

Obituaries



**William
“Bobby”
Mann**
GG, PG
23.11.1936~
20.07.2015

William R. (Bobby) Mann, (GG) Graduate Gemologist (GIA) (1982), a (PG) Professional Gemologist, Columbia School of Gemology (1983) and published ivory identification specialist.

He was co-founder of the International Ivory Society (1996). Past President of the (US) National Capital Area Chapter of the International Society of Appraisers and past president and founding member of the Washington, DC Chapter of the Gemological Institute of America Alumni.

He was known among gemmologists as a kind and generous man, with a passion for all gems and jewellery but especially for rare and unusual ivories, whether natural or imitation.

Some of our members will remember, with pleasure, an article in this Journal in 2007 on the unusual and, for many I suspect, slightly quirky seeming topic of Elk Teeth Ivory, which Bobby Mann co-authored with the late Grahame Brown.

Bobby had a large collection of unusual ivories; tusks, teeth and skulls, both natural and manufactured. Since 1996 he had dedicated considerable time to teaching ivory identification through talks, seminars and hands-on workshops where he made this collection freely available for hands-on study. He was also the manufacturer of Ivory I.D. comparison kits, and author of Ivory Identification – A Photographic Companion.

Bobby Mann will be sadly missed in the international gemmological community and we should like to express our condolences to his family and friends. Our thanks also go to Charles Marts, Secretary and Webmaster (Washington) DC, GIA and to Antoinette Matlins with whose words we shall close.

“I was very saddened to learn about the sudden death of Bobby Mann. I knew him for years; beginning with the days he studied gemmology with my father, Tony Bonanno. I was always warmly embraced whenever I attended any of the (Washington) DC-GIA meetings or other gem/jewellery events (gem shows, etc). I will remember him first as a very kind and loving human being. I will also remember him as someone who was passionate about life, and who lived it

in an exemplary way. And I'll never look at a piece of ivory without remembering Bobby Mann...and smiling. His was a life “well lived” and one that touched many.”

Antoinette Matlins, PG, FGA

美國象牙專家William R. (Bobby) Mann於去年離世。在1982年，Bobby獲取GG (Graduate Gemologist美國寶石學院) 名函，及後1983年成為PG (Professional Gemologist哥倫比亞寶石學學校)，1996年聯合創辦了國際象牙學會。Bobby亦是國際評估師學會 (美國分會) 前主席，及美國寶石學院校友會 (華盛頓分校) 前主席和創辦成員。熱忱於珠寶寶石的Bobby，尤其鍾愛象牙，他不單與已過世的Grahame Brown在2007年為香港寶石學協會合著有關於象牙的文章，更收藏了大量樣品，開班教授。其後，Bobby著作了象牙圖鑑，希望能惠及更多愛好象牙的人士。本人父親曾經於早期指導Bobby而相識，我也在多個與寶石和珠寶相關的場合與他相聚。在此，致以深切哀悼，願安息主懷。

Antoinette Matlins, PG, FGA

Stanley Lau Chin-ho
SBS, MH, JP

The Hong Kong Gemmological Association was shocked and saddened to hear that Mr Stanley Lau had passed away suddenly on 12 June, 2016.

Mr Lau, the former Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, Chairman of the Hong Kong Productivity Council and countless public positions, was the Guest of Honour at our Annual Dinner in 2015, where he presented a warm and encouraging speech to our Gem-A Gemmology and Diamond Diploma graduates, Certified Gemmologists and Association members.

Mr Lau was not only a good friend of mine, he was my mentor in matters of public service and contributions to be made as an industrial leader when I was first elected as chairman of GAHK.

We should like to express our deepest condolences to Mr Lau's family and to express our grief at the loss of a great industrial and social leader.

K.K. Chow

劉展灝先生於2016年6月12日在睡夢中因心臟病辭逝，享年66歲。劉先生擔任多項公職，包括：香港工業總會前會長和香港生產力促進局主席等。他更於去年為本會週年晚宴的主禮嘉賓，為各畢業生、鑑定師和會員送上祝賀及勉勵。劉先生是本人的良師益友，在本人成為本會主席時，給予寶貴的意見。劉先生的離世是香港和工業界的一個重大損失，本會表示哀悼惋惜，並對劉先生的家人致以深切慰問。

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