

# Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

September 2005 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

A Montana blue sky canopy fades to dust that envelops the mountains. Dust and smoke shroud the valley as distant forest fires continue in late summer. Haze obscures all evidence of cloud cover. Hauser Lake is stilled by the sultry air. Mingling clouds of dust stream down the county roads as tourists find their way to the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine ten miles east of Helena, Montana.



Tourists buy multiple Monster Mine bags of sapphire gravel from the mine office to pack home for winter projects. If you can't send a delegate to carry sapphire gravel home for you – be sure and order from our website at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com) or call 1-877-dig gems (1-877-344-4367 – I have to look up the numbers every time.) Nick George and his friend Adam

from Florida found 80 plus carats of facet grade sapphires – plus one 10.50 carat in El Dorado material while visiting the mine!

Rodger Schmit from Wisconsin ordered an El Dorado Monster Mine and “*found forty sapphires, the biggest being 8.6 carat.*” Rodger wrote: “*I am very pleased with the results and can't wait to see them faceted. I have one question. Can you help me identify the gem I received in my Gem Hunt? It is 1 carat, 6 mm round, light blue, very clear gem. Best regards, Rodger.*” (It was a Topaz!)



Deb is on her way to ground zero, New Orleans, to work with FEMA. After a battery of shots and lots of advice – she is going to help. “I am off the map – so if anyone needs to buy sapphire gravel or big cut sapphires – be sure and call the mine and talk to Cass.” Progress is being made on the sapphire mine video – a teaser clip is on our website.



One **Free Super Gem Hunt** will be added to every **Monster Mine** order for the month of September – ending September 30<sup>th</sup> (sand included!) Additional Super Gem

Hunts can be added to your order for \$10 each. Order additional products: Gem Kits, Hobby Boxes, Winter Garnet Gravel... at [www.sapphiremine.com](http://www.sapphiremine.com) and we'll add them to your order too!!

Sincerely,

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

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