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Helen Hall Library

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MINUTES OF THE December CLGMS GENERAL MEETING

We did not have a regular general meeting, but instead we had our annual Christmas dinner at Kelley's Country Cooking. The Christmas dinner was well attended by our members and guests. We had many door prizes and the Grand prize went home with Christina Rankin.

December Newsletter Correction – there was no backyard field trip as announced – it was held in October instead.

MINUTES OF THE January CLGMS BOARD MEETING.

Please welcome our new Treasurer, Ms. Monica Duran she has been a member for some time and is ready to take on this role – Big thank you to Morgan Davies that had been the club's treasurer for many years.

Charlie would like to teach members how to make wire rings either during a meeting or at a different time.

Remember the date of our show will be from 2/23-2/25, postcards will be sent out by 1/28.

We have 46 vendors with 218 paid tables \$22,025 and \$19,580 collected for the show. Everything has been signed at The Pasadena Convention Center.

David will speak to the Pasadena Police for security coverage during the show.

Alan Treimann will be teaching the Geology 101 class, and the Dinosaur's show will be back to do his class also.

Pens and name badges will need to reorder again.

A rest lounge will be available for vendors with water and food trays.

We need a volunteer who can make new vendor signs.

On Thursday 2/22 at 6pm we need volunteers to help with getting items from the storage room into the truck. Dinner will be provided from the Club at Kelley's (Pasadena).

We will need help to set up at the Pasadena Convention Center on Friday 2/23 at 8am.

We also need volunteers to breakdown and go to the storage on Sunday evening (2/25) – dinner will be provided there after at Jimmy Changas in Deer Park. The more volunteers the merrier and the faster will be done.

Our next show will be February 24-25, 2024.

Upcoming events - We are looking forward to the following programs.

Please check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/clgms/>

Field Trips Announcement

At the moment we do not have any field trip is on the scheduled.

If you have a good location for our club field trip – please contact:

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A Complete Guide To Garnet: Meaning, Powers, And Healing Properties

/ Crystals / By Andrea Daehma

A striking red color is typically the first thing that comes to people's minds when they hear the word "garnet."

This stone has been used for thousands of years by people all over the world for various purposes including making jewelry, statement items, and for its many beneficial powers and properties. The name garnet originates from the Latin word *granatus*, which translates to "grain." Deposits of garnet are characterized by the presence of minute red crystal grains that are embedded within a rock. The study of its crystallography reveals a variety of structures, including isometric, trapezohedron, and dodecahedron forms.

In the world of gems, the garnet is widely regarded as one of the most complex stones. There are many varieties of this gemstone, with the most common ones being Transvaal Jade, Almandine Andradite-Grossular, Demantoid, and Chrome Pyrope, but there are many more.

Strangely, Garnet is never mined and cannot even be obtained in its purest form.

If you want to know more about Garnet, then you've come to the right place! Here, we are going to cover everything that you need to know about this gemstone, including its origin, powers, and how to properly care for it.

Garnet Origin

One of the most important places to find garnet is the region of Bohemia. In times past, the region of Bohemia was thought to be the original source of this gemstone.

Garnet fragments have been found in several Bohemian structures, castles, residences, and other types of important buildings and sites, according to some stories.

Garnet gemstones of the highest quality can be found in the Czech Republic. The country continues to dominate the market for garnet production while facing almost no competition.

Common Garnet Shapes

Edged Garnet fragments are usually seen in rings, earrings, piercings, and other kinds of jewelry. The shiny red beam from this stone makes it a popular choice for production companies as it's easily able to catch the customer's eye and draw them into a purchase.

Round Garnets are also trendy. They're used in creating bracelets, cabochons, tumblers, necklaces, and more.

Spheres are also a famous shape for a Garnet. The uses and effects of the sphere are the same as the regular-sized fragments.

Garnet diamonds are often used in making jewelry. A diamond shape is a well-known form for any gemstone because of the elegant and luxurious effect it has aesthetically. This form is usually seen in rings, earrings, and necklaces.

Garnet plates, cups, and other utensils have become very popular in recent years as well. People believe that these recharge and energize the food and drinks that are served in them.

Garnet Meaning

Garnet is a well-known stone that's both energizing and refreshing. It has a phenomenally purifying and invigorating effect on every Chakra that's present within the body.

It also repairs, purifies, and stabilizes your vitality, which ultimately makes you calmer in stressful situations.

At the same time, garnet inspires admiration and faithfulness in others.

It possesses masterful therapeutic benefits on an individual's mind, body, spirit, and emotional well-being, and it may be used to treat all of these aspects simultaneously. In addition to this, it solves problems relating to sexuality and feelings.

Garnet became one of the most popular gemstones in the world because it has been used in many well-known stories throughout the millennia.

It's thought that shards of garnet were used to provide illumination inside Noah's massive ark during the early days of human history.

During the perilous trip, the story says that this gemstone provided illumination for the ship. Because of this, many people now see it as a symbol of trust and optimism.

