

## Find Your Birthstone!

**January:** *Garnet*. Most often seen either as the Mozambique (orange/red color found in Africa), Rhodolite (purplish/red color found in Sri Lanka, India, East Africa), or the Tsavorite (green color found in Sri Lanka, Kenya, Tanzania, Brazil, India)

**February:** *Amethyst*. Purple in color most often found in Africa and South America

**March:** *Aqua Marine*. A pale blue color found most often in South America, Africa, China.

**April:** *Diamond*. Most often the traditional white diamond but other popular colors and more expensive due to rarity are pink, yellow, blue, and purple

**May:** *Emerald*. Green in color and most of found in Columbia, Zambia, Brazil, Pakistan, Zimbabwe.

**June:** *Pearl or Alexandrite*. Pearls are usually Chinese cultured (freshwater, more oblong in shape) or Japanese cultured (saltwater, rounder shape to them). Alexandrites are the gemstone for the month of June. Different times of day changes the appearance of the stone. They are most often found in Brazil.

**July:** *Ruby*. The color we shop for is called Pigeon Blood red, which is an intense red color. We prefer Burmese (Myanmar) Rubies but they are also found in Thailand, Kampuchea, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Tanzania, and Madagascar.

**August:** *Peridot*. A lime green color most often found in China, Australia, Brazil, Myanmar, Kenya, Mexico, Sri Lanka, USA (particularly Arizona).

**September:** *Sapphire*. The particular color we look for is called Peacock Feather Blue. However we also shop for intense colors of pink, yellow, green, and purple sapphires. We particularly like Ceylon Sapphires from Sri Lanka but they are also found in Australia, Thailand, Myanmar, India, Kampuchea, Kenya, Tanzania, US, Madagascar.

**October:** *Opal or Tourmaline*. Opals play on color but the most important value factor is when they contain a red fiery color because that will show other colors. They are most often found in Australia. Tourmalines may be pink or green in color and are most often found in Brazil, Afghanistan, Myanmar, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, US.

**November:** *Citrine*. A golden lemon color most often found in Brazil and Bolivia.

**December:** *Blue Zircon*. A bluish/green color with the same refractive power as a diamond. They are most often found in Kampuchea, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Australia, Thailand, China.