

Lighting strikes: An island jeweler's designs are dazzling people around the world. **John Ford**, owner of **John Ford Jewelers**, 2114 61st St., late last month participated among a select group of designers from around the world in the **Jewelry Information Center** Jewelry Preview. The preview is a yearly event showcasing hot new trends in jewelry to top fashion editors, the stylists to stars, bloggers and the general press. Ford displayed a black opal and diamond pendant featuring 7.19 carats of gem quality black opals, accented with 1.26 carats of round, brilliant cut diamonds set in 18-carat white gold from his Lightning Ridge Collection. Ford is launching that collection this fall.

"I am very proud that my jewelry made here in Galveston is being seen and appreciated on the world stage," Ford said.