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**EQUIPMENT AND BOOKS FOR THE
N.A.G. REGISTERED VALUER
(Updated)**

EQUIPMENT

THE N.A.G. Valuations Committee lists below the *minimum* equipment they **recommend** every N.A.G. Registered Valuer should possess in order that they can operate as a competent professional.

The Committee has given the matter careful consideration and believes that every valuer should aspire to own the equipment listed. The Committee wishes to stress that the items listed by no means represent a fully comprehensive choice of the range of instruments available to assist a valuer in his/her ability to appraise jewellery, silver, etc.

However, the Committee felt it advisable to put forward a list such as this to give guidance to our N.A.G. Registered Valuers and potential N.A.G. Registered Valuers.

The Committee wishes to stress that the equipment is **recommended** only. We appreciate that to equip yourself with all the items mentioned would involve a considerable financial investment hence the reason we are only **recommending** those listed and not making them compulsory.

- ◆ **Refractometer with light source**
- ◆ **Spectroscope**
- ◆ **Microscope with dark field illumination**
- ◆ **Mega-loupe**
- ◆ **Light source such as a fibre optic**
- ◆ **10x loupe**
- ◆ **20x loupe**
- ◆ **Chelsea colour filter**
- ◆ **Millimetre digital gauge, eg for measuring diameters**
- ◆ **Millimetre measuring gauge, ie Presidium or Leveridge**
- ◆ **Accurate weighing apparatus**
- ◆ **GemDialogue™**
- ◆ **150 ounces troy stiller (spring balance)**
- ◆ **CZ colour grading set**
- ◆ **accurate weighing scales (up to 150g)**

Most of the above items are available from the **Gem-A**. Please visit their website at **www.gem-a.info** to find a catalogue of the full range of instruments available. Don't forget to mention you are a member of the N.A.G. and you'll get a **5% discount**.

BOOKS

THE N.A.G. Valuations Committee lists overleaf books they **recommend** covering the topics of diamonds, gemmology, jewellery, silver, coins, watches and clocks - all topics handled on a daily basis by the average N.A.G. Registered Valuer.

In order to carry out research on items you are called upon to value you need a library of reference books. The Committee has given careful consideration to the books they believe

every valuer should aspire to own. The books listed are by no means a fully comprehensive selection – there are many other books on the topics listed above which would complement any valuer's library. However, the Committee felt it advisable to put forward a list such as this to give guidance to our N.A.G. Registered Valuers and potential N.A.G. Registered Valuers.

The Committee wishes to stress that these books are **recommended** only. We appreciate that to equip your library with all the books mentioned would involve a considerable financial investment hence the reason we are only **recommending** those listed and not making them compulsory.

However, at the very least every N.A.G. Registered Valuer should have **at least one book on each topic and the following ‘must-haves’**: “**The Valuer’s Guide**”, a **personal portfolio** (containing price lists, N.A.G. Information Sheets, etc) and, if possible, “**The Guide**” by Richard Drucker (pricing guide).

NB – We quote ISBN numbers for editions held by the Committee. Other editions have different ISBN numbers.

Unfortunately, many of the books are out-of-print but second-hand copies may be available.

DIAMONDS

The Dealers’ Book of Gems and Diamonds by Sevdermish & Mashiah (Two volumes also covering coloured gemstones. Comprehensive work on diamonds.) ISBN 9659007205 and 9659007213.

The Diamond Ring Buying Guide (sixth edition) by Renée Newman. ISBN 0929975324.
NB: as an addition to the above not an alternative.

The GIA Diamond Dictionary by Richard Liddicoat. ISBN 0873110269.

Diamond Grading ABC by V Pagel Theisen. ISBN 3980043460.

GEMMOLOGY

Gems (sixth edition) by Robert Webster, edited by Michael O’Donoghue. ISBN 978-0-7198-0341-3.

The Gemmologists’ Compendium and Practical Gemmology both by Robert Webster. ISBN 978-0-7198-0291-1 and 0668046090.

Gem Testing (tenth edition) by B W Anderson. ISBN 0408023201.

Gemstones: Eyewitness Handbook by Cally Hall. ISBN 0751310263.

The Handbook of Gem Identification by Richard Liddicoat, published by the GIA. ISBN 0873110064.

NB: this is due to be rewritten

Gemmology (paperback) by Peter Read. ISBN 978-0-7198-036-1.

Practical Gem Testing by David Lewis, published by N.A.G. Press. ISBN 0719800412.

Gemstones of the World by Walter Schumann. ISBN 978-0-7198-0301-7.

Photoatlas of Inclusions in Gemstones, Vols 1 and 2 by E J Gübelin & J I Koivula, published by ABC. ISBN 3855040958 and 3039990292.
NB: Volume 3 is scheduled for publication in 2007.

Tables of Gemstone Identification by Brigit Gunther, published by Elizabeth Lenzen. ISBN 3980029239.

The Dealers’ Book of Gems and Diamonds by Sevdermish & Mashiah.
NB: also entered under the section on diamonds.

