

## Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

March 2005 Newsletter

Dear Friends!

Clouds stealthily glide east, tinged pink with darkened gray bottoms. Flattened gray ice seals Hauser Lake near Helena, Montana. Tin colored ripples border the ice sheet. Geese and ducks flutter rampantly before dawn.



Mike and Cass brought a truckload of Spokane Bar Monster Mine bags of sapphire gravel into the shipping awning for spring. This is the last batch mined in December – still frosty! Cass suggested we give away free beer tokens with your order (St. Patrick's Day prompt/promo) but since our bar is only a gravel bar – not a drinking bar – we decided we would give a **free Hobby Box** with every **Monster Mine** (Spokane Bar Monster Mine, El Dorado Bar Monster Mine, Guaranteed Spokane Bar Monster Mine or Enhanced Monster Mine) **until March 31st**. Order your Monster Mine SOON at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com) as I am still considering raising shipping prices by 5% or more..! Tobe our webmaster, suggested double the price and I think he is right (in valuation model I.)



Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine, near Helena, Montana, was mentioned in the recent AARP, *Modern Maturity* magazine, a piece written by Sondra Farrell a frequent writer for the *LA Times*. We have been getting a number of inquiries and orders for sapphire gravel. Everyone wants one of those \$14,000 sapphires mentioned in the article! Can't blame them for trying to get one of those high value stones! Many valuable sapphires and minerals are found on a continuing basis. Read the testimonials on our website at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com) for some insight on what people are finding.

Another article featuring this sapphire mine was reported by a caller. He said he flew recently on a new Horizon Airplane. *Horizon Air* magazine, February 5, Volume 16 (behind every seat) had a 2-3 page article mentioning the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine.

Mike has a used HDM McCarty Facet Machine for sale. It is complete and includes 8 laps, 20 dops, plus a transfer block. He is asking \$800 plus shipping. Contact Mike in Helena, Montana at 406-495-8690 to make arrangements. Be sure and mention you read about his **facet machine for sale** in the sapphire mine newsletter.

Bernie from GemsUSA has our sapphire gravel, **Monster Mine bags and Hobby Boxes** available at his shop in Sahuarita, Arizona. He is located at 6950 E. Camino-Aurelia. You can reach Bernie at 520-762-0100/ **or** 1-800-520-GEMS **or** best by e-mail at [www.GemsUSA.com](http://www.GemsUSA.com). He will also have our sapphire gravel available at the Denver Show in April. GemsUSA will have 2 tables in the lobby of the Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show, April 22-24. There is free admission and free parking at the Denver Holiday Inn Central, 4849 Hannock Street, Denver, Colorado - a Marty Zinn Show.

Nick George emailed: *We had our gems finished from Elliott Sher. They are from the Spokane Bar material, and in the case of the large blue sapphire with the dime, the El Dorado Bar. The sapphire faceted 4.45 carats. I've already had it set into a white gold man's ring...Lots of good comments and great advertisement for the Spokane. The garnets are gorgeous as you can see. They go from 4 carats on down...ovals, pears, marquise and rounds!!* See Nick's finished gems under "Testimonials" at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com).

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