Diamonds: Bought and Sold

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SOME FACTS

- The word “Diamond” comes from the Greek word “adamas” and means “unconquerable and indestructible.”

- Most diamonds found in nature are between one to three billion years old. The Earth is estimated at 4.5 billion years old.

- Diamonds were first discovered in India and then in Brazil. Up until the 1700s, India was thought to contain the entire world’s supply of diamonds.

- 80% of diamonds go toward industrial uses.

- To produce a single one-carat diamond, 250 tons of earth need be mined.

- The earliest record of man giving diamond to a woman was in 1477 when the Archduke of Austria gave a diamond to Mary of Burgundy.

- A law in Thirteenth-century France decreed that only the King could wear diamonds.

- The U.S. is the world’s largest diamond market.
"Two months' salary showed the future Mrs Smith what the future would be like."

- The story of De Beers starts with English-born businessman Cecil Rhodes, who broke into the diamond business in South Africa by renting water pumps to miners before buying diamond fields of his own.
- The Depression was a disaster for De Beers, which controlled 60% of rough diamond output. De Beers embarked on what it now describes as a "substantial" campaign, linking diamonds with engagement.
- Prior to the 1930s, presenting a woman with a diamond engagement ring was not the norm.
- In the 1930s, at the start of the De Beers campaign, a single month's salary was the suggested ring spend.
- Diamond monopoly - De Beers
- Conflict Diamonds: Kimberley, South Africa, May 2000. To stop the trade of conflict diamonds and ensure that diamond purchases would no longer fund the violence of the rebel movements
- Blood Diamonds Workers
- Cultured Diamonds
- History of Diamonds and their future
- Fandom
PROPOSAL
CALL FOR ARTISTS

On December 11, Milk Gallery will host *Diamonds: Bought and Sold*: an art exhibit and sale. The Milk Gallery has joined forces with Life Is Art to produce an art show to help raise awareness and expand the constituency for anti-slavery projects. We need artists to create two or three-dimensional art with diamonds as a theme that would bring into attention the problem surrounding Conflict Diamonds and diamond trade. Through art, we want to promote diamond fair trade and challenge the contemporary culture of diamond.
3D PRINT
DIAMONDS DIY

- A standard home microwave oven
- 2 coffee mugs
- 3 pieces of 3mm graphite pencil lead
- A few drops of extra virgin olive oil
- A 5" piece of 100% cotton thread
COLORS OF DIAMONDS

Color of diamond is usually pale yellow to colorless, but can also be brown, blue, green, orange, red, pink and black.

Blue diamonds come from boron impurities, yellow diamonds from nitrogen impurities, brown diamonds from lattice defects, and green diamonds from radiation exposure.
THANK YOU