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CADY CARLSON DESIGNS -



They said YES to the Ring!

After a local jewelry chain told Jacob it couldn't be done, he googled local jewelry artisans, discovered me, and remembered I had served as a Camp Loughridge summer counselor under him. It's a small world! He wanted a rose gold ring set with three

ethically sourced diamonds and an inlay of

wood that held special meaning for he and his fiance. This custom design for David is also set in rose gold with a beautiful one carat inherited diamond and accented with ethically sourced melee diamonds.





For Your Valentine

♥ On a Budget - Farmed pearl earrings start at \$45 for 4.5 mm and \$75 for 7.5 mm pearl. You can add something personal like a small drop stone for a bit more. 1+ Week notice! ♥ Gifts for Him - Tie bars are trendy and can be made with any material and on any budget. 2+ Week notice!

♥ Last Minute - *cadycarlson.com* inventory or gift certificates. *1+ Day notice!*



DO wipe pearls with a soft, clean cloth after each wearing.

DO store in a climate-controlled, dark environment, preferably silk- or velvet-lined.

DO take to a jeweler who will oil them for you when DON'T ever clean in an ultrasonic machine. the luster begins to wane.

DON'T use hairspray or perfume while wearing. Putting on pearls should be the very last primping ritual.

DON'T ever wear pearls while showering or swimming. Not only can the soaps, salts, steam and/or chlorine harm the delicate enamel coating, but the water can also damage the delicate silk thread.

In the News...

Watch for the next newsletter with CCD highlights from the upcoming 2018 Tucson Gem Show in Tucson, AZ, which is one of the leading gem and jewelry events in North America for all gemstone, jewelry, and mineral industry professionals and is one of the key jewelry markets in



the world. The show brings together international wholesalers, manufacturers, designers, gem dealers, and stone cutters, showcasing new designs and ideas to tens of thousands of visitors. Gem dealers and miners bring their best rough materials, cabs, cut stones, minerals and new discoveries from Russia, Brazil, USA, Thailand, India, Madagascar, Africa, Colombia, Australia, Canada, China and other countries. Thanks to the generosity of my **awesome granny** who is sponsoring this trip, the expertise of two generous and experienced jewelry friends who live in Tucson, professional credentials, and my company's piggy bank, I hope to hit at least three of the 47 independent shows, including the AGTA Gemfair with colored gemstones, cultured pearls and workshops, the JCK Tuscon featuring designer jewelry, loose gemstones, and networking



opportunities, and the GJX which features gemstones, lapidary equipment and packaging. My goals for the show are to come away with new organization methods and programs, better sources for equipment, software and tools, more sources of ethical materials, and make a few new independent jeweler friends.... CCD recently joined the professional organization SNAG – the Society of North American Goldsmiths that supports and advances the professional practice of artists, designers, jewelers and metalsmiths and publishes the awardwinning quarterly magazine, *Metalsmith*The 2nd annual Holiday Art Show & Sale December 2 was a big hit and I met lots of new friends. Check out the newly remodeled AHHA Gift Shop in downtown Tulsa. The shop has

increased in size, variety and security. Each jeweler has a few pieces out and more in assigned pull-out drawers. On a sad note, the **Gryphon's Roost Gallery** owners in Eureka Springs, AR retired after 20+ successful years and closed shop during the holidays... We wish them well and Eureka Springs was a great market for me so hopefully I will land in another gallery soon. Also, you can check out my ever-expanding inventory available at *cadycarlson.com* and through *Shapeways.com/shops/cadycarlsondesigns...*

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Please give me a call to set a time to come by – even to just to get your jewelry cleaned, see my studio and share a scone and cup of tea.

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