



TOBY POMEROY

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Wife: Ronna

Children: Naomi, Colin and Andrew

Grandchildren: August, Lorens and Verena

After graduating from South, I attended University of Puget Sound in Tacoma for two years studying Pre-Medicine. In 1975 I transferred to University of Oregon and continued my pre-med studies. Half way through my senior year, with enough credits and the freedom to explore some new areas of interest, I registered into a jewelry making class. As David Whyte elegantly stated, "I turned my face for a moment, and it became my life."

I opened my first jewelry store, Tobias Silverworks, in Eugene in 1968. In 1970 I sold most of my possessions, closed the store, bought a van which I outfitted it with stove & refrigerator, a self-contained micro jewelry studio and tipi poles on top, it became home for the next several years. I traversed Canada and the US, making jewelry along the way. In 1973 I returned to Oregon and founded Talisman Jewelers, a designer-goldsmith's shop in Corvallis, first located near Oregon State University. Then in 1981, I built a new store downtown and married the sweetest Montessori teacher from Minnesota, Ronna Sneva, in 1981. Ronna became the step-mom for my daughter Naomi who had been born 5 years earlier to a sweet librarian with whom a committed relationship wasn't meant to be.

In 1993 I sold the store to my staff and founded TOBY POMEROY, a wholesale jewelry design and manufacturing firm.



I have been focused on reversing the devastating environmental and social impacts of conventional mining practices and have been exclusively using reclaimed metals where possible since 2005. In 2010 I began importing and using Oro Verde gold, the world's first certified "Fairmined" gold from the Colombian rainforest and we're using this traceable, socially and environmentally responsible gold in our engagement & wedding rings.

Our jewelry is primarily forged (hammered) in gold and silver, allowing for a lightness and durability unattainable through other jewelry processes. Starting with a single piece of sheet or wire, our jewelry is formed, cold-forged, and set with diamonds and colored gemstones.

I am committed that the jewelry industry can be a pivotal player in instituting responsible mining practices worldwide through demanding transparent chains of custody and jewelry that is authentic, from mine to market. The jewelry industry has an opportunity to be known for

authenticity and transparency, celebrated for our active involvement in preserving and restoring our environment and respected for our work assuring that all people have the opportunity of dignity with sustainable, safe and meaningful livelihoods.

I now serve on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM), an international NGO whose purpose is to transform artisanal and small-scale mining into a socially uplifting and environmentally responsible activity, enhancing the quality of life for up to 100 million marginalized artisanal miners, their families and communities.