

# Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

July 2004 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Sheaths of green grass and tall reeds blend into windy patches of quickly drying fields across the Missouri River on Hauser Lake. The Lewis and Clark Expedition, re-enactment team passed by the sapphire mine the 20th of July. Scouts in regalia have filtered to the sapphire mine to check it out on their short adventure, some signing up for a month or more during the two year Lewis and Clark Expedition.



A full crew at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine hauled a fresh batch of sapphire gravel from the Brink's Pit. The initial test yielded an 18-carat sapphire. We have hauled 11 dump truck loads so far and after more than 30 loads we will start selling from this pit.



Nick, Cass and Mike cleaned the RV and Bus Turn Around. We hauled stuff from one side of the road to the other side. "Who owns all those trucks?"

Nick asked. Only a couple of them belong to the mine. "We keep collecting friends and all their trucks", I told him. I think a sales yard is in order. We are collaborating architectural plans for our small town/museum/snack bar/bar/shop expansion. Send me your ideas.

Every day in July has been "I read your newsletter and we are here to mine sapphires!" Customers come to see the sapphire mine and to load up on sapphire gravel bags to bring home. A dig option is still open to learn the art of mining for sapphires and gold, a great geological field trip! Customers pull out bags of gems from their pockets to separate and grade for faceting from their "mine at home" material. The Carty's have sent in their second batch of gems to be graded from an El Dorado Monster Mine. The white stone *"is heavier than quartz I weighed them. It is also clear as glass under that frosting. That lot will be processed and hopefully more rings or earrings set this time. I save the 3rd screening for the girls and their friends. It gives them all kinds of entertainment and if they find any I give them a finished one for their discoveries."*



*Then everyone is happy. My birthday is coming up so I'm going try for 2 more bags. Thanks again, John Crawford."*

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Sincerely,

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