

The Faceted Eggs of Sumner Olsen

Sumner Olsen was born in 1918, and served in the United States Air Force for 33 years before retiring as a full Colonel, and unhappily, passed away in November 2000

For over 35 years Sumner's hobby and passion was the cutting and faceting of gemstones. Understandably he won many awards for this. He was known and respected the world over for his expertise and skill in this area, and was the author of many articles on faceting which appeared over the years in many publications. All were well appreciated and resulted in people from all walks of life, amateurs and professionals included, seeking instruction and advice from him.

More than once he cut stones for friends when they gave him raw material and asked him to do so

He never charged for this because he felt that if he did, it would cease to be a hobby, and take away the fun for him.

For the last 10 years or so of his life he enjoyed helping in the development of a concave faceting machine with Polymetric Inc. From designing new cuts, to testing new machines, and he thoroughly enjoyed it all.

Making the settings for some of his work was another project into which, for a while he delved, but later left that to the experts. His daughters always said if they ever bought any jewelry it would probably hurt his feelings, but there was no need to worry on that score, as he made them all the wonderful rings, necklaces, and earrings they could ever want.

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<i>Left:</i>	<i>Topaz</i>	<i>456 facets</i>	<i>829 cts</i>
		<i>Size 39 by 60 mm</i>	
<i>Middle:</i>	<i>Ametrine</i>	<i>432 facets</i>	<i>278 cts</i>
		<i>Size 29.7 by 43 mm Top</i>	
<i>Right:</i>	<i>Curved Facet Quartz</i>	<i>204 cts</i>	
		<i>240 flat 80 curved facets</i>	
		<i>Size 25.2 by 44.45 mm</i>	
<i>Bottom:</i>	<i>Tourmaline Needles</i>	<i>604 cts</i>	
		<i>368 facets</i>	
		<i>Size 55.3 by 39.6 mm</i>	

