

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine, 5360 Castles Road, Helena, MT, 59602, 6/13/02:

Hi everyone! My new pop up e-mail box was added to my web site at www.sapphiremine.com Here is #3 newsletter - Yay!

Hi:

Thanks for your interest in sapphire and gold mining. The heavy snow storm, June 10th, made the farmer's happy - and the forester's also. Miners came out in droves on Sunday, heavy rain and all - and opted for the dig option. Two cars got stuck on the hill in the mud. I guess it was worth it anyway as someone came off the hill with an eleven carat green sapphire.

The Learning Channel's Search for Amazing Treasures - will be at the mine filming at noon Friday. The weather is supposed to be in the 80's so you can imagine a touch of high humidity - a shock for Montanan's. Everyone else will be relieved as their winter coats were left home. Even Kmart put coats and electric blankets away for the season. I have to admit I asked about electric blankets at Kmart on Monday. The Californians at the mine were shivering and I thought conditions improved. The sky turned pink that evening. Summer is blooming finally.

We are cleaning the office - perpetually - and the dust comes off the counters in thick layers. Dust is 6 in hardness you know and contaminates our cutting laps. Thankfully - sapphires are 9 and can't get hurt too bad. It's a rock shop and the fossil Oreodonts are there waiting for the rest of us to catch up. We'll keep the place clean - long enough for you to show up.

Six hundred pounds of sapphire gravel were shipped to Seattle for Marci Shadow's - Washington Middle School's eighth grade class. Their last day of school is Friday and they are whopping it up with mining fever. I swear after the last batch of school tours this month - (120 in one group, a record) plus 41 second graders - a ton of rocks got carted into Helena on the bus. We are sure to get a huge crop of geologists in fourteen years or so.

Our goals are set on mining sapphires and gold. Hope you can join us this summer.

Order sapphire gravel concentrates - Monster Mine - shipped to your place at www.sapphiremine.com (New material available!)

The quip from the Lewis and Clark Journal has been added to our site below the Montana Historical Society photo of 1870 mining. There in the photo is the famous Mr. Samuel Hauser- the banker - posing next to the miner's (with shovels). The Lewis and Clark Expedition camped next to the warm water spring by the red cliffs. Be sure and scope out our web site! Thanks!

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