

## Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

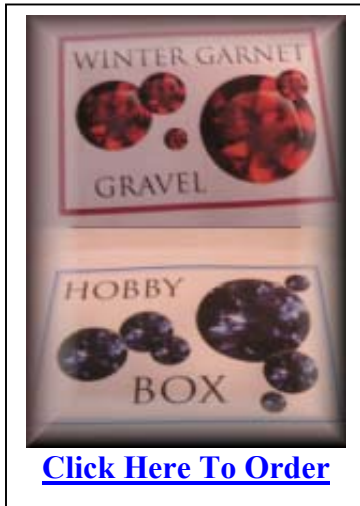
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Dear Friends,

Eagles soar above the stark landscape. Shifting snowdrifts weave through dry grass stocks. Unceasing wind relieves frost sheathes clinging to pine. Frost wisps scatter in descending currents as the wind shakes loose their crystal hold. A week of fog and frost has at last disappeared here at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine near Helena, Montana.



We are gearing up for February, Valentine's Day, with heart shaped garnets in our Winter Garnet Gravel Box. Garnet is a January birthstone but remains a lovely collectable year around. It is especially fun to find your own garnets in our garnet gravel. Order gift gravels ahead of time at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com).



The Hobby Box sapphire gravel is really fun. One of our customers, Barbara, wrote *"I have ordered three bags and three elf boxes and have been totally delighted. My daughter and her friends are now hooked as well. I think it's a great price for the hours of fun it is for all of us. We think we have had good success and I will forward you some pictures soon. We will be ordering again !!!!!"* We love to hear positive feedback!

I believe the Hobby Box and the Winter Garnet Gravel will continue to be a leading product for us. It has special value, besides the fun and a good starter pack – it can also be used for resale at craft events or finish the gem cutting process and have stones for jewelry or resale.

Our Geological Field Trips for large groups and schools will continue this spring. Deb and Cass will also bring the sapphire mine presentation to your group. It offers a hands-on precious gems search and mineral identification. We will bring the mine to you. For scheduling and information, contact Deb at the mine.



This coming spring will also bring out the building contractors and home improvement projects. We sell gravel, or sand and decorative rock here at the mine for those close to Helena.

I've got a railroad shipper container full of sapphire gravel if anyone thinks big. Otherwise, stop by the rock shop and pick up a bag of sapphire gravel to take home. We are open daily 9-5. We ship UPS for you to mine at home so give us a call at 1-877-dig gems.



Sincerely,

Deb and Russ Thompson and staff at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine  
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