

## Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

End of January, 2005

Dear Friends,

Ice flows down the Missouri River channel on Hauser Lake, pushing the edge of the solid ice sheet. Nice weather gives us false security, momentarily hanging our three-layered coats on the wall. The doors are flung open, cabin fever subsiding, as a waft of sunlit breeze sweeps inside. A canvas of mud clots appear at the door step. Stepping through thick mud to reach the safety of dry ground challenges the nimble footed.



**WINTER GARNET GRAVEL** box Free this time only – with your choice of heart or round faceted garnet **with any MONSTER MINE** order through **February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
<http://www.sapphiremine.com>



Our skeleton crew – no – not the thin ones – hang out at the sapphire mine office boxing sapphire gravel into Hobby Boxes. We await the next weather change to give us momentum – retreat or treat.

Russ is heading to Tucson, Arizona, to arrive late Saturday, January 29th. Bernie from GemsUSA is setting up for sapphire

screening at the Tucson show (Tent 2 at [http://aksshow.com/html/floor\\_plan.jsp?jsessionid=kgf9zmw111?show\\_id=12](http://aksshow.com/html/floor_plan.jsp?jsessionid=kgf9zmw111?show_id=12), between Howard Johnson and LaQuinta on South Freeway-AKS Gem Show) and will offer **Spokane Bar Sapphire gravel** in his show line.



*I have gone thru about 2/3 of my last monster mine bag and couldn't wait until the end of searching to show you what I have found. I was pleased with the nice varieties of colors including some nice red, blue and peach colored ones I was finding in this bag but my eyes popped when I saw this huge stone sitting in the middle of my "light box" (a small table lamp in a metal waste basket with an old cake plate on top). As you can*

*see, it is larger than the dime and quite thick. My amateur estimate of size is at least 25-*

*30 carats. It is hard to see it well in the photos. Off the light it is a light purple/amethyst color. I cannot wait until I have it processed! Thanks!*

Jo -Rochester, NY

Cass and Deb are getting ready for the Water Well Drillers Conference at the Colonial Inn in Helena. They want to try their hands at screening sapphires. The enthused bunch can't wait to get started. We were instructed to bring everything in the shop, sample sapphires, sample gravel bags, Hobby Boxes, Gem Kits and Monster Mines!

We've had quite a few orders for our new Guaranteed ENHANCED Monster Mine. Great for entertaining – we've enhanced the material with ¼ cup of garnets that are real dazzlers on a light table. Be sure and order from our website at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com).

Think ahead – February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day – I am offering for our special one **WINTER GARNET GRAVEL** box **Free** this time only – with your choice of heart or round faceted garnet **with any MONSTER MINE order through February 15<sup>th</sup>**. You can also order a random “**Gem Hunt**”, **one gem for \$5 each**. Faceted gems in the sand box include amethyst, citrine, garnet, ruby, sapphire, topaz, moonstone, peridot, opal, topaz, iolite, tourmaline, and smoky quartz. Sizes vary from tiny up to chunky

Order soon at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com) or call 1-877-dig gems (406-344-4367). You can also send your order to 5360 Castles Road, Helena, Montana 59602. We ship UPS to your door. I will consider going postal for special cases – such as Hawaii, possibly Alaska and out of country.

Sincerely,

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