

# THE ROCK RATTLER

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*Amethyst Birthstone of the month*

Amethyst Crystal from Las Vigas, Mexico. Nick Stolowitz Photo: Mineral Masterpiece, Amazing Geologist

**Presidents Message** - by Del Glasner

F.Y.I.

Bossier History Center meeting room has been reserved for our club meeting place for club meeting Feb 4, 2020 .and Mar 3, 2020.

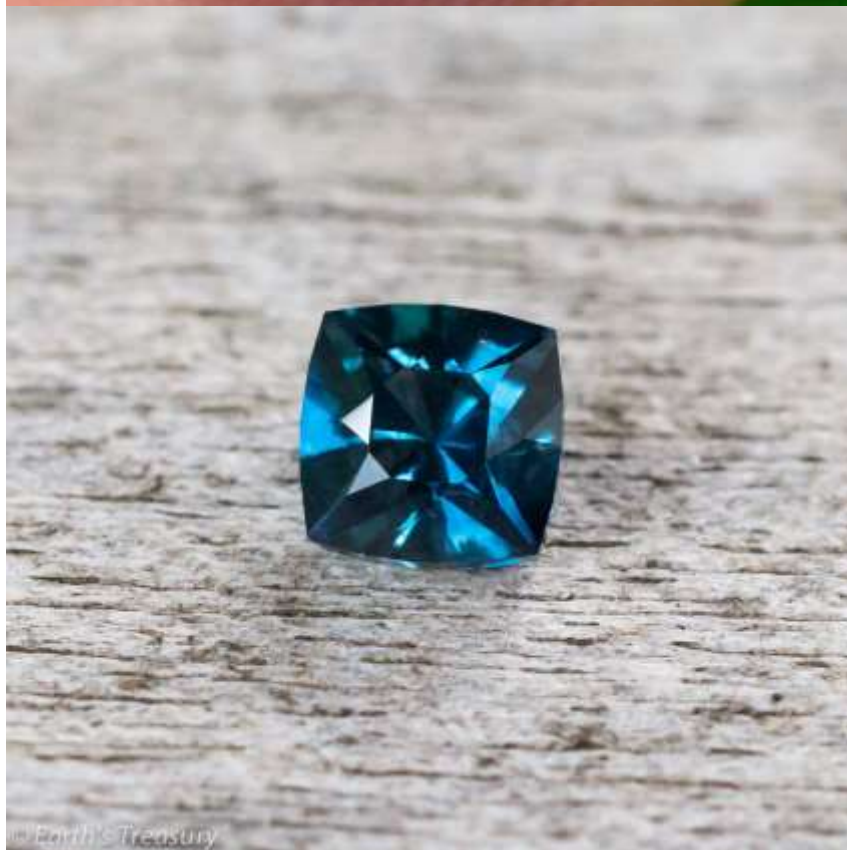
**Birthstone for** Feb is Amethyst



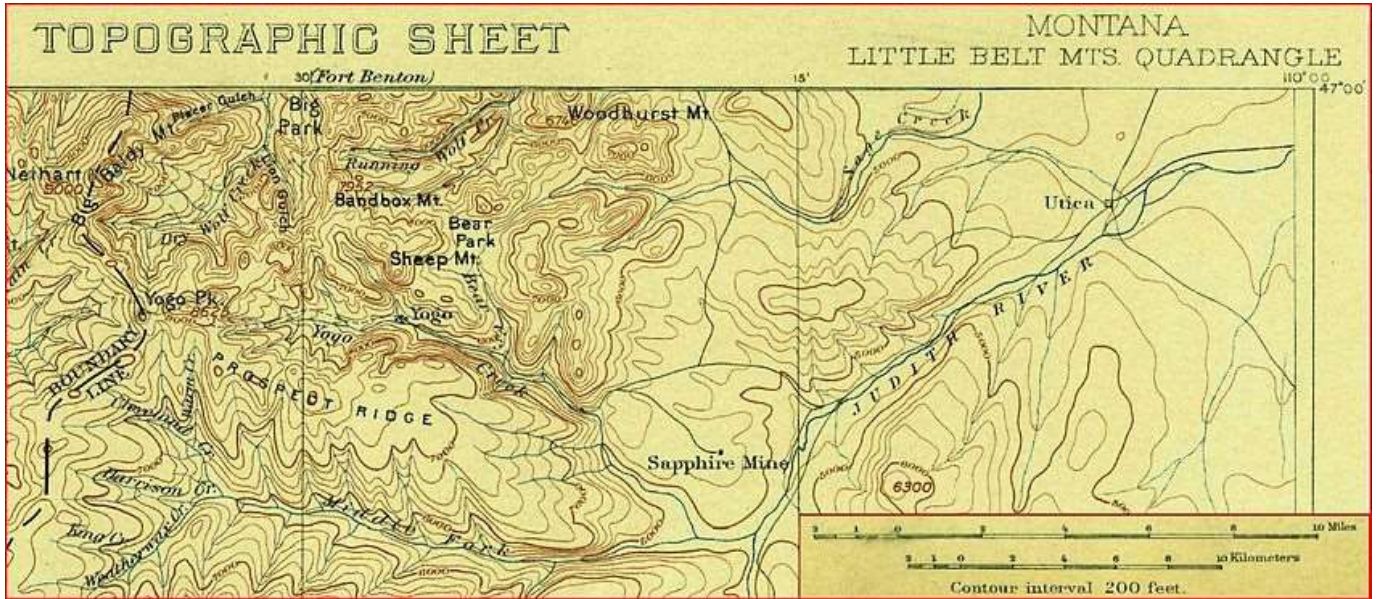
This February birthstone is the violet, or purple, variety of quartz. Amethyst used to be highly expensive; but since the discovery in the 19<sup>th</sup> century of its huge deposit in Brazil, the main stone for February ceased being a precious stone. Amethyst also fades in color with exposure to sunlight, making this February gemstone less durable compared to other gemstones. The February stone is believed to make its wearer gentle, friendly and agreeable, reminiscent of the zodiac sign Pisces.

**Next meeting :** Tuesday Feb 4, 2020 At the Bossier History Center Meeting room Next to the Bossier Central Library 2206 Beckett St

**Program:** *Yogo Sapphires and Montana Mining* by Fred Peterson







**Member Photos – Trip to Quartzsite, Az**



**Classroom/Shop:** Open for members most Saturdays 10-5

Check our page link below to confirm.

Location: 581 Rex Beard Rd. Haughton, La

