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cold-connected  
pendant  
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## create contrast!

- Cut a subtly patterned cabochon
- Inset a bright, faceted gem
- Splash with satin-polished silver
- Bezel-set in stone-studded, silver-spiked copper with textured bail

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make this  
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Curve  
Metal  
Precisely  
with the right tools

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1st Place, Gold Distinction  
Julie Lynn Romanenko,  
Gold Cuff  
14K gold, diamond slice,  
brilliant round diamonds

## Vision Award Winners

MJSA recently announced the 2012 winners of its annual Vision Awards design contest. The MJSA Vision Awards honor both design prowess and technical skill, and recognize outstanding talent in the field of jewelry design. The awards this year include Design Excellence and Visionary Technical Solution, in addition to a variety of Distinction Categories, including Gold, Laser, Palladium, Platinum, and Custom Design. Finally, a "Future of the Industry" award recognizes the designs of students enrolled in jewelry making and design programs.

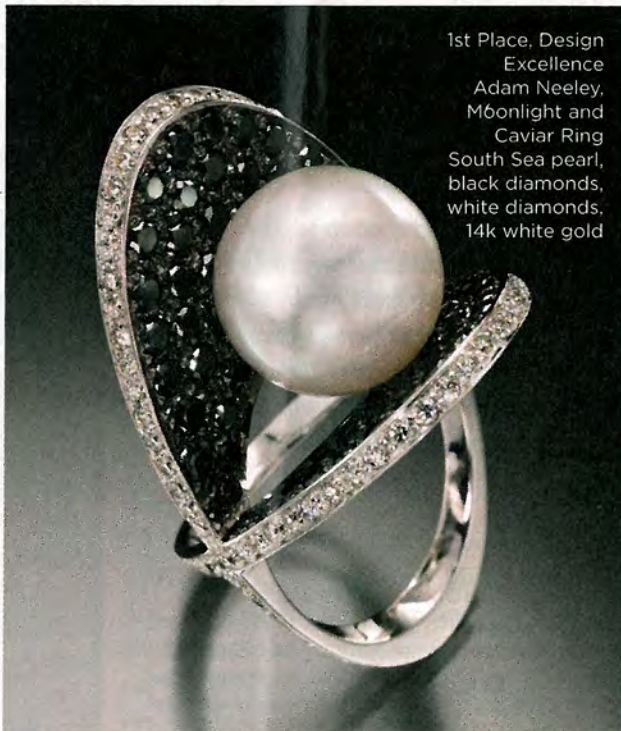
The judges of this year's competition were Michael Coan, Fashion Institute of Technology; Cindy Edelstein, Jewelers Resource Bureau; Sarah Graham, Sarah Graham Metalsmithing; Todd Reed, Todd Reed Inc.; Marlene Richey, Consultant; and Tina Snyder, MJSA.

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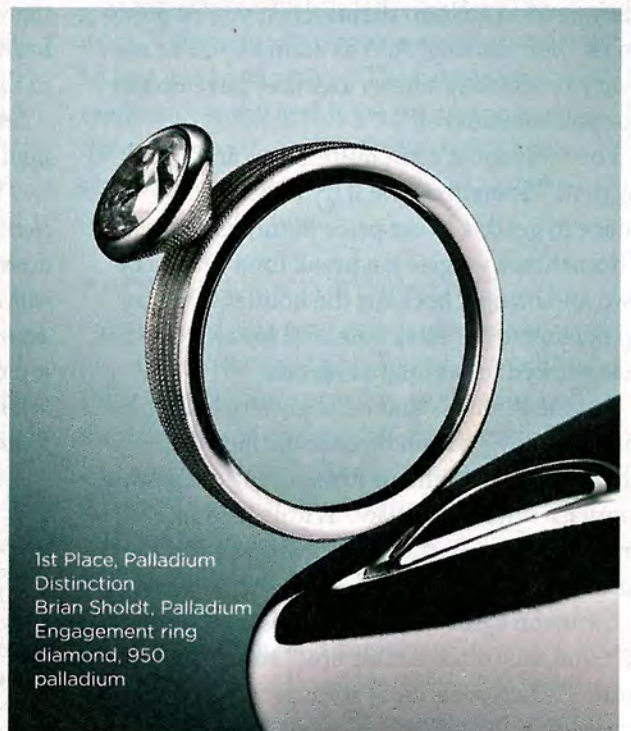
1st Place, Laser Distinction  
Julie Buckareff,  
Rocky Crystal Quartz  
Flower Brooch  
Rock crystal quartz,  
pink diamonds, Peruvian  
opal, 18K rose gold,  
palladium



1st Place, Design Excellence  
Adam Neeley,  
Moonlight and  
Caviar Ring  
South Sea pearl,  
black diamonds,  
white diamonds,  
14k white gold



1st Place, Palladium Distinction  
Brian Sholdt, Palladium  
Engagement ring  
diamond, 950  
palladium







1st Place, Platinum Distinction  
Brian Sholdt, Fern Finish Platinum Ring  
Platinum, iridium, diamonds



1st Place, Visionary Technical Solution  
Edward Mirell, Safari Gold & Black Ti Ring  
14k gold, black titanium



1st Place, Custom Design Distinction  
Mark Schneider, Black and White Ring  
14K white gold, black and white acrylic, magnet, black and white diamonds



## Repoussé Workshop

The Valentin Yotkov Studio in Brooklyn, New York, will offer a hands-on workshop in ornamental chasing and repoussé April 12-16. Students will develop basic to intermediate skills and explore different ways to apply these techniques. Individual ideas and style will be strongly encouraged. Previous experience is helpful, but not required. All classes are taught by master silversmith Valentin Yotkov. Tuition for the workshop is \$1250.

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