According to one version of Greek mythology, Persephone was the only person who knew the location of the cave where Garnet was first found.

Then Hades kidnapped her, brought her to the underworld, and forced her to consume a pomegranate that was tainted with a curse that bound them together for all of eternity.

Garnet is symbolic of a healthy mind that is bursting with passion, heat, light, and connection. It is also known to boost vigor and resolve in your mind.

Almandine Garnet, which is one of the most prestigious varieties of this gemstone, is symbolic of strength and determination. Colors of red and brown are most frequently observed in this stone.

Andradite-Grossular, on the other hand, is symbolic of fruitfulness and security. This particular variety of garnets can frequently be found in colors like green, red, gold, orange, and even black.

Pyrope Garnet is frequently described as being pink and crimson. Because it is called pyro, many people believe that it's an excellent provider of affection and warmth.

Healing Properties Of Garnet

When it comes to the curative and healing powers of various gemstones, garnet is one of the most highly recommended options.

Garnet is an excellent gemstone to use if you want to achieve complete healing for your feelings and emotions as well as your mind, body, and soul.

Here are the areas that this gemstone targets, and how it may be beneficial to you.

-Mind

Garnet is sometimes referred to as a stone of the mind. Garnet can rapidly transform negative ideas into positive ones, regardless of what the mind is doing.

The huge amount of energy that Garnet exudes causes the mind of the person to be transformed into something greater and more developed than it was before.

Garnet acts as a compass for the mind whenever it explores the intriguing realm of the unknown. When healers walk where the eyes cannot see while engaging in spiritual practices, the stone ensures that the mind does not stray from its course and get disoriented.

-Emotional Healing

Garnet is known as the "stone of commitment," which is a quality that's very helpful in cultivating your feelings. At the same time, the wearer of a Garnet receives a tremendous emotional lift from the stone's distinctive red shine.

This precious stone is helpful for individuals who want to boost their self-confidence. The ability to better understand how other people react is another benefit that comes from wearing garnets.

Wearing garnet can increase the level of sexual intimacy experienced by its bearer as it heightens a person's sexual appetite and desire. The crimson hue of garnet stokes the flames within you.

The color and liveliness of garnet are both vibrant. It possesses vigor that bestows perseverance and fortitude upon whoever carries it.

Garnet emits an amazing amount of heat energy, which is more than enough to release any toxins or negative energies that might've built up within you.

Additionally, the blood's color is reflected in the crimson sheen, and it helps maintain a steady flow and pressure of the blood. It also helps to maintain a regular rhythm in your heartbeat. The medicinal properties of garnet will also have a positive impact on your metabolic rate.

Garnet is a stone that is abundant in both vitamins and minerals and helps the wearer to absorb these much more efficiently.

-Spirit

Like most other precious gemstones, Garnet is very beneficial to the spirit of a person and has been revered since ancient times for its ability to act as a universal spirit guide.

Garnets come in a range of colors, and the black variety is known for its ability to absorb and transform negative energy.

On the other hand, the red ones are known to stimulate a person's spirit, especially when the stone is worn or carried with them.

In addition, wearing garnet protects its wearer against malevolent spirits and forces. The red brilliance t protects the soul of the person who carries it from being corrupted by any hostile forces.

Wearing Garnet

Garnet has been worn by humans for thousands of years. Around the year 3000 B.C., bits of garnet were hacked apart and shaped into beads and tumbles.

It's not surprising that there are numerous records, drawings, and narratives of ancient civilizations, wealthy or otherwise, who wore garnets in a variety of ways.

In the practice of feng shui, it's considered fortunate and curative to wear an item of jewelry that's created from garnet gemstones.

Even now, garnet is utilized in healing and therapy in many different nations, although India is particularly notable for this practice.

It's also thought that whoever wears an amulet made of garnet is protected against the effects of any type of poison or venom that may come into contact with them.

This notion dates back hundreds if not thousands of years when ancient humans frequently suffered from poisonous bites from various animals.

With no anti-venom on hand, they believed that the stone protected them from the poison and offered them immunity.

Garnet was believed to protect serious wounds, so ancient warriors would affix shards of the stone to their shields and armor in the hopes of warding off harm.

They also believed that wearing a Garnet bestowed upon them an extraordinary amount of strength and understanding in the field of battle.

The ancient Egyptians believed that wearing garnets was a way to worship the goddess Sekhmet, who was the patron of war.

To express their adoration, reverence, and worship of Sekhmet, they would adorn their bodies with a variety of garnet-based jewelry of varying styles.

Healers, on the other hand, believe that donning a Garnet talisman can ward off evil spirits and prevent them from placing a curse on the wearer.

Wearing garnet exudes elegance, sophistication, and fashion for all those who wear this magnificent stone.

Garnet pieces can be used to make many different types of jewelry, including necklaces, rings, earrings, piercings, bracelets, cabochons, and so much more.

Because of the notoriety and renown that the stone has acquired throughout its history, it can also become rather expensive, especially when made into statement jewelry pieces.