Gemstone Weight Estimation by Charles Carmona. ISBN 0966637003.

Student’s Guide to Spectroscopy by Colin Winter. ISBN 0954485300.

MISCELLANEOUS GEMSTONES AND GEM MATERIALS

Identifying Man-Made Gems by Michael O’Donoghue. ISBN 0719801117.

Man-Made Gemstones by Dennis Ewell. ISBN 0470266066.

Gemstone Enhancement by Kurt Nassau, published by Butterworths. ISBN 0408014474.

Various Specialist Subjects

Jade by Fred Ward. ISBN 1887651063.

Opals by Fred Ward. ISBN 1887651047.

Pearls - Their Origin, Treatment and Identification by Jean Taburiaux.
ISBN 0801977134.

Ultraviolet Guide to Minerals by Sterling Gleason (available from Ultra-Violet Products Inc, San Gabriel, CA 91778, USA).
ISBN 0442027214.

Journals

The Journal of Gemmology available from the Gem-A.

Gems & Gemology available from the GIA.

JEWELLERY

Understanding Jewellery by David Bennett & Daniella Mascetti, published by the Antique Collectors' Club. ISBN 1851490752.

An Illustrated Dictionary of Jewelry by Harold Newman, published by Thames & Hudson. ISBN 0500233098.

Antique & Twentieth Century Jewellery by Vivienne Becker. ISBN 978-0-7198-0171-6.

The Price Guide to Jewellery by Michael Poynder, published by Antique Collectors' Club. ISBN 0902028502.

Silver & Jewellery Prices at UK Auctions (2001-2005) edited by John Ainsley, published by AIS. ISBN 09546479720.

Jewellery: Makers, Motifs, History, Techniques by Diana Scarisbrick, Jack Ogden, Ronald Lightbrown, Peter Hinks, Patricia Bayer, Vivienne Becker & Helen Craven, published by Thames & Hudson. ISBN 0500014655.

Retail Jeweller's Guide (sixth edition) by Kenneth Blakemore, revised by Eddie Stanley. ISBN 978-0-7198-0033-7.

Poincons d'Or et De Platine by Tardy.
ISBN 2901622151.

SILVER

Jackson's Hallmarks: English, Scottish, Irish Silver and Gold Marks from 1300 to the Present Day by Ian Pickford (pocket edition).
ISBN 1851491694.

International Hallmarks on Silver by Tardy.
ISBN 0911403078.

Illustrated Dictionary to Silverware by Harold Newman, published by Thames & Hudson.
ISBN 0500281963.

Price Guide to Antique Silver by Peter Waldron, published by Antique Collectors' Club. ISBN 0907462081.

The Sotheby's Directory of Silver 1600-1940 by Vanessa Brett (available from Sotheby's).
ISBN 0856671932.

Illustrated Guide to Silver by Margaret Holland, published by Peerage Books.
ISBN 1850520194.

Macdonald Guide to Buying Antique Silver and Sheffield Plate by Rachel Field, published by Macdonald-Orbis. ISBN 0356123820.

Silver Flatware - English, Irish and Scottish 1660-1980 by Ian Pickford, published by the Antique Collectors' Club. ISBN 0907462359.

N.A.G. Registered Valuer Scheme Flatware Pattern Book compiled by David Wilkins (out-of-print, originally available from the N.A.G.)

COINS

Coins of England and the United Kingdom published by P Seaby (available via bookshops).
ISBN 0900652497.

World Coin Catalogue, Twentieth Century by Günter Schon, published by Amos Press Inc, Ohio, USA. ISBN 0671213784.

Gold Coins of the World by Friedburg,
available from Spinks. ISBN 0871843056.
NB: includes prices.

**Keeping Time: Collecting and Caring for
Clocks** by Richard Good. ISBN 0714105627.

Victorian Clocks by Richard Good.
ISBN 0714105783.

WATCHES AND CLOCKS

Complete Price Guide to Watches by Cooksey
Shugart, Richard E Gilbert & Martha Shugart,
published by Shugart Publications.
ISBN 1574321307.

The Camerer Cuss Book of Antique Watches
by T P Camerer Cuss. ISBN 0902028332.

Pocket Watches: 19th and 20th Century by
Alan Shenton, published by the Antique
Collectors' Club. ISBN 1851492119.

MISCELLANEOUS

**Hall's Dictionary of the Subjects and
Symbols of Art** by James Hall, published by
John Murray. ISBN 0719529840.

**Fairbairn's Book of Crests of the Families of
Great Britain and Ireland, Vols I and II**
by James Fairbairn. ISBN 1850790639.

Medal Year Book by Medal News, published
by Token Publishing, available from Spinks.
ISBN 1850790639.

USEFUL ADDRESSES/CONTACTS:

Blackwells

visit the N.A.G. website at www.jewellers-online.org and click onto the **Blackwells** weblink

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5 Church Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1DS. Tel (01394) 385501.

Sotheby's

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