

FACETS OF JEWELS BY DESIGN

Celebrating our 25th year of fine jewellery design

a periodic newsletter for clients of Llyn L. Strelau JEWELS BY DESIGN Ltd.



Peacock-black south sea pearl and diamond drop earrings

"The pearls of the oyster are divine. And they are found in the dimmest, deepest place in the world, under the scabbiest, tightest lid. That is their magic. There is a term we use; the quickening. It is a quality of lustre, one that comes alive in the light. It is intimate, and shy, but brilliant. This once-aliveness, this secrecy, this creature light, is the pearl's true value." (a quote from the novel Three Views of Crystal Water by Katherine Govier.)

There has never been a better time to experience the sensuous beauty of pearls. From sexy and mysterious black south sea pearls to



The varied colours of South Sea pearls there is a pearl to please everyone. South sea pearls are not simply black but every colour from

playful baroque freshwater pink, mauve and bronze pearls to the classic triple strands of Akoya white,

Australia's clear silvery whites or rich creams and golds from Indonesia and Burma. The waters of Tahiti and the Cook Islands give us silvers burnished by turquoise or pistachio and darker greys and blacks overlaid with rainbow hues reflecting all the colours of the spectrum.

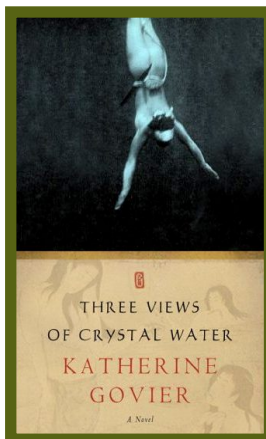


Intense, metallic multi-colour baroque freshwater pearls

Pearls are not limited to formal wear; you may also wear a strand or a pair of earrings with jeans and a T-shirt. Every skin tone is flattered by certain colours of pearls. It is important to try on a variety of pearls to discover the perfect complement to your complexion. Jewels by Design carries a wide selection of pearls and we will be happy to help you make the best choice.



Intense colours & fanciful shapes found in freshwater pearls



PEARLS IN LITERATURE: In this lucid and exotic tale, Katherine Govier delves into the 19th-century pearl rush. Greed for the unearthly luster drove sea-farers to scour the ocean floor until the plunder all but destroyed the divers, the oyster beds and the pearl itself. But on a small island off the coast of Japan, a man tamed the oysters, learning to create pearls at will.

Three Views of Crystal Water is told by the Canadian girl Vera, who comes of age amongst the brave women divers of Japan. Nurtured by the *ama* community, she learns to dive 45 feet with a single breath. She also finds her first lover. In the lives of the simple fisherfolk, loyalty is everything. But Vera is an outsider, and when war is declared in Europe, she must go home to Vancouver. In the murky streets of Gastown, Vera comes to understand the pearl-lust that has divided the men in her family. But it is years later when she discovers what catastrophes war has brought to her friends, and what deliverance to her young lover, and herself.

Like the divers it so compellingly portrays, Three Views of Crystal Water penetrates far below life's surface. Part fable, part history and entirely original, this novel is infused by Govier's profound reflections on nature—both earthly and human.

PEARLS OF THE WORLD

interCHANGE[®] Clasp System



“Penumbra” interCHANGE[®] clasp set with green sapphire and diamond with drop pearl accent

We have been busy creating new and beautiful pieces (see some of them on this page) and we invite you to visit the shop and see them in person. Some of these new clasps are made to allow the attachment of an additional drop pendant to further enhance the clasp.

If you already own a fine strand or pearls or a favourite chain or pendant these can often be adapted to use our clasp system. Let us show you the possibilities!

If you have not seen our interCHANGE[®] system we invite you to visit the shop for a personal demonstration.

Many of our clients have purchased and built a wardrobe of jewellery pieces that incorporate our interCHANGE[®] clasp system. The interCHANGE[®] advantage is that you can continue to add new components to provide even more versatility. Start with a basic chain or strand of pearls and add a decorative centerpiece to dress it up.



“Weep not for Atlantis” interCHANGE[®] clasp set with magnificent blue-green black opal, complementary accent gemstones



“Penumbra” clasp with alternate Mali garnet drop



“Spring Dance” interCHANGE[®] clasp set with prehnite cabachon surrounded by brilliant demantoid garnets



“Messenger” takes flight in this interCHANGE[®] clasp! Rubellite tourmaline and spessartite garnet body, book-matched boulder opal feathered wings caught in a blur of motion of white gold accented with diamonds



“Janus” double-sided pendant set with carved spectrolite face on one side, Moonstone face on the reverse accented with black, yellow and white diamonds

