

# Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

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Dear Friends:

Happy New Year – Oh Yes!!

Garnet gravel boxes line the awning window sill. Views outside the window show a snow covered lake. Dark cracks snake across the frozen terrain.

Bald eagles float over the pine searching for wayward ducks. The Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine ground is frozen and we converted the mine dump truck to a snow plow!



Our January **Winter Garnet Gravel Box** special is posted on the website. For those who enjoyed the Christmas Elf Bags we now have same size garnet gravel boxed with a faceted garnet. Your choice of 5mm round brilliant garnet or a heart shape garnet. A **Sapphire Hobby Box** of gravel is also offered in the 4 inch boxes on our site at



[www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com). A six carat, gem quality, sapphire was reportedly found in a Hobby Box! Most of the stones are small but numerous. This is the gravel that fell through the trommel screen.

We continue to add products to our site. The most popular is still the E-Eldorado Monster Mine. This is a limited supply due to the frozen roads to the mine. More will be available at first thaw! Seeing as how we are into the back end of the storage container – the regular Monster Mines that were mined from the PG Pit have renewed interest. Many large sapphires were found from that area, including the biggest one of 23 carat gem quality! Some of you are trying both for comparison and we await your comments!

We are keeping busy renovating the rock shop. We dismantled every showcase and tore up the floor. In the process, there are several gallons of floor sweeping that are worth a

small fortune. Twenty five years of powdered dust found handfuls of gems, rings and lost stones while taking up the carpet. We thought about auctioning our floor sweepings on EBay just for fun. If anyone is interested – give me a call. We will have to wait for spring to sort through it. Even a gold pan could prove useful.



Russ made it through seven mountain passes out of the northern frontier of Montana down to Laughlin, Nevada. The only real safe way out of Montana in the winter is north – and that’s a lie. True to form – a blizzard has to arrive about the time to leave. Now at the Laughlin AVI RV Park at Cloud’s Jamboree – Russ will be representing Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine with a ton of sapphire gravel, rocks, minerals and sapphires. Be sure to visit him during the Jamboree show the entire month of January and into first week of February. He is in no hurry to head north until a thaw!

We are removing overburden over the hot spot. A contractor will be hauling away overburden from the Miner’s Pit. We have waited a long time to get back into this area. It is over thirty feet deep but covers an ancient river channel. Imbricated rocks v-line a deep groove into the bedrock, pointing the way to hidden riches!

Thanks for your continued interest in sapphire and gold mining.

Sincerely,

Deb and Russ Thompson and the staff at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine  
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