C. Blackburn Jewelers Specializes in Antique Jewelry Repair

San Diego Jeweler Restores Antique and Vintage Fine Jewelry



La Jolla, California Jun 25, 2024 (Issuewire.com) - C. Blackburn Jewelers in La Jolla is establishing itself as a go-to jeweler for people who require complicated jewelry restoration services involving vintage and antique jewelry.

While most San Diego jewelers provide common <u>jewelry repair services</u>, like resizing a wedding band or securing a loose diamond in an engagement ring, restoring antique jewelry is a more painstaking process.

C. Blackburn Jewelers' owner Carl Blackburn personally oversees all of the antique jewelry repairs. While not a bench jeweler himself, Carl has supervised the manufacturing of tens of thousands of vintage and antique-inspired jewelry over the past 25 years, as well as hundreds of jewelry repair and restoration projects.

He therefore is intimately familiar with the special challenges associated with the repair of antique jewelry — challenges that sometimes lead other jewelers to say that the restoration of a particular ring, earrings, necklace, or brooch is too difficult (or that it can only be done at a very high price).

As a 2nd generation estate jeweler, Carl Blackburn has deep knowledge of all antique jewelry periods (such as Georgian, Victorian, Edwardian, and Art Deco), which is critical when restoring these pieces accurately.

In addition, Carl often works with antique cut diamonds when designing his own custom engagement rings and fine jewelry. For example, old mine cut and old European cut diamonds, French cut diamonds, and antique cushion cut diamonds. He also frequently buys antique diamonds and colored gemstones like rubies and emeralds on the estate jewelry market.

C. Blackburn Jewelers therefore has more ready access to antique cut gems for jewelry restoration projects compared to the typical California jeweler who deals primarily with new, modern jewelry.

"Over the past decade, I've developed a close working relationship with several fine jewelry artisans who have the traditional tools, alloys, and expertise in Old World craftsmanship like hand-milgraining, hand-engraving, and fine filigree," says Blackburn.

"The repair of antique jewelry usually involves a number of steps to arrive at a completely restored piece," Blackburn adds. "And I personally approve the completion of each step, so that the customer is assured that when we return their antique jewelry, it will be beautifully restored and its authenticity preserved."

C. Blackburn Jewelers welcomes jewelry repair clients at its <u>San Diego jewelry store</u> in the seaside village of La Jolla. Shoppers can also browse select pieces of vintage and antique jewelry in the store's showcases, as well as luxury timepieces.

To schedule an appointment to meet with owner Carl Blackburn, please call 858-251-3006.



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