



CADY CARLSON DESIGNS –

Growing Trend in Men's Jewelry

The recent men's jewelry explosion – whether for the office or the red carpet – has been reflected here in Tulsa at my studio, and in much more than just wedding rings. Men here are also finding favor with tie tacs, cuff links, and subtle necklaces.



Black Vein Onyx hand-set in NuGold. Lightweight, yet substantial enough to hold any thickness of tie.



For a recent grad who had lost a similar necklace, but we updated and inscribed on the back "U R Loved."



Hand-cast men's band with white gold, fitted with textured yellow gold.

What's in a stone?

Synthetic/Lab-Grown vs. Natural

You may have heard or read recently about the growing use of synthetic or lab-grown stones (not the same as "imitation" (fake)). The synth/labs are molecularly the same as those grown "naturally," yet are completely flawless, usually less expensive, and avoid immoral mining practices that continue to take place because laws and regulations even in the U.S. have been left quite vague. Newer processes involve either growth in a petri dish or creation under immense pressure and heat. While some still prefer naturally occurring gems which may infer more romance and character, ethically sourced stones and metals are becoming increasingly popular with both jewelers and customers. On your next purchase you may want to consider either a synth/lab stone or an upcycled heirloom jewelry piece or stone.

In the News...

Join us for the Brady District's next **First Friday Art Crawl**, **August 5**. While in the area, stop in at the AHHA (101 E Archer) and check out the CCD men's jewelry piece that landed in the juried **Tulsa Artists' Coalition's Annual Members Show** (runs through September 18). New work is available at the gift shop, too, where sales are booming – *Hooray!*



CCD is pleased to have been selected as one of five Tulsa artists on the tour portion of the **2016 Art Shuffle Show and Studio Tour** benefiting **Tulsa's Resonance Center for Women**, 1 pm to 5 pm, Sunday, **September 18**, beginning at the Resonance building, 1608 S. Elwood. Other artists on the tour are Cynthia Brown, Cheri Tatum, Kevin Byrne, and Josh Stout. Even more artists will be featured at the Show. Reserved tickets are \$5 each or \$10 at the door. For more information, contact www.resonancetulsa.org... **Shapeways**, the largest 3D printing house in the world, recently selected CCD as one of the first recommended "Designers for Hire," which has dramatically



increased business – even from places as far away as Iceland!... We were also honored to have designed the recent porcelain trophy toppers for the band participants in the recent **Hanson Hop Jams Festival**. Tulsa is fortunate the Hansons tirelessly work to support local charities, merchants, and vendors – *Mmmmbop!*...

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