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The spectacular treasures of the AGTA Gemfair.

This year was my very first time visiting the famous Tucson gem shows and I went straight to the top: to the crème de la crème of the colored gemstone and cultured pearl market at the legendary [AGTA GemFair](#). I came into it expecting to have my mind blown, and even my high expectations were blown out of the water.

The AGTA GemFair is a closed show, open only to gem dealers, store owners, designers and others in the jewelry industry, so the beauties that you're about to see are from a show that the general public usually doesn't get to experience at all – at least until the jewels displayed there turn up on celebrities or socialites or go back to the museums they came from.

Enough chit chat. The reason I did [my pre-AGTA GemFair post](#) was so that I could dive right into the pretties in my recap without needing to take time for background.....d. Let's get to it!

Look, I'm wearing a tiara!! I love when I get to wear a tiara.



This particular tiara – as well as the earrings and the necklace – are by [Dallas Prince Designs](#). I'd seen a Dallas Prince piece or two in past [AGTA Spectrum Awards press previews](#), but I had no idea how utterly fantastic Dallas herself is until we spent at least an hour playing with her designs at the AGTA GemFair. We're lucky I remembered to take pictures at all, I was having so much fun.

These gorgeous things are by [Dallas Prince](#) as well!

The best news is that while many of Dallas' designs feature fine gemstones, she has an affordable line too. This cuff in particular is from her chrome marcasite collection; which offers pieces that have a million dollar look at a price point with waaay fewer digits. (Also a sincere thank you to Mr. Dallas Prince, for assisting us so cheerfully).



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And finally: here I am with [my fellow AGTA GemFair Gembassador Hannah Becker](#) at the Spectrum Gala, where we hobnobbed with all of the Spectrum award winners and just generally had the time of our lives! I hope you had a chance to follow along with our AGTA Instagram takeovers during the GemFair; if not, [you can catch up here](#).

A huge thank you to the AGTA, specifically the incomparable Megan Whitmire, for coming to me with the opportunity to help share the wonders of the AGTA GemFair with the world. It exceeded my wildest dreams and I can't wait to (hopefully!) visit the colored gems and gorgeous pearls of the AGTA GemFair again in Tucson next year and many more times.

The gorgeous jewels of AGTA Gem Fair 2018

February 20, 2018

Good morning, my darlings!! I'm home and caught up at last – which means it's time for us to ogle all of the spectacular, sparkling specimens I met on my travels, beginning with my AGTA Gem Fair adventures in Tucson.

How much do I love the [AGTA Gem Fair](#)?? Words alone cannot express.....which is why I brought home digital droves of photographic evidence to share with you.



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One of the best parts of AGTA Gem Fair 2017 was meeting the fabulous Dallas Prince of Dallas Prince Designs, who covered me in jewels and offered to adopt me (*and the feelings of adoration are entirely mutual*). When I arrived on the floor at Gem Fair 2018, I sashayed directly over to Dallas' booth and played dress up for as long as I could justify.

This was one of my favorite looks we put together! Look at all those luscious greens and blues. I particularly love the bold scale of the earrings, the irresistible navette shape of the ring, and the creative use of briolette-cut gemstones in the necklace.

Garden Party Collection by Dallas Prince Designs: 14k YG Earring with Blue Topaz, Mint Green Garnet & White Diamonds ..and.. 18k WG Ring with Aquamarine, Blue Zircon, Green Tourmaline and White Diamonds