



Kevin Carpenter

HERITAGE APPRAISER FOR THE MIDWEST AND SOUTH REGIONS

My interest in gemology began at an early age, having been inspired by my father, who is a geologist. It would come as no surprise when in high school I accepted a part time job in a retail jewelry store, and my career in the jewelry industry began.

During the next 38 years I continued gaining my “hands on experience” working as the manager for Vermont’s largest jewelry retailer, and owning my own jewelry design business. This field experience would prove to be extremely valuable for my appraising career, where being familiar with a broad spectrum of gemstones and different jewelry construction techniques are the foundation for appraising.

When an opportunity became available to work as a consultant for one of the largest jewelry industry liquidators, I was able to gain a new perspective to jewelry valuation. Traveling across the country, I valued and liquidated large inventories of jewelry, and was able to meet and work with many of the industry’s leading liquidation experts. It was during this time that I met several gemologists who were specializing in jewelry appraising, and realized that jewelry appraising incorporated all of my past experience, and my passion for jewelry and gems. With that in mind, I made the decision to make jewelry appraising the final chapter my love affair with gems and jewelry.

I am currently appraising fine jewelry for Heritage Appraisers Inc., the nation’s largest jewelry appraisal firm.

Completed courses of study: Diamond identification and grading, pearl and colored gem identification and grading, jewelry valuation, and appraisal theory from the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers.