

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine Newsletter #7

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The TLC show was an unexpected success. We did not expect the kind of enthusiasm for sapphire and gold mining! We added extra phone lines, extra help and threw ourselves into the technological jungle. Russ has been mining fresh sapphire gravel and we have been trying to get it dry before shipping. We had to stop and make screens, as we ran out.

You will be glad to know our web site is now fully secure. You can check prices and order on line at www.sapphiremine.com

We also accept money orders and checks if mailed to:

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine

5360 Castles Road

Helena, MT 59602

You can give the new phone system a try at 1-877-diggems. It is a press one, press two, press three deal - I always wanted one of those.

We do ship to Canada, Alaska and Hawaii but the price is not only higher but we cannot cover the UPS broker fees. This seems to double the cost to Canada. Alaska and Hawaii do get the added benefit of two day air shipment.

We have gotten more efficient and faster. We are gearing up for the next TLC show, rumored to be aired August 7th.

Customers have called and emailed with sapphire discoveries including seven gold nuggets reported. I have added photos sent in from customers to our website under "testimonials" that are helpful for those that are unsure of what to look for.

Customer comments:

"We had a lot of fun going through the mini mine, I even had the kids next door help as well. Later that afternoon my ma and sister asked if they could pick through the gravel. It only took around 6 hours and we did something we haven't done in a long time, kids grownups, neighbors we all sat down picked at rocks and talked. Hope you can get the next order out soon as you can."

"We received our sack of sapphire gravel and went to work on it right away. As near as I can tell we went through the sack three times and found many promising stones to cut for jewelry. We had more fun than a barrel of monkeys. Thanks again and we will probably be ordering another bag here shortly."

Our prices remain the same. We are adding pocket scales for \$105 to weigh your finds. We also have a nice choice of faceted blue sapphires to choose from that will be on our website for ordering soon. I still have rich garnet gravel for sale that has not been

advertised. It is a limited supply. The material is \$35 shipped and is about a pint and half container. The garnet content has been reported to be about 500-700 carats worth and very rich.

We do have a dig option open when you visit the mine. Our flyer and map can be printed from our website at www.sapphiremine.com

Sincerely,

Deb Thompson

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine