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Adventures with Midori - Opal Hunting in MEX

Photos submitted by Midori Tokuyama

Thanks so much to Midori for sharing access to her recent adventures in Mexico and Ontario. Please be sure to ask Midori for details about her trips at our next meeting! And about her recent makes!!

Magdalena, Jalisco (MEX)

Midori enjoyed a successful opal-hunting trip in Mexico!



Midori in Jalisco!



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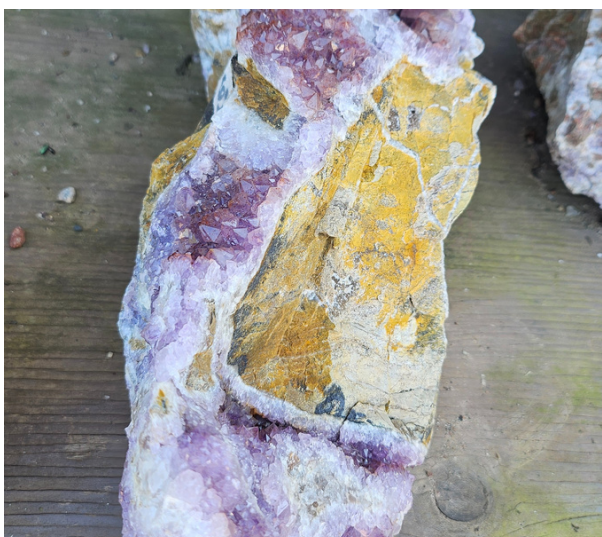
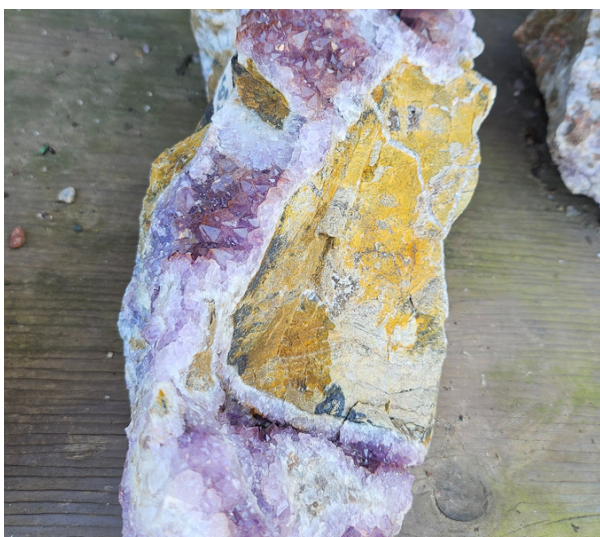
Adventures with
 Midori

Club Catch Up!
 -Tailgate
 -Fieldtrip
 -Kits Gem Show
 -Crystalworks
 -Barbecue

More
 Silversmithing
 Adventures

Workshops

Adventures with Midori - Amethyst Hunting in Thunder Bay, ON
Photos submitted by Midori Tokuyama



July 20, 2025 Hastings Centre Rockhounds -
Field Trip to Keystone Mine

Photos provided by Midori and Joyce



Joyce's
Rhodochrosite!



HCR Activities - Crystalworks' Tour, August 15, 2025



- Tail Gate,
July 19, 2025



HCR Activities - Kits Gem Show, August 3, 2025



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Workshops Temporarily Closed

We look forward to an update on our workshops and other activities at our September meeting.

This is the schedule we hope to return to - but please visit our [website](#) to confirm workshop scheduling, and monitor your HCR email for last-minute changes.

Planned Schedule

Monday (6:30 pm – 9:30 pm) – **Lapidary**

Instructor: Jo or Renee

Wednesday (9 am – 12 pm) – **Silversmithing***

Instructor: Robert

Wednesday (1 pm – 4 pm) – **Lapidary**

Instructor: David and Steve

Thursday (6:30 pm – 9:30 pm) – **Lapidary**

Instructors: Tim and Daniel

NEW Friday (1 pm – 4:30 pm) – **Lapidary**

Instructors: Richard and Al

*SUMMER - TIME CHANGE Saturday (10 am – 12 pm) –
Silversmithing*

Instructors: Crystal and Robert

Alternate Lapidary instructors are Linda and Alex.

Please note that the schedule is subject to change based on instructor availability. Changes are often announced by email.

***Beginners to Silversmithing** are asked to [contact Crystal](#) before attending. Instruction is available only at the Saturday session and there is a \$40 beginners kit with supplies needed for silversmithing.

workshop rules and regulations

Celebrating 65 Years!

Mark your calendars for our Club's 65th Anniversary Gem and Jewellery Showcase to be held March 14 and 15 here at HCC. Details to follow!

Birthstone Catch Up!

reference IGS International



July - Rubies are often connected with physicality and strength. Warriors believed them to be intimately connected with the human body and often believed to increase the strength and stamina of the wearer. Also thought to calm anger and help the wearer navigate passionate social situations. Rubies are a radiant red gemstone. They often have a dominant red hue but you can find rubies with orange or pink undertones.



August - Peridots have been credited with protecting their wearer during the night. This is due to the fact that the lively appearance of peridot fostered ancient associations between the gemstone and the sun. It was thought that keeping the stone close during dark hours repelled night-time evil spirits. The green hue of some peridot may overlap with the green color displayed by emeralds. However, peridot often features a unique yellowish overtone not observed in emeralds. Some stones have a brownish appearance.



September - Sapphires are considered a protective gemstone. They may shield the wearer from physical harm as well as bad intentions and envy. It was also thought that sapphires had medicinal properties. Blue sapphires are considered a highly spiritual stone worn by priests.

Like rubies, sapphires are corundum gems. They occur in a full rainbow variety of colors, except red. (Red corundum is ruby). Sapphires will be marketed according to their color, i.e., yellow sapphire or purple sapphire. However, the word "sapphire" on its own refers specifically to the blue variety.

N.B. Rubies are red due to the presence of chromium, and sapphires exhibit a range of colors depending on what transition metal is present. A rare type of sapphire, padparadscha sapphire, is pink-orange.

Thank you for reading!
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