gotta be there to see.](#)

If there are any seats still left by show-time, I'll be personally taking sign-ups for 2017 Faceting Academy training events. [Come see me for special at-show-only perks!](#)

TUCSON ADVANCE ORDERS

I'm going to have a limited amount of Voodoo Magic Faceting Polish - and a limited number of faceting machines on-hand for special bonus deals.

If you want to pick up your polish in person at Tucson, please [order Voodoo in advance](#).



If you want to pick up a new [Facetron](#) or [Ultra Tec](#) faceting machine at Tucson, it would be a good idea to order it in advance to insure I've got one there for you. At show-time they tend to go very quickly, and we have limited space to keep them on hand.

More Facetron Videos

There are more new videos on the Official Facetron Video page - which can now be accessed directly at the URL: FacetronVideos.com.

Newly up are additions to Chapter 5 on using the hard and soft-stop controls, and to Chapter 10 on saving your splash pan, protecting your quill, and preventing "head" aches. Please check them out and tell me what you think!



The Luck Makers

If you've been a subscriber to my newsletter or a student in any of my events you already know I think artistic development is a path of self development. And, you aren't surprised when I share articles along those lines. This one is no exception.

[I found this article inspiring](#). It's about people who captured their dreams by setting aside idle wishes and dedicating the time, attention and effort it takes to achieve what others may only see as good fortune. It reminds me of the people I try to surround myself with - people who are always overflowing with dreams - and always taking action in the process of making them come true. I hope you enjoy it - and that it starts something in you.

This year, 2017 - "Are you ready to make your own luck?"
Shout back and tell me that you are - and how you're going to do that.

Maybe you'll be telling me by e-mail, or maybe you'll be doing it in person - maybe at Tucson - or maybe at a live event at the International Faceting Academy...