



# Gem Facts & Fantasy

**HEALING STONES:** Many gems have been credited with the power either to cure or relieve certain ailments. Physicians of past centuries often recommended that the stones should be finely powdered, Mixed with fruit juice & syrup and taken internally. It was also advised that healing stones could be worn on the body.

ILLNESS	GEM
Arthritis	Amber
Blood Purification & Bone Problems	Jade
Bad temper	Zircon
Cataract	Sapphire
Constipation	Emerald
Contagious Diseases	Opal
Convulsions	Coral, Malachite
Depression	Lapis
Envy	Agate
Epilepsy	Moonstone
Evil Spirits	Diamond, Topaz
Evil Thoughts	Garnet
Fear	Ruby
Fever	Red Garnet, Moonstone
Headache	Amethyst

(to be continued)

\*Healing powers of gems is controversial, no guarantees implied  
\*Reproduced from *The Power of Gemstones* by Raymond J.L. Walters

## Upcoming Shows

### Craft Faire at Hathaway Brown, 24rd Annual

June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> (Friday: 10-8 & Saturday: 10-6)  
Suburban East Cleveland, Ohio (Hathaway Brown School,  
19600 N Park Blvd. Shaker Heights)

### Bristol Renaissance Faire, Wisconsin

July 11<sup>th</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup> (Weekends only, plus Labor Day)

#### Gems of Antiquity - 542 The Buttery

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can you select from my loose gems to put in one of my settings.*

### Common Ground's 35th Annual Art Fair

Downtown Birmingham Michigan • September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
[www.commongroundhelps.org](http://www.commongroundhelps.org)

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### Sugarloaf Craft Festival

Rock Financial Showplace, Novi Michigan

### Autumn Festival

Villa Park, Illinois, at the Odeum (West Chicago suburb)  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> • Hours & \$1 off coupons at: [www.hpifestivals.com](http://www.hpifestivals.com)

*\*Note for my California friends: I will not be doing another show  
there until September 2010.*

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of the **rarest**  
gems found in  
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# Gems of Antiquity



Paul Hapip Jewelry

Spring 2009



## GEM HUNTING IN SRI LANKA

On October 5, 2008 I embarked on a 3 week vacation in Nepal and Southern India and 3 weeks of gem buying in Sri Lanka.

This was my fifth trip to Sri Lanka in the past 27 years — three times in the 1980's, 2003 and now. The reason for my long hiatus was the civil war between the Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankans. There was a truce when I visited in '03, but not in '08. This year most of the fighting was in the Northern tip of the island. There was only one bombing sortie on the capital, Colombo, while I was there.

I divided my time between visiting significant gem dealers in Colombo and an excursion to Ratnapura ("City of Gems") in the heart of the mining district. In search of the finest qualities and being astute in my bargaining, I'm glad to report my efforts were very successful.

The fruits of my labor — Sapphires (in every color of the rainbow plus bi-color); Chrysoberyl (yellow, orange and green) and it's sub-species Alexandrite (color change-green to pink); star and blue Spinel; white, yellow and green Zircons; Diopside (pastel and deep green); Garnets (Hessonite and color change); and brown Tourmaline (with yellow and orange sparkle).

For the first time I aquired some of **THE RAREST GEMS** found in Sri Lanka: **SAPPHIRINE** (not related to Sapphire), **TAAFFEITE** (only seven specimens known in 1981!) and **DUNILITE** (discovered by my friend, gemologist Dunil Gunasekera).



Paul emerging from mine shaft.

Miner at the bottom of mine shaft.



Nepal

India

Sri Lanka

# MY NEWEST DESIGNS FOR 2009

All three ring designs I created this year are from flowers I saw and photographed on my 2008 trip. The Ginger flower was in the courtyard of my hotel in Pokhara, Nepal. The Crepe Jasmine flower was in the garden of my principal gem dealer in Colombo, and the Crinum Lily was on a path in the beach town of Hikkaduwa in Sri Lanka.

