

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

End of April 2006

Dear Friends:

Nice days of sun and charm beacon towards summer. We run outside to check the temp and back inside we go to stoke the fire! The power went out at 4 am after a night of rain and snow. We awoke to another blanket of snow to dampen our spirits. Chilling frost lingers in the morning. The sapphire washing tubs at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine near Helena, Montana are no longer frozen solid, a very encouraging sign.



Mike washed more El Dorado sapphire gravel so we could stock up the drying bins in between snowstorms. Keeping the gravel dry is a plus when we ship it out. The extra water weighs down the UPS truck and the lake water smells like carp, (did I say that)!



A customer found another 19 carat sapphire in an El Dorado! Gold nuggets the size of sesame seeds were found in El Dorado gravel. Moods brighten with the price of gold over \$638.00 an ounce. It takes a lot of sesame seed sized nuggets to equal an ounce-about a level teaspoon full.

Crystal drove up to our El Dorado Sapphire Mine to take a few photographs for our **new educational video "From Rocks to Riches"!**

Deb took photographs of the sapphire dyke to include in the movie. It is interesting to see the source of the sapphire matrix. Be one of the first to order this educational and informative video on sapphire hunting at my introductory price of \$24 at www.sapphiremine.com. Price definitely subject to change – after I get my video production bill! Chapters include history, mine operation, sapphire mining techniques and a personal tour of the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine.

Order your next Monster Mine Sapphire Gravel Concentrate and I will include one **FREE Mini Pick Up Tool** Pocket Size with every order of **one Monster Mine** until May 31st. These designer-edition pick up tools will show off your finished gems. You are getting them finished right?? Faceting coupons can be printed from our website at www.sapphiremine.com .

Sincerely,

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