

GEMMING TO THE STARS 2021



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Dear readers,

The current global economic downturn unleashed by the outbreak of COVID-19 has affected every industry and ours is no exception. For the gemstone trade, expositions ended, flights were cancelled and quarantines put a damper on everything. There are still no passenger flights to Sri Lanka, and travel in and out of Africa is severely restricted. Whether through government actions, or a lack of cash flow, gemstone mining has mostly stopped, and now there's little new rough to buy.

Gemvine remains focused on gemstones and their trade. While every gem has a story, we go for the most interesting ones and hope to share our excitement and capture your imagination.

Looking back over the year, I believe we sustained or exceeded our editorial standards and are immensely proud of our writers, photographers and designers who worked so hard to produce original and exciting issues under difficult circumstances.

Next year's issues will present a blend of research and observations of both challenges and opportunities. We'll investigate the conflicts between sustenance and sustainability and see how they impact mining and manufacturing. We're also adding more value to our website and our mailer, with more exclusive content and insightful features alongside the latest news.

As this is the last newsletter of 2020, we thank you for subscribing and wish you all a Happy New Year. Stay safe and best wishes.

2020 MOVERS & SHAKERS

From the sky rocketing interest in rare gems like Serendibite to the persistent appeal of color change and bi-color gems, see some of the trend-setting gemstones of 2020.

SERENDIBITE MOST UNEXPECTED

Serendibite used to be one of the rarest gemstones globally, and before 2005 only three serendibites were thought to be in existence – all from Sri Lanka. More recently, facet quality Serendibite was discovered in the Mogok area of Northern Myanmar. Although the Sri Lankan stones were an attractive greenish or violetish blue, the dark black Burmese stones look just as good.

They seem ideal to create that refined combination of rarity and intrigue in contemporary jewelry. As a substitute for Onyx, Serendibite is far more exotic and expensive but doesn't pose any challenges in sensitivity to heat or susceptibility to breakage.



ALEXANDRITE MOST APPRECIATED

A fairy-tale gemstone with universal appeal, that continues to fascinate and be admired by astrologers, scientists and gem lovers throughout the world.



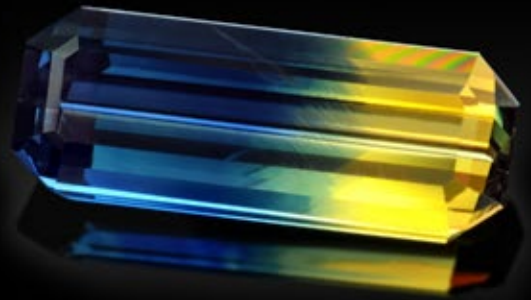
AQUAMARINE MOST POPULAR

It is a favorite stone of modern jewelry designers and one of the most fashionable gemstones overall, recognized for its exceptional clarity and brilliance. The best colors are the darkest and aquamarine is never too dark.



BI COLOR SAPPHIRE TOP TRENDING

Bi-colored sapphires, with their variegated colors, are enjoying a surge in popularity. Not only is every stone unique and colorful, but they are ordinarily unheated. The best bi-colors are a matter of taste, but apparent color separation is always an advantage.



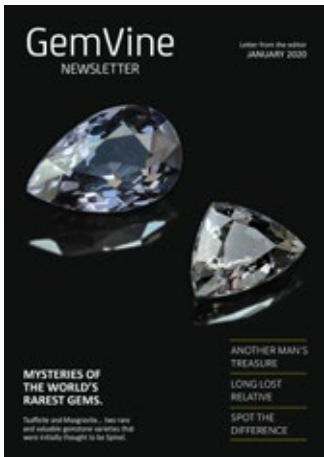
COLOR CHANGE GARNET MOST SIGNIFICANT

Thought by some to be "a poor man's alexandrite", they are the most phenomenal of all the garnets. The color change can be intense and equal to the color change of finest alexandrites.



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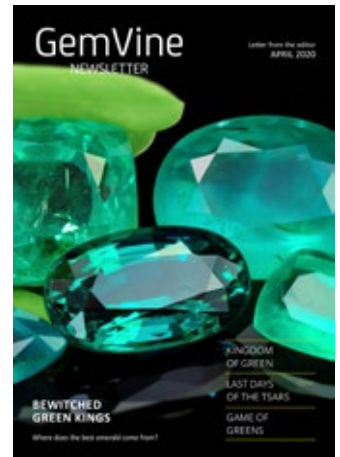
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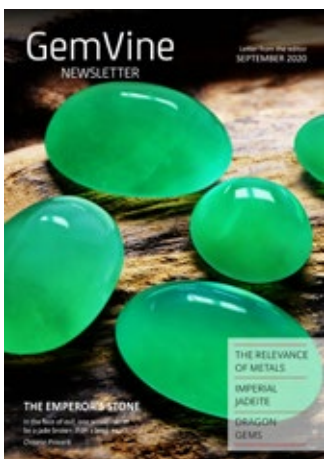
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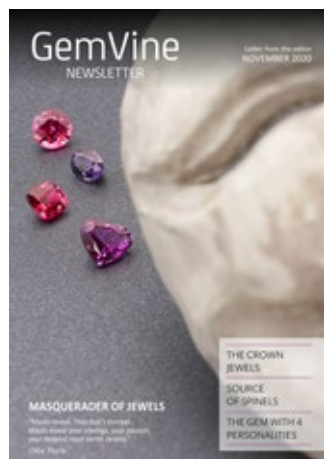
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