

Rule 12.7 Workmanship is a measure of the perfection of the meets between facets, the correctness of angles to achieve maximum brilliance and color, the perfection of polish, the proportion and alignment of facets, the uniformity of similar facets and the ability to minimize the undesirable effects of inclusions and/or flaws. All girdles shall be polished, with the exception of diamonds.

Rule 12.8 Difficulty/Variety of Work refers to the originality, the diversity of type of cut and design of stones, and to the skill that is required to accomplish a near perfect cut of the design and material in question.

Rule 12.9 Showmanship shall refer to the ability of the exhibitor to use the material exhibited, the background material, lighting, arrangement, and labeling features (such as size and neatness), to create a display which will attract and hold the interest of the viewer.

Rule 12.11 When synthetic or other man-made stones are permitted, they must be identified as such on the label.

Each competitor may enter only one stone each year until they win the competition.

Call for volunteers:

Do you want some practice talking up the stones and selling to jewelry artists? We welcome volunteers who would like to work the sales table or demonstrate, as we've been given the opportunity to demo at this show for the first time. It's also helpful to have someone do the talking with people who attend the demonstrations, so some actual cutting can happen during the demo. Let Gail Bumala know if you'd like to assist during any of the days or times: Bumalagems@gmail.com

Happy Faceting,

Gail Bumala

Editor's Note:

You can learn more about the Gathering of the Guilds on their website: <https://gatheringoftheguilds.com/>. The keyword for this event is "creative" as it showcases a broad range of creative works, including jewelry, beadwork, glasswork, pottery, handweaving, And gemstones, of course.

The Gathering of the Guilds is an annual event held at the Oregon Convention Center, Hall D, at [777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Portland, Oregon 97232](https://www.oregonconventioncenter.com/locations/hall-d).

Parking onsite cost \$12, but there's a MAX stop practically on the doorstep and less expensive parking options a short ride or walk away.

