

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

Jerry Call

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Lapidary

Jerry, the former owner of the “Rio Dòce Gem Mine” in Spruce Pine, NC. has been faceting gems for over 40 years. At one time he worked for GIA before opening his own rock shop and becoming part owner of several Brazilian gem mines. He taught faceting classes at his business and sold faceting rough as well as other lapidary carvings, jewelry and supplies. Now retired, Jerry and his wife have moved to Brazil.

When the large “Carolina Emerald” crystal was found in Hiddenite, NC, Jerry was asked to cut it for the owner. The finished gem was a perfect stone weighing more than 13 carats and certified by GIA. In addition he has faceted many other world class gems, some of which are in the Smithsonian Institution gem collection.

Jerry has been mentioned numerous times by authors of books on the lapidary arts including June Culp Zeitners’ book *Gem and Lapidary Materials*.