

# Iowa Jewelers Association Design Contest

Each year Iowa Jewelers gather from across the state for educational seminars and social events.

During this time, jewelry designers are encouraged to enter specially created pieces of jewelry for competition, in either the professional or the student categories.

There are three professional categories, based on the cost of materials used in the production of the piece. First place winners in each professional category will receive trophies, while second and third place winners will receive plaques.

The student category will have one first place winner.

One winner will be chosen from the three professional categories as the Best of Show winner.

The Best of Show winner will be sent to the Jewelers of America National Competition and exhibited at the Spring JA New York Show.

Winners will be announced and design pieces displayed on Saturday evening at the Annual Conference. Attendees will also vote on a People's Choice award at the Saturday event.



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## Design Contest Information and Rules

### Professional

Anyone who is employed by an IJA retail member store or associate member.

Cost of Materials:

- Level 1: \$3000 & up
- Level 2: \$1000 to \$2999
- Level 3: \$1000 or less

### Student

Anyone employed in the jewelry industry for at least six months, but no more than three years, and is currently employed by an IJA retail member store or an IJA associate member .

Cost of Materials: \$250 maximum



2008 Best of Show Winner  
Created by Steve Copley  
Copley Fine Jewelry, Vinton, IA

# Entry Guidelines

**Judging Criteria:** Overall Design  
 Craftsmanship  
 Practicality/Wearability  
 Marketability



# Iowa Jewelers Association Annual Design Contest

August ??? 2009  
 Cedar Rapids or  
 Waterloo, Iowa

1. All entries must be the designer's own original concept, produced within 18 months of the competition deadline and never before entered in competition. Other individuals may be involved in the production of the piece; however the designer will be recognized for this contest.
2. All entries must be produced by an employee of an IJA member store or Associate member. CAD pieces are welcome.
3. There is a \$35 fee for each entry, with each entry having a separate entry form. Please make copies if necessary. Add \$15, if not attending conference, requiring piece be returned by secure shipper.
4. Only precious metals and genuine stones may be used in the professional categories. Students may use non-precious metals and synthetic stones.
5. All entries must be made in accordance with industry standards.
6. Commercial findings, such as heads and prong settings, may be used to set gemstones, but commercially made ornamental elements and ring shanks may not be used. Any design composed primarily of commercially made parts will not qualify as an original design.
7. Each designer is limited to one entry per category.
8. Winners will be announced and design pieces displayed on Saturday night at the 2009 Annual Conference. Attendees will also vote on a People's Choice award.
9. **Entries must be received by the 8/3/09 deadline to be included in the contest.**

## Design Contest Entry Form

**Deadline for submission: 8/3/09**

One Entry per Entry Form. One Entry per designer per Category.

Entrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Store Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Store Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City ST ZIP

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City ST ZIP

Please check the appropriate Category: Professional: Level 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Level 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cost of Materials: \$3000 and up \$1000 - \$2999 \$1000 or less  
 Student \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cost of Materials: \$250 maximum

Cost of Materials \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For custom remount, include cost of customer's stones)

Description of Piece and History of Manufacturing: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please provide a sketch of entry here.

**Send entries by 8/3/09 to: Doland Jewelers, 1611 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA 52804.**

**A \$35.00 Entry Fee must be submitted with each application.**  
**Add \$15.00 extra, if not attending conference, requiring piece be returned by secure shipper.**

I certify that the entry submitted is my own original design, and that no outside contract labor, except for casting, has been employed in the production of this piece.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_