

*Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine
& Gold Fever Rock Shop*

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Dear Friends,

Dreams, inland refuge of placid water – still, floating fall leaves hold golden thoughts before diminishing underwater. Early frost defines shortened days of glory in sunbathed waterfront grass fields along Hauser Lake near Helena, Montana. The Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine crew mine sapphire gravel in the remaining days of fall before freeze up. Mike, Tye and Cass hauled in bags of Sapphire Gravel to ship to customers to mine at home.

The Danielson family from Maine found a five carat light green sapphire from an Eldorado Monster Mine sapphire gravel concentrate while visiting the mine October 4th. The hexagon-shaped sapphire crystal should yield over a carat, high quality gemstone. They were very pleased with their find and packed several more bags of sapphire gravel in their car to haul home. A finished sapphire of high quality can have a value of \$500 to \$1000 per carat. The Danielson's were hoping to have the sapphire faceted and mounted in time for Christmas. There were numerous sapphires of facet quality they will send to the faceter. Faceters get busy towards Christmas and it takes at least nine weeks to get the finished gems back. Hopefully, you will not delay sending your rough gems to the gem cutter to avoid the rush! Gem cutting coupons can be printed from our website at www.sapphiremine.com under "Faceting Services".



We will continue the free Super Gem Hunt special, **one Free Super Gem Hunt with your order of any Monster Mine**, until the end of October. The Super Gem Hunt is one random faceted gem hidden in white sand. Additional Super Gem Hunts can be ordered on our website at www.sapphiremine.com.

Deb calls from Louisiana every day to report. The hurricane disaster is on going. The city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana where Deb is working as a FEMA Housing Inspector has doubled in size –(meaning an hour wait –four mile line – of traffic – just to get on the Interstate.) Storm damage includes heaps of wet furniture, malfunctioned appliances, torn roofs and dripping ceilings. Damage also includes too many friends and relatives, an extra 15 or so per household, with no where to go. Questions remain about jobs, food and clothing and whether the septic will ever work properly again. Teams of carpenters, electricians and plumbers are needed in every neighbourhood. Shelters empty as trailers or home rentals are secured for disaster victims. Countless stories emerge in an unending array of people affected by the hurricanes. Deb is moving to Houma, an hour South of New Orleans to continue working housing inspections.

Sincerely,

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

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