

2009

Category 1 - Design Drawing for Student/Novice



Nadine Binder from Sydney, NSW

Winner

"Nubilis"

Category 2 – Novice/Non Professional



Sandra deJong from Winton. Qld **Winner**

"Ocean Life"

"Ocean Life" is a pendant made from one large boulder opal with silver necklace, pearls are used to enhance the piece.

The shape of the colour reminded me of the fish fossils found in the outback. The colours symbolise the ocean. As pearls are part of the marine, they are the perfect combination for this piece.

I wanted minimal added to the stone as it speaks for itself but the necklace is part of the piece to complement this beautiful stone.

Category 3 – Apprentices/Students



Jessica Tolley from Bundaberg. Qld **Winner**

"Gold Gullies"

"Gold Gullies" are Dress Earrings made of 9ct white, 9ct yellow and 18ct yellow gold, set with 4 Queensland Boulder Opals.

Eyes are like living opals and so they play off each other really brilliantly. I wanted layered, textured earrings : gullies of gold, curly sheets of gold. Chip away the layers of rock to find the opal, so take away the layers of gold to uncover the gem.

Category 4 – Professional

Leon Parry from Winton. Qld **Winner**



"Poseidon"

Poseidon is a handcrafted pendant made up of five beautifully matched Quilpie blue green opals that are complimented by 80 points of G/VS brilliant cut diamonds. Opals are set in satin finished 18ct green gold, while the diamonds are set in polished 18ct white gold. Polished and heat treated purple titanium with a subtle 18ct rose gold rail set in 18ct satin finished green gold give extra dimension to the design. Poseidon's clasp is made of 18ct rose, white and green gold.

I was inspired to design and make Poseidon after seeing the wonderful deep blue green colours of Boulder Opal. They reminded me intensely of the colours of the ocean from the coral reef the deep blue abyss.

In Greek mythology Poseidon was the God of the sea, earthquakes and horses; the unique shapes of cut and polished Boulder Opal came together to form a design very similar to that of a sea horse.

Other 2009 Entrants:

Noella Chelman, Mary Pearce, Allison Savage, Rey Jelbert, Gillian Hillman, Paul Read, Catherine Serville, Katrease Prpic & Adrian Schulz, Lauren Wawrzkowicz, Adriana Reigler, Audrey Toth, Karen Pratt, Kathryn Placing, Natasha Jane Fairweather, Erin Londish, Nikki Majajas, Jenny Daskalakis, Ashleigh Sarah Foster, Paul Miles, Wendy Gordon, Jacob Teague, Gemma Bannerman, Alex Walkerden, Tiffany McHenry, Sarah Jane Whiteman, Ben Williams, Jade Hodgson