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## Welcome to Wrights Rock Shop

I am adding this gallery for you to be able to see the excellent faceting of Matt Casteen. His unique designs and cuts are a delight to see.

Matt Casteen is an artist dedicated to brilliant gemstone design. His designs are both elegant and innovative. His techniques create unique refractive patterns and allow rich color to emerge from his carefully selected rough. Matt limits the number of stones he creates each year making his designs exclusive and exceptionally valuable.

His mastery of gemstone cutting has been recognized by both top professionals and local government agencies. The American Gem Trade Association (AGTA), America's highest recognized association for professional gemstone cutters, awarded Matt the First Place Cutting Edge Award in 2004 for his entry in the Pairs and Suites division. Matt has also tied for second place in the Lapidary Journal's 2007 Gemmy Awards.

Matt teaches faceting at North Carolina State University and at the request of the NC Museum of Natural Science, he granted display of his gemstones as part of their year long Treasures Unearthed exhibit.

Chris

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