

Precious Pink Gems - The Color of Love and Happiness

Pink is a softer, lighter, and more feminine version of the color red. And it is about as pleasant a color as you can find. Pink traditionally means love, happiness, and general well-being. It is among the most delicate of pastel gemstone colors and is a perennial favorite with women everywhere, especially around Valentine's Day when pink gems are often combined in jewelry with sparkling white diamonds. Pink comes in a wide range of elegant hues ranging from pale rose to a mellow cerise to a hot raspberry tint. Here are some of the most popular pink gems.

Pink Garnet. Named for rhododendron flowers of South Carolina, rhodolite garnet is a sparkling, durable, and very affordable gem.

Pink Spinel. A brilliantly clear, sparkling and durable gem available in many varieties of pink.

Pink Topaz. A real eye-catcher with its deep-pink color, sparkling brilliance, and rich, showy luster. It's also a very hard and durable gem.

Pink Diamond. The most beautiful of all fancy diamond colors. Most come from the Argyle mine in Australia and have a



uniquely rich, saturated color.

Pink Sapphire. This lively form of corundum is hard, glittering, and comes in many lovely shades of pink. It also has good brilliance, clarity, and a soft, pleasing luster.

Pink Tourmaline. Called rubellite, it is a bright, hard, glittering gem that is very affordable.



The Jewelry Doctor

Care Tips For Sunny Heliodore

Heliodore is a member of the important beryl family of hard, transparent, and beautiful gemstones. Beryl comes in a variety of brilliant colors including green (emerald), blue (aquamarine), pink (morganite), clear (goshenite), and yellow (heliodore).

Called "Gift of the Sun" since its discovery in 1910, lustrous heliodore is virtually flawless and quite inexpensive. It's also a very durable gem with a hardness of 8 on the Mohs scale and is resistant to chemicals except for fluoridic acid.

Yellow beryl is easy to care for, but avoid high heat and hard knocks. Also do not store with harder gems such as sapphires, rubies, or diamonds which can cause scratches. Gently clean heliodore with warm soapy water and a soft toothbrush and dry on a towel.

Jewelry Classics

Colorful Enamel Jewelry... Prized as Wearable Art

Brilliantly glowing enamel colors add a rich and eye-catching appeal to today's most popular karat gold and sterling silver jewelry designs. Enameling is one of the oldest decorative arts in which grains of brightly colored glass are melted and fused at very high temperatures to precious metal surfaces.

Today, colorful enamel jewelry is available in rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, pins, and cuff links in a wide range of breathtaking new designs.

Probably the world's most famous pieces of enamel jewelry are the fabulous jeweled Easter eggs created by Peter Carl Fabergé between 1885 and 1917 for the Czar of Russia as gifts for the Empress. These lavishly beautiful eggs displayed an extraordinary variety of beautiful enamel colors and were encrusted with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, emeralds, and other colored gemstones. Today, Fabergé eggs are so rare and costly that only millionaires can afford to own them.

But now these fabulous eggs have been recreated as hand-made miniature eggs at



surprisingly modest cost. Made of sterling silver or 14K and 18K gold, each elegant mini Fabergé-style egg is decorated with 24K gold gilt, brilliant multicolor baked enamels, and set with sparkling colored gemstones.

These genuine works of art can be worn as pendants, locket, earrings, or on necklaces and bracelets. There are dozens of beautiful designs to choose from and they can be worn year-round.