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East Africa, BYO....

Roger and I have just returned from Tucson where we joined Orin Mazzoni, the "Sharing the Rough" director, in presenting a seminar about the film and debuting a short clip of the documentary to an enthusiastic audience. Feedback and comments from those present are that the film is authentic, shares the passion of the miners, and is moving in its up-close look at the lives of the East African people. Many more people have asked how they could become a part of this momentous movement in the jewelry industry. Please click [here](#) for information on how to contribute to "Sharing the Rough."

Monica Stephenson, one of the Gem Hunters on "Sharing the Rough", has been blogging about jewelry and the people who make it since 2008 on idazzle.com. Her recent posts on Africa have been selected for a special series by [InStore Magazine](#).



East African pit stop

While traveling in East Africa, we are making indelible memories as we're exposed to breathtaking landscapes, stunning animals, and gorgeous gem rough, to say nothing of our experiences with (extremely) unusual food, (very) red dirt, and the most content, welcoming, and beautiful people. Sometimes, however, it is the other memories that stay with us and cause us to laugh with abandon...the memories of the more mundane, yet

vital travel experiences. To laugh through last week's Instore Magazine article by Monica click [here](#).

This week's post focuses on the Arusha Gemmological and Jewelry School and The Devon Foundation, which provides scholarships for students in need. Nancy Schuring, founder of [The Devon Foundation](#), and owner of Devon Fine Jewelry in New Jersey is pictured with one of the sponsored graduates, Sabrina. To explore this week's post by Monica, click [here](#).



Sabrina with Nancy Schuring, Devon Foundation founder

If you know someone who is interested in what's happening in East Africa, please feel free to pass this along. Thanks for being a part of "Sharing the Rough" and truly sharing this journey with us. We appreciate your support.

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