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"The Maxine"

John Ford's Winning Design

by Lee Roane



Left, "The Maxine" Designed by John Ford, AGTA Spectrum Award Winner

Below, John Touring a Lightning Ridge Mine

This July, at the peak of Galveston Island, Texas's balmy summer, John Ford and his youngest son Christopher packed a few sweaters and jackets, left their shorts and flip flops, and boarded a twenty hour flight. And then rented a SUV for a ten hour drive. They finally ended up in Lightning Ridge, Australia. The Gulf Coast seagulls soaring above the barrier island sand were replaced by kangaroos bouncing around on something not unlike a moonscape.

John's made the trip several times, but he says this one ended with a nice surprise that made it special.

John Ford Jewelers was awarded Platinum Honors in the Classical Division of the American Gem Trade Association's 2014 Spectrum Awards. The award-winning ring features a black opal that he purchased in Lightning Ridge.

John named the ring "The Maxine" in honor of Maxine O'Brien, manager of the Lightning Ridge Miners Association Ltd., in recognition of all her hard work and dedication promoting Australian opals. The ring from Ford's Lightning Ridge Collection contains an oval black opal weighing 5.76 carats, accented by

2.44 carats of round and baguette diamonds set in platinum.

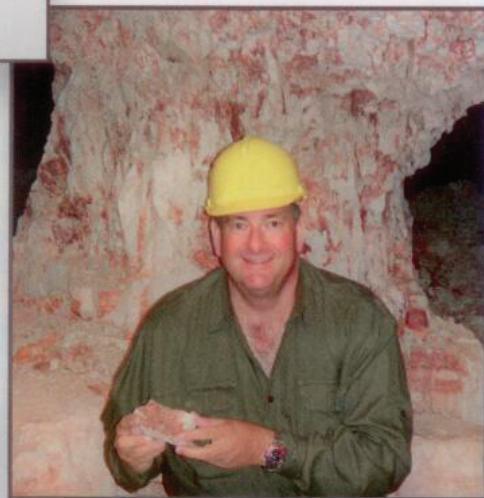
"After a night at the Bowling Club, I always leave with a few stories worth sharing with my Texas friends."



John and Namesake, Maxine O'Brien

"Getting to catch up with Maxine and share life stories is always special," says Ford.

After leaving Lightning Ridge, the Australian visit culminated when he and Christopher were honored to meet Brook Holland, the 'Opal Queen of Lightning Ridge,' at the



Australian opal exposition on the Gold Coast.

Back on Galveston Island, the good news arrived once again when Ford learned that jewelry insider and editor of Jewelry Trends from the Red Carpet to the Jewelry Box, Cheryl Kremkow, had cast her vote for the second piece of jewelry John had entered into the Gem Association's Awards. The piece is an elaborate ladies black opal and diamond necklace with companion earrings containing 76.15 carats of Lightning Ridge opals, accented by 8.60 carats of round brilliant cut diamonds set in 18k yellow gold.

John says he's already started to plan his next gem sourcing journey. But first, he looks forward to seeing Maxine and his other Aussie friends who'll be joining him February 8th at the AGTA Awards Gala.

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