## Shows

- **Jan 24-26—TYLER, TEXAS:** Annual show; The East Texas Gem & Mineral Society; Tyler Rose Garden Center, 420 South Rose Park Dr.; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, students and children \$1 ; 24th Annual Gemstone and Jewelry Show, with dealers offering minerals, cut and uncut stones, geodes, equipment and supplies, demonstrations, displays, and activities for children ; contact Margaret Kilanski ; Email: [mlkilanski@yahoo.com](mailto:mlkilanski@yahoo.com)

## INFO

Ran across a couple of notes on the web about the **real cost of snakebite:**

### **Exploretruenorth.com**

"While a vial of CroFab (antivenom) costs a hospital only about \$2,200 each, when all the other related costs are factored in — like staff, tests, related medical procedures, and helicopter transport, among many others — the real cost to the patient is almost 10 times that amount. *It seems, then, that the snake isn't the only one who bites.*"

### **Wikipedia**

"Boyer said that CroFab, a US drug whose sister product retailed in Mexico at \$100, was resulting in bills to Arizona patients of between \$7,900 and \$39,652 per vial. One person rejected treatment and died because he couldn't afford to pay for it." *Sounds like it's better to get bit in Mexico.*

## Websites that may be of Interest:

### **Gold in Louisiana**

<https://www.goldrushnuggets.com/goinlo.html>

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