The last design was to adapt my Forget-Me-Not flower (available in ring, pendant and earrings) for a charm bracelet. Thus you can build your own charm bracelet with the birthstones of family, friends or the dearly departed.

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## Crinum Lily

**Crinum Lily**  
*Crinum asiaticum*

Also known as the Spider lily, has white flowers that are shaped like tubes that flare open into a crown of narrow petals. The clustered flowers with purple stamens are arranged atop thick, succulent stems.



Crinum Lily ring with Citrine



## Crepe Jasmine

**Crepe Jasmine**  
(Pinwheel Jasmine or Carnation of India)

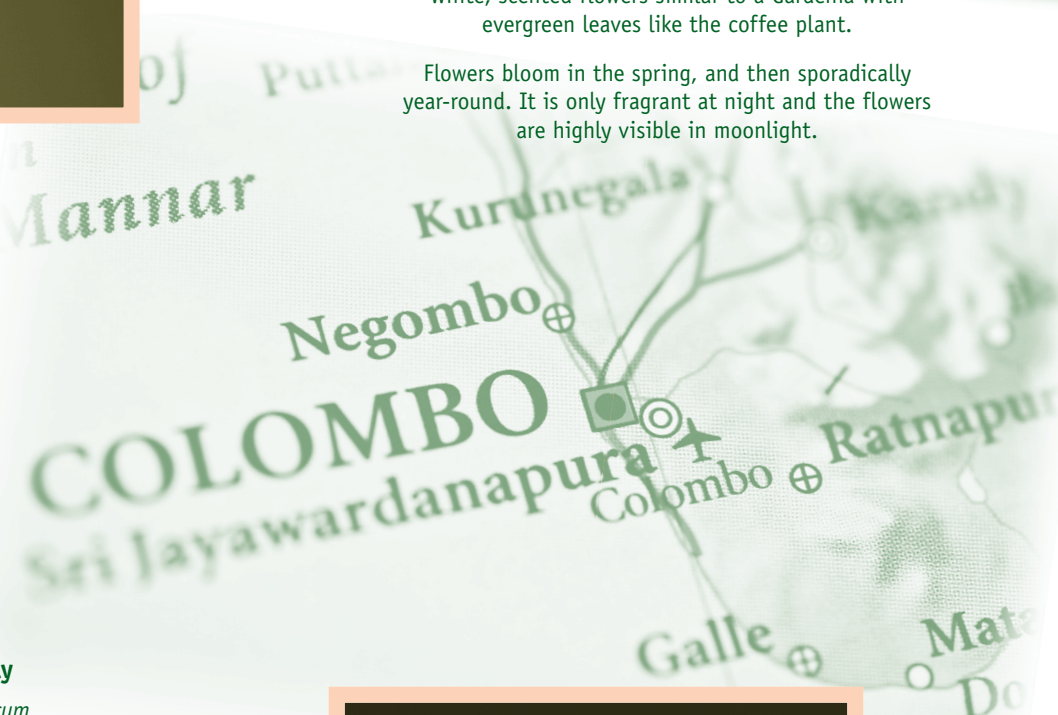
*Tabernaemontana divaricata*

A tropical plant native to India, China and Thailand. White, scented flowers similar to a Gardenia with evergreen leaves like the coffee plant.

Flowers bloom in the spring, and then sporadically year-round. It is only fragrant at night and the flowers are highly visible in moonlight.



Crepe Jasmine ring with Pink Sapphire



## Ginger Tree Flower

**White Ginger Flower**  
*Hedychium coronarium*

Originally from the Himalayas region of Nepal and India, this tropical perennial is a cousin of culinary ginger. With exotic, white, butterfly-like blossoms that sweeten the night air.

The species was introduced to Hawaii by settlers. The Hawaiians refer to white ginger as "awapuhi", and use the juice of mature seed heads for hair and skin.



Ginger Flower ring with Diopside

