



Best of Show, by
Alan Friedmann.

and 24 diamonds. Ackermann recently closed his Montreal studio to become the designer in residence at the Gemological Institute of America at its Carlsbad, Calif., campus.

Alan Friedmann of Beverly Hills won grand prize as Best of Show, with a moonstone and diamond necklace and earring suite set in 18k white gold. Jeffrey Drasner from Ballerina Gem, New York, won Best Use of Color, with a fancy colored sapphire ring set in platinum.

This year's judges were Glen Engelbrecht of G.J. Designs in Sarasota, Fla.; William Holman, Holman Designs, Dallas, Tex.; Alfredo Molina, Molina Fine Jewelers, Mesa, Ariz.;