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Sapphire Birthstone of the month

Presidents Message - by Del Glasner

Time to start planning some field trips and classes. I feel like an animal in a cage and want to get out.

Birthstone for September is Sapphire

Sapphires come in a wide variety of colors. Some colors are common, some colors are rare and some colors are so rare they are hardly seen. One of the most rare sapphires is the ever-beautiful [Padparadscha Sapphire](#).

What is Padparadscha Sapphire?

[Padparadscha sapphires](#) are not generally well known to the general public but gemstone collectors treasure them. They are very beautiful with colors that are amazing.

Padparadscha is derived from a Sinhalese word for “aquatic lotus blossom” with a beautiful salmon color. The color for the padparadscha sapphire can range from a salmon color with a pinkish hue to an orange hue. They also tend to not be evenly colored, they can have color zones with pink and yellow hints around their salmon color.



Being So Rare...

With the Padparadscha Sapphire being extremely rare, they often times have asymmetrical cuts. Clarity is important in the padparadscha's because with their light coloration inclusions are easily revealed. High clarity may need to be sacrificed to

obtain a brilliantly colored stone. It is difficult to find a padparadscha over two carats in weight. When one is found it is considered exceptional and extremely rare.

Ref. Rockgem Auctions

Next meeting : Tuesday Sep 1, 2020 **Canceled** due to power outage
Lets try again in October.

Member Photos – Field Trip to Dark Woods Lost Treasure Mining Co.
8/15/20





Side Field Trip fossil finds on I-49-
Del's finds (Micro Foram and Coral)



Lyn's Finds (coral & shells)



Del's Creation



Kat's Pre-forms



Malcolm's new weather dog



Classroom/Shop: Open for members most Saturdays 10-5
Check our facebook page link below to confirm it is open.
Location: 581 Rex Beard Rd. Haughton, La

Websites that may be of Interest:

Where to find Sapphires

<https://gemhunters.com.au/information/about-sapphires/where-to-find-sapphires/>

Mining Sapphires

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90dSx20xIFs>

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