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The 2014 Leon Ritzler Honorary Member Award

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Spring 2014 –Versatile Nature Colors

2014 AGTA Spectrum<sup>™</sup> Awards Profile: Marg Helgenberger

2014 Color Forecast Spectrum<sup>™</sup> Retrospective

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**1ST PLACE** James Currens, J. W. Currens, Inc. Platinum "Tropical Storm" ring featuring a 22.10 ct. Emerald accented with Diamonds (11.47 ctw.).



#### 2ND PLACE

*Maurice Di Biaggio, Di Biaggio LLC* Sterling silver with 24K and 18K plated gold "Butterfly" brooch featuring Agate accented with Tourmalines, Citrines and cubic zirconias.



# 3rd Place

Deirdre Featherstone, Featherstone Design Platinum "Coleman's Smokey Blues" earrings featuring cushion-cut blue Spinels (3.86 ctw.) and lavender Spinels (4.02 ctw.) accented with multi-colored Sapphires, Garnets, Tourmalines and Diamonds.

# CLASSICAL



## PLATINUM HONORS

John Ford, John Ford Jewelers Platinum ring featuring a 5.76 ct. black Opal accented with Diamonds (2.44 ctw.).



#### PLATINUM INNOVATION

*Richard Nobrega, Bailey's Fine Jewelry* Platinum pendant featuring a 6.80 ct. cushion, brilliant-cut Citrine accented with Diamonds (.03 ctw.).



# Gem Diva Award

*Erica Courtney, Erica Courtney* 18K yellow gold ring featuring a 5.08 ct. Alexandrite accented with round, marquise and half-moon Diamonds (2.53 ctw.).



## MANUFACTURING HONORS

James Kaya, James Kaya Platinum and 18K gold "Stardust" earrings featuring 14mm black Tahitian cultured Pearls, 12mm gold cultured Pearls and 10mm white cultured Pearls accented with Diamonds (1.55 ctw.).



HONORABLE MENTION Mark Patterson, Mark Patterson 18K white gold "Zen Snake" earrings featuring two pear-shaped Kunzites (34.94 ctw.) accented with Diamonds (1.08 ctw.).



Your exceptional designs beautifully demonstrate how well platinum, the world's most precious naturally white metal, complements brilliantly colored stones. Your achievements inspire us all.

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#### "PLATINUM HONORS" 2014 WINNERS

ENTRY PLATINUM INNOVATION BRIDAL WEAR: WILLIAM TRAVIS
PLATINUM HONORS BUSINESS DAY WEAR: MICHAEL ENDLICH, PAVE FINE JEWELRY
S. 1ST PLACE EVENING WEAR: LEON MEGÉ
ENTRY PLATINUM INNOVATION CLASSICAL: RICHARD NOBREGA, BAILEY'S FINE JEWELRY
S. PLATINUM HONORS BRIDAL WEAR: BELLA CAMPBELL, CAMPBELLIAN
ENTRY PLATINUM INNOVATION BUSINESS DAY WEAR: WILLIAM TRAVIS
T. PLATINUM HONORS CLASSICAL: JOHN FORD
BEST USE OF PLATINUM AND COLOR: FEATHERSTONE
PLATINUM HONORS MENS WEAR: DAVID HINES, NVIT BLANCHE
PLATINUM HONORS EVENING WEAR: HOWARD DONSKY, JEFFREY HOWARD, INC.
BEST OF SHOW AND FIRST PLACE CLASSICAL: J.W. CURRENS

