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Gardner-Collier Jewelry: Cornerstone of jewelry business



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The Gardner-Collier staff includes: Diane Green, (manager) 18 years of service, Carma DeJong, (assistant manager) 19 years of service, Heather DeJong, 13 years of service, Leslie Fitzner, 6 years of service and Pam Bixler, with 7 years of service.

OSKALOOSA — Gardner-Collier Jewelry through the years has remained a cornerstone of the Oskaloosa jewelry business. Since 1988, Gardner-Collier has been providing customers with high-quality diamonds and gold jewelry at their location in Penn Central Mall.

Diamonds are Gardner Collier's specialty. The store provides a full line of bridal sets and solitaires with round, marquise, princess and pear cuts. The company is able to find any cut, clarity and color of diamond a customer wants. And if it is not in stock, it can be ordered.

The new trend is the diamond Journey pendant set with five or more graduated diamonds that represents "as time grows so does your love."

They also offer many white gold and two-tone diamond pendants set with round, princess and baguette diamonds.

Gardner-Collier also carries a line called Daring Diamonds. This line consists of earrings, rings, bracelets and pendants set in sterling silver with diamonds accenting each piece.

Gardner-Collier has a wide selection of colored stones, such as sapphires, tanzanites, emeralds and rubies, just to name a few.

The store carries a full line of Seiko and Pulsar watches, and mantel and wall clocks by Seth Thomas and Seiko.

Also available is a selection of men's gifts, including money clips, tie tacks and chains, key chains and the newest additions are

ballpoint pens and stainless steel bracelets.

Gardner-Collier has two full-time jewelers in their Kirksville, Mo., store who do the entire sizing, remounting and designing of jewelry.

"Kirksville is where all our diamonds are set and our rings are made. It is very important to our customers to trust the staff's knowledge," Green said. "It has been a measurement of our success that we have retained a knowledgeable and friendly staff. Sales, and service following those sales, are what will help us to continue to serve our customers."

Gardner-Collier cleans and checks jewelry at no charge and gift-wrapping is also available. Call Gardner-Collier Jewelry at 673-7449.

Sue Miller sells Mary Kay cosmetics for 25 years

Sue Miller has been in Mary Kay for over 25 years. She farmed with her husband of almost 42 years before that. They have four children and 10 grandchildren. Todd and Travis Miller, and families, live in Oskaloosa. Tricia lives in Dallas and Tammi lives in Waterloo. She is an active member of the Central United Methodist Church.

Sue loves helping women's skin look younger, more radiant, teaching correct color application by working with the customers correct colors and teaching her consultants. She enjoys being a business- and life-success coach who specializes in leadership training for

her unit of over 250 women. Her unit was a top-40 unit in the nation and has been No. 1 in Iowa numerous times.

Sue's Sensational Millionaire Unit has earned 11 pink cars and six of them were Cadillacs. She and "Whitey" have earned Mary Kay trips, including a 2 1/2 week Mediterranean cruise on their 40th anniversary. Her unit is spread out all over the United States. She holds her Success Meetings every Tuesday night at her home with face models, training, recognition and motivation.

Sue is proud of the fact that Mary Kay spends so much money on research of

the product and that Mary Kay is very ecology minded. The company has just instigated "Turning Pink Into Green." Since Mary Kay has just released new compacts, the previous compacts can be given back to the consultant and Mary Kay will grind them up and plant a tree for every compact returned! The Mary Kay Charitable Foundation gives 97 percent of every dollar donated to breast cancer research and to prevent domestic violence against women. It was Mary Kay Ash's passion and a legacy to her.

Miller's phone number is 673-3086 and you can find her at 1405 15th Ave. W.

Vennard College: Offering quality education, services to the community

Students come from across the nation and other countries to study at Vennard College because Vennard offers a difference. Here students receive more than a quality classroom education. They also have hands-on opportunities to make a difference in their world. And that world includes Oskaloosa and the surrounding community.

The Administration and Faculty at Vennard believe strongly in preparing future leaders who are willing to use their time and talents to make a difference. Each year Vennard students take a day off classes and volunteer their services to local organizations and the city. This year, crews went to

the YMCA, COC, Kid's Corner and the George Daily Auditorium to help with cleaning, landscaping, painting and a variety of jobs that needed to be done. Others walked the bike trails to pick up litter.

Sometimes events are unplanned, but give excellent opportunities for service. When the ice storm hit Oskaloosa last spring, Vennard classes were canceled for a day to allow students and staff to spread out into the community to help residents trim trees and clear broken limbs from their property. When high winds caused property damage in New Sharon, students made the time to go and help with clean up after the destruction.

From sending students into the community to inviting the community onto the beautiful campus, Vennard has a tradition of working with the community to make a difference. The high school soccer program has played games on the college soccer field for several seasons. The gym and amphitheater have been used by various groups. Memorial Hall provides elegant banquet facilities with catering services to a variety of organizations. The 18 hole Mini Putt course is open to the public all summer long. And in cooperation with Crisis Intervention Services, Vennard has made its computer lab available for classes in basic computer skills.

K & K Crafts & Supplies offers garden items among the gifts

The shop is at 221 High Avenue East, Oskaloosa, located across from the Law Enforcement Center. The business carries all types of gifts from wood furniture, Dutch Heritage Lace, birdhouses, cypress knees, unpainted duck decoys, wheelbarrows and items such as a two-story doll house being assembled.

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somewhere under all this snow and ice; just thinking about tulips in bloom and trees in bud. Gardens and flower beds to work in with the sun shining. Now is the time to plan and come looking. Easter is early, maybe the birds will be too.

Spoons that turn into garden markers, rolling pins that turn into ears of corn, picket fences into

birdhouses and welcome signs, glass blocks with painted tulips. There's always something new and old and unusual coming in.

K & K Crafts and Supplies is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the week and is closed on Monday afternoons; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to noon; closed Sunday. Phone (641) 673-3175.

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