

*Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine
& Gold Fever Rock Shop*

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Sapphire Mine News

Dear Friends:

Brief winks of sunlight capture the days end here at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine, ten miles east of Helena, Montana.

The gravel we mine is a limited supply this time of year. The El Dorado mine is inaccessible until spring. The roads are bad and we will not be able to go there for some time. Severe blizzards enveloped the house. The road to our rock shop drifted shut. Below zero temperatures make it difficult to get the tape to stick to the boxes when packing orders. I hesitate to call UPS in these extremes until the weather moderates somewhat. Some UPS orders that went out of here were stuck in Billings, Montana due to extreme weather conditions. I did catch a starving mouse out in the shop. Drama is in short supply here. A mountain lion got our yellow cat. We all hesitate to go outside for varying reasons.



SAPPHIRE MINE SPECIAL: ONE FREE WINTER GARNET GRAVEL WITH EITHER HEART SHAPED OR ROUND STRAWBERRY RED GARNET FOR EVERY MONSTER MINE ORDER TIL FEBRUARY 15TH FOR OUR NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

A customer reported a twenty-five carat yellow sapphire found recently in a regular Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine bag. He sent this giant sapphire to the gem cutter. I'll be interested in the follow-up report! I also graded some sapphires for some customers that stopped by. It was eleven below zero inside the rock shop, slightly warmer outside. Mrs. Jones from Helena, found a 4.5 carat blue sapphire in a Monster Mine Party Pak bag. Numerous facetable sapphires were found, though I lost count due to the numbness in my fingers. I refused to glance at the garnets due to impending frost bite! Local exuberance can wait until spring.

Big news – our new jewelry store, **Something Blue**, to open as soon as the showcases arrive! We are hoping for Valentine's Day. Located three doors down from the Great Northern Hotel at 855 Great Northern Town Center in Helena, Montana. Call Cass and Julia Thompson for your sapphire jewelry needs at 1-406-457-5525. We are trucking in Gem Kits and piles of sapphire jewelry to stock up the store.



The mine special is still valid through February 15th! I am not sure what next. All this FREE stuff should be a happy reward for you frequent and loyal treasure hunters!!

Our sapphire mine special is one FREE Winter Garnet Gravel with either heart shaped or round garnet for every Monster Mine order (a \$29.99 dollar value!). Free offer good until February 15th for our newsletter subscribers! Additional Winter



Garnet Boxes can be tossed in your box for \$15 more. Remember adding extra garnets matched for earrings or darlings can be added for \$10 more. Choose round shape or heart shape garnets. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or Valentine's Day with strawberry red Garnets. The rich red color of garnet brings a morale boost to lighten up winter days. Our Winter Garnet Gravel is a 4x5 box of Montana garnet gravel for your home mining experience with the added faceted garnet to give you a clue of what to do!



Our EBay Store has MORE sapphire jewelry and sapphire gravel products listed and growing: <http://stores.ebay.com/Gold-Fever-Rock-Shop> Travel Channel sapphire mine adventures can be viewed at www.travel.discovery.com under search "sapphires".

Sincerely,

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