

# NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

## Russ Kaniuth

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Lapidary



As a lapidary artist and member of the Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society, Russ Kaniuth has turned a much loved hobby, into a thriving online community that not only launched his own business, but helped thousands get their start . For over 16 years Russ has been a lapidary artist, first as a hobby , then as full time employment.

Providing lapidary education from his own experience and sharing his extraordinary cabochons every week on the Cabs and Slabs Facebook group he has opened . Cabs and Slabs has branched off into 3 other groups- each group has helped, and continues to help, slab sellers, jewelry professionals, and other lapidary artists.

His contribution to Lapidary is much more than the natural gift and lapidary expertise his work exhibits. Featured in the February 2016 Issue of Rock & Gem Magazine Russ Kaniuth is known by many as "The King Of Hearts" for his popular heart cabochons, which are collected both for their artistry, and their maker. Russ is also an established writer with Rock & Gem Magazine. As the "What To Cut" monthly author he helps other lapidary artist learn more about the stones and how to cut them, both safely, and with expertise.

Continuing to educate new artists as well as established with all he has learned both through his writing, his work , and the thriving groups growing by hundreds daily created by him. For all of these reasons, as well as his tremendous natural talent, the incredible contribution he has made to the lapidary community, volunteering his time to help change peoples lives through education and guidance with a talent, and gift he shares willingly he is a worthy addition to the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame.