



D. R. S. NEWS

Is It Time Already?

Yes, it's hard to believe it's already time for another newsletter, but since I'm sitting here writing, it must be that time again. We hope that this is finding all of you fellow rockhounds doing well.

In case you're wondering, we came across the picture of Dan and Sugarrose (3rd on top) when she was just a month old. So that little black and white speck is actually our "head of security". So much for nostalgia hour. Let's get started!!!!!!

Did You Know.....

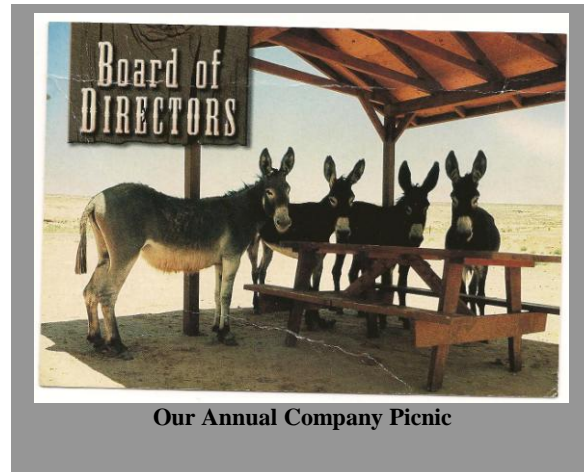


Lepidolite is a type of Mica, discovered in the seventeen hundreds. It was originally named "lilalite" from the Hindu word "lila" (meaning play, or game).

Because of its high lithium content, it can be placed directly on painful parts of the body. It can help such things as nerve pain as well as joint problems.

Lepidolite is also said to encourage independence for setting goals, provide protection from outside influences, promote restful sleep, and drive away negativity.

Lepidolite can be found in Colorado as well as other places in the United States, and also in Brazil.



Our Annual Company Picnic

I'll Take One Of Each

As many of you know, 'tis the season to change our hours (falalalala, lalalala). For those of you who are not familiar with us yet, these are [Dick's Rock Shop's](#) holiday hours:

Monday-Saturday
10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Closed on Sunday.

There will be one or two exceptions to this rule because of prior commitments, but we will do our best to help each and every one of you with your Christmas shopping needs. Come see us!!!

Hours effective

November 26th-December 23rd

Christmas Eve: 10:00 A.M.-???



Do Two Pywrongs Make A Pyrite?



Iron Pyrite (Fools Gold)

There's Iron In Them There Hills!

Iron pyrite can be found just about anywhere. Most of the time when we see it, it is in the sediment in the beds of streams and rivers, and just looks like little sparklies on the bottom.

Pyrite can also be found in hydrothermal veins, which are created by hot magmatic emanations, which create underwater vents as well as hot springs.

Metamorphic rocks are also a rich source of pyrite. Metamorphic rocks, as the name suggests, are igneous and sedimentary rocks which have "morphed", or changed to a different kind of rock. The change is caused by extreme pressure, which creates heat, which in turn creates the "morph".

Pyrite's brassy yellow color made people think they had found gold. So guess what they nicknamed it.

Fool's Gold!!

It's My Pyrite, And I'll Scry If I Want To!

The name "Pyrite" comes from the Greek word "pyros", meaning "fire".

It was given this name because of the fact that it gave off a spark when struck by a piece of metal, or another mineral.

Pyrite has had many uses throughout the ages, including what is known as "scrying". This was practiced by the Mayans, Aztecs, and Incas. The Pyrite was polished to a mirror finish, and used as a seeing stone. This was not for seeing the future. They believed they needed to see the physical present in order to get in touch with the spiritual past.

Native Americans believed it to be a gateway to the soul. It was called "a stone of power". Medicine men also used it in some healing rituals.

The ancient Chinese saw the earth as a golden cube, so pyrite fit right in with their beliefs. They also believed it would prevent crocodile attacks.

Pyrite is believed to enhance left and right brain interaction. It is also believed to attract money and good fortune.

It is also used to fend off infection, viral attacks, and fever.

As usual, more information is available through many online sources or your public library.



Rockhound, Heal Thyself, Again

I'll Have The Feldspar With A Side Of Orthoclase, Please.

Today we are going to scratch the surface on the tons of info about Amazonite.

It is a form of green microcline feldspar. Originally, it was mined almost exclusively in the Ilmen mountains, south of Chelyabinsk, Russia.. More recently, it has been found in Pikes Peak, Colorado attached to smoky quartz, orthoclase, and albite. Crystal Park in El Paso County, Colorado has also produced high quality Amazonite crystals. They have also been found in parts of Madagascar and Brazil.

One of the fun things is the name. Amazonite was named after the Amazon River. This is a little strange considering that although green stones have been found in the Amazon, Amazonite is not indigenous to the area.

The source of the green color is not copper, as many people believe, but rather from small quantities of lead and water in the feldspar.

Yeah, But Does It Do Windows?

Looking in to the "metaphysical" properties of Amazonite, I have come to realize that this is one of the "Superstones". I don't have room for all of it, but here's a taste.

Amazonite is said to create a feeling of power, inspire truth, sincerity, and honor, and if you place it on the middle of your forehead (the third eye), it will unlock psychic vision.



Amazonite with smoky quartz

And what about physical help, you say? It is said to help the body to absorb calcium (teeth and bones)

It will help balance your metabolism, nervous system, liver, thyroid, and will also help with throat problems. It can also help with spinal problems as well as bursitis.

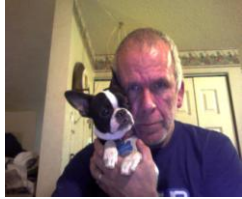
As if that weren't enough, it can also help with cramps and muscle spasms.

And guess what else. It helps natural dilation, thus making child birth easier.

As always, **WE ARE NOT** suggesting that you do anything against your physician's advice. This is merely an educational and entertainment tool.

There is so much great information on Amazonite, you really need to go online and check it out!!



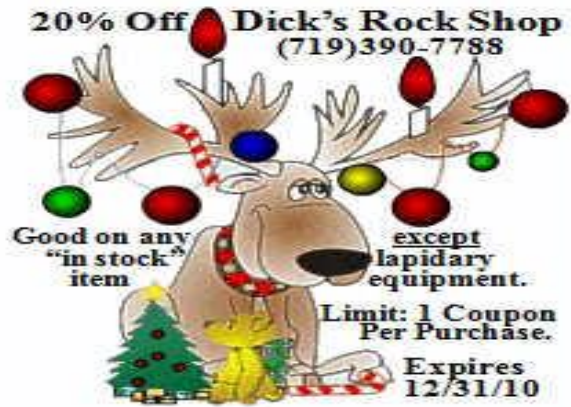


Editor's Note

First off, we would like to thank everyone for your responses to our prayer request. Sharon is home and progressing nicely. She is hoping to have the other knee replaced in about 7 weeks, and then have her left ankle fused as soon as possible after that. Your continued good thoughts will be greatly appreciated.

Once again, we hope you learned something, and had a good time along the way. As usual, go to diwing@dicksrockshop.com and let us know how we are doing.

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Thank you, and Happy Holidays!



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