

## *Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock*

May 2005

Dear Friends

Sizzling silver patches of lake water, yet to form white caps, greet the May morning here at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine near Helena, Montana. A 35-degree nighttime temperature chills the surrounding gullies.



Campers stream in to the sapphire mine to begin the sapphire hunt. Eager to begin, the 6:20 a.m. digger did not bring Deb a Cappuccino so he was turned away until the 9:00 a.m. opening.

Chris and Suzie Bueno from Port Angeles, Washington found 99.95 carats of facet grade sapphires in five Spokane Bar Sapphire Monster Mines. Finding chunky blue sapphires that weighed between 3-7 carat in size, the enthused Buenos purchased five more bags. An 8 carat royal blue sapphire was found in a Guaranteed Monster Mine. A digger on Cactus Hill took home a 4.77-carat clean sapphire plus several others. Dave from Missouri took the time to clean crevices in the bedrock, finding pockets of gravel in dips and hollows of smoothly worn bedrock shale.

Jennifer and Crystel racked up cartons of sapphire bags for school tours. One recent tour participant found a 1.85-carat ruby in a Hobby Box of sapphire gravel. Hobby Boxes and Winter Garnet Gravel can be ordered from our website at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com).

Russ found a large clump of Oreodont fossils in a nearby pit. He pieced together a skull, ribs and spine from an ancient, 65 million year old, pig-like critter. Crystel found a fossil tree with bark 8 foot in diameter. She brought back tree limb casts and Oreodont skulls to the sapphire mine office and is prepping the fossils with a glue based material to stabilize and keep the rock from crumbling.



Those sapphire enthusiasts interested in watching the *Hunt for Amazing Treasures*, "Fortunes Abound" Series 4, Episode 1 - can call to ask the Discovery Channel, viewer relations, to put the program on the schedule for the next quarter, starting July 1. Their phone number in Kentucky is 1-859-342-8439. The Discovery Channel staff base their decision to re-air a program by the number of requests to see the program. We will be working on our own video on sapphire mining this summer and hope to have it available on our website.



Monster Mines can be ordered at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com). My special this newsletter, good until June 30<sup>th</sup> – is one free small screen and one Gem Hunt with every **two** Monster Mines purchased with one order. There are [four Monster Mine](#) choices on our website – the regular Spokane Bar Monster Mine, El Dorado Monster Mine, Guaranteed Monster Mine, and Enhanced Monster Mine.

In addition, now you can also take advantage of our

### ***Memorial Day***

### ***Bonanza Extravaganza Super Duper Special!!!***

Where instead of the monthly special, all orders placed before **May 31<sup>st</sup>** you can upgrade to a **Large Screen** and **2 Gem Hunts!** Remember TWO Monster Mines with one order to receive the Special.

***FREE!!!***

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Sincerely,

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