



## HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE

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### **SPECIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT, DIAMONDS, ADDS SHINE AND BRILLIANCE TO HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE AS GOLDSTEIN'S CELEBRATES 140 YEARS**

Discover the most valued gem in the world at the new *Diamonds* exhibition at the History Museum of Mobile, on display from September 6 through December 1, 2019. This exhibit is presented by Goldstein's Jewelers as a way to celebrate their 140th anniversary. It is organized into five main themes: Formation, Exploration, Mining and Processing, Properties and The Gem. Formed billions of years ago, deep within the Earth, diamonds are the hardest natural substance known to man. Mine the mysteries of diamond formation and explore the unique environments that create these precious stones. Using some of the same tools and equipment found in jewelry stores, visitors can test the size, color, and cut of their own diamonds. "Visitors will enjoy discovering the natural history of diamond formation and mining, and the hands-on, interactive elements will dazzle children and adults alike," said Meg McCrummen Fowler, director of the History Museum of Mobile.



Goldstein's, Mobile's oldest jewelry store, was founded in 1879 by Julius Goldstein and has been owned and operated by the Richard Frank family since 1956. Their original location was on Dauphin Street before moving to Royal Street, not far from the current location of the History Museum of Mobile. They then spent many years at Bel Air Mall before moving to their current location on Hillcrest Road in 2002. "We are so thankful to all our customers who have allowed us to prosper here in Mobile for 140 years! As the only place to see Hearts on Fire, the world's most perfectly cut diamond, Goldstein's Jewelers is proud to sponsor this exhibit as part of our anniversary celebration," said Richard Frank, President of Goldstein's Jewelers.

In addition to this brilliant exhibit, the History Museum of Mobile has installed a small exhibit from their own collection showcasing wedding dresses and accessories. *Married in Mobile: Four Centuries of Wedding Fashions*, will feature wedding gowns from 1852 to the present, as well as wedding accessories including a shoe dating back to



1766! “This is a rare opportunity to enjoy over 25 dresses, rarely on display, from our collection. Visitors will be interested to note how much wedding fashions have changed over four centuries – and how much they have remained the same,” said Fowler.

The Diamonds special exhibition is made possible by the Discovery Network, a program of the Museum of Discovery. For more information, visit <https://thediscoverynetwork.org>.

**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE:** The History Museum of Mobile is where Mobile’s story begins. Over 117,000 objects weave together the rich, diverse, and often turbulent histories of Mobile and the surrounding area, from the prehistoric past to the present. Located in the heart of downtown, the History Museum is in the Old City Hall - Southern Market building at 111 South Royal Street. For more information, please visit: [www.historymuseumofmobile.com](http://www.historymuseumofmobile.com).

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