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Antique jewelry is a timeless classic adornment which can never go out of fashion. It is the epitome of ethereal charm, delicate grace and a gentle reminder of a bygone era. It is that jewelry which has been made during and before the early 1900's.

The jewelry has its own unique character which cannot be copied or imitated. In most cases antique jewelry is handcrafted. It has exquisite craftsmanship and a very special whimsical aura surrounding it, which sets it apart from all other jewelry, however beautiful or expensive they maybe. There is an understated classic elegance inherent in the design and styling. Though widely looked upon as being something worn by only those who are older; perceptions are gradually changing. It is now also seen as a very fashionable ornament which is quite in vogue and is worn by almost anyone, irrespective of their age group.

This kind of jewelry is not available in just any departmental store or some other normal jewelry shop, it can most often be found in niche show rooms, exclusive boutiques, and big auction houses and in antique dealer stores. These are the more reliable places from where you can acquire antique jewelry. Though there are many websites online and other shops which sell this kind of jewelry; it is best to be cautious. The reason being that in many cases the antique jewelry being sold is not actually an original. Also you could be charged an exorbitant price for a piece which is not actually that expensive. Unless you have a trained eye and know the difference, it is easy to be fooled.

In many cases antique jewelry has also been handed down from one generation to another and is a part of the family heirlooms. Some antique jewelry can actually be quite expensive and a real collectors item.

Just a simple piece of antique jewelry can greatly enhance your overall appearance, add to your appeal and lend a sophisticated charm to your entire persona. Being the beautiful pieces that they are, this jewelry can easily attract attention and can become the focal point of any conversation. However not every one can carry off antique jewelry, you have to have a certain inner beauty and dignity to wear it.

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One of the best things about antique jewelry is that its value only appreciates with time. In fact some of the pieces are valuable collector's item and can fetch huge sums of money. They can in the long run, actually prove to be good investments.

Antique jewelry is a wonderful thing to buy for yourself, a delightful possession and also a great thing to gift to some one special in your life. Whether it is your daughter, mother, wife, girlfriend or sister; antique jewelry is that gift which lets the other person know how much they mean to you. Also this jewelry is not just restricted to women; there are beautiful intricate pieces which are there for men too.

So go ahead indulge yourself and relive the beauty of a bygone era.

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Antique Estate Jewelry

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Although beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder, yet certain items are timeless and precious like antique estate jewelry. They have a special value of their own because they are time tested. Unless you take a closer look at antique estate jewelry, you would never appreciate their worth. Look at the craftsmanship, the brilliance, exquisite luster and of course, the antiquity of the design. I am sure you will be tempted to get one for a special occasion.

The other day a friend got engaged and I was sure jealous of the sparkling aquamarine antique engagement ring on her finger. I later learnt that her thoughtful husband-to-be had obtained it from an antique estate jewelry sale for his loving wife-to-be. What is more, the gentleman had observed that my friend's eyes were of the same green-blue shade as the stone in the ring and thus found it irresistible. The magnificent antique estate jewelry was a real eye-catcher and my friend was more than happy to wear the glittering ring. Though rings and specially, aquamarine stone-studded ones are also available in regular jewelry stores, but I doubt if they could ever match the inimitable beauty of the antique aquamarine engagement ring that my friend had.

However, it takes time and patience to get the right antique estate jewelry since they are only sold through antique estate jewelry sales. It is necessary to attend the sales whenever it is organized, and then select the jewelry. Besides, the price varies from item to item and sequence to sequence. Some are heavily priced while some go for a song. It also depends on what you are looking for. Not that everyone is enamored by an aquamarine antique estate jewelry and could jolly well opt for some other variety but by and large, most of the antique estate jewelry are beautifully crafted and unique in design. I remember another friend of mine who acquired Queen Josephine's antique diamond engagement ring from an antique estate jewelry sale for his darling wife who was simply overjoyed.

Why go in for antique estate jewelry when contemporary ornaments can satisfy the need? There are

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quite a few reasons. First of all, during the earlier days, things were mostly hand crafted and not machine made or simply molded in a particular design or shape. So the question of uniqueness and singularity never arises in contemporary jewelry that is basically copies. Also it is difficult to find original stones these days. Quality of the precious metal has also lost its originality greatly. As regards ingenious design and the master stroke, the world has lost the meaning of it. So, if you are keen on something that is a singular piece with quality written on all its facades, you should go in for antique estate jewelry and nothing else.

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