It's no surprise that garnet is considered to be one of the most aesthetically pleasing stones when it's carved into the many wearable items that people continue to love today.

Having Garnet At Home And Work

Garnet is a very energizing stone. Through its inherent capacity to recharge, it invigorates other precious stones as well.

Because of its ability to ward against negative energy while simultaneously drawing in beneficial vibrations, this stone is very useful to have on hand both at home and in the office.

Garnet is considered a precious stone by those who practice Feng Shui due to the qualities that it possesses.

Because of its connection to the element of fire, it holds a very significant position in this practice.

The fire element stands for zeal and drive, two of the most vital qualities that every person should strive to cultivate inside themselves.

At your place of employment, if you put a garnet totem or crystal on top of your desk, it will give off an upbeat and carefree atmosphere. Get a garnet for yourself if you want to perform at the highest level possible.

Garnet emits a wonderful energy that spreads throughout the entire household wherever it is placed, making it a good choice for decorating. In addition to this, it prevents demonic spirits and other unsavory beings from entering the home.

When used in combination with the Bagua from feng shui, it changes the vibe of any unfavorable energy and, in the process, lessens its impact.

Garnet And Relationships

Garnet is a gemstone that brings people together and helps to form bonds that cannot be severed. Get a Garnet talisman for yourself if you're feeling out of place and it will help you conquer your feelings of isolation.

No other stone is as effective as this one at fostering relationships. It sends forth a strong and hypnotic vibration that has the effect of putting you at ease on a spiritual and mental level.

The use of a Garnet stone might help clear up any confusion that may have arisen between you and your lover as well.

Garnet And Chakras

The Root Chakra and the Sacral Chakra both stand to gain a great deal from the use of garnet due to their exceptional awakening power.

The function of the Root Chakra is to protect the physical body from the harmful effects of everyday living. When the Root Chakra is awakened by Garnet, the protection that it brings is also enhanced by this awakening.

The stone not only provides the person who carries it with an additional layer of protection, but it also imbues that person with an unseen layer of positive energy that affects everyone else in the surrounding area.

The Sacral Chakra is responsible for unleashing all of a person's creative potential. Additionally, it's the central nerve center that controls an individual's sexual drive.

Your sexual life will be elevated to a new level when the Sacral Chakra is opened by the use of Garnet.

Additionally, it offers fresh inspiration to help improve your skills.

Meditating With Garnet

When used with meditation, garnet is known to have many beneficial effects, two of the most well-known of which are deeper breathing and more relaxing concentration.

When you have a Garnet crystal handy, you have the opportunity to draw all of the vitality from the stone and exhale the toxins that have built up within your body.

As you reach a state of complete tranquility through meditation, the invigorating power of garnet will begin to permeate your body.

After some time has passed, the layers of forces that surround your entire body will transform into a calming air that you will finally breathe in.

After that, you should position the garnet on your chest and reflect on the goals and ambitions you have for your life. Allow the insight of the stone to guide you to the place you desire to be.

Garnet Crystal Therapy

Some of the most common feeling people get when using garnet is safety and security. When a person finally feels secure, everything else falls into place.

This precious jewel bestows upon whoever wears it a one-of-a-kind cloak of defense. Get a garnet for yourself and experience the incredible powers it possesses if you wish to rid yourself of the muck and shroud of everyday life.

Garnet is an excellent stone to use when it comes to alternative medicine. It enables the body to function at its highest possible level. The user of the gemstone also receives a healing reprieve from the stresses and strains of everyday life.

Garnet is the best gem to wear if you're looking for complete mental calm and unshakeable self-confidence.

Crystal Combinations To Use With Garnet

Garnet, when combined with the therapeutic abilities and powers of other gemstones, can produce results that are both extraordinary and unexpected. Here are the best crystals to use in combination with garnet to get the best effects out of your therapy.

-Aventurine

Aventurine is a stone that brings good fortune and health. Because of the many financial benefits it offers, this stone pairs very well with a Garnet. At the same time, this combination enables the person to achieve authentic happiness.

-Tourmaline

Tourmaline can help alleviate painful muscle cramps as well as tension in the spine. This stone is well-known for the exceptional physical healing powers it possesses.

When used along with garnet, you will feel rejuvenated and get a burst of energy that you may not have felt for a long time.

This combination has the potential to be of great assistance in the treatment of a person's bodily symptoms.

-Malachite

A person who carries malachite protects their heart from all forms of impurity. When coupled with garnet, these elements produce a sturdy fortress that shields the person from any harm or risk.

Cleaning And Caring For Garnet

Like all gemstones, garnet needs very careful care and cleaning for you to experience the very best effects (for more information on how to care for your crystals, see here). Garnet must continue to improve to realize its full potential. The more it has been cleaned and recharged, the more beneficial it will be.

When it comes to cleaning garnets, the tried-and-true mix of water and soap works just as well as it does for other kinds of stones. The temperature of the water should be warm, but not too hot, as this can damage the stone.

When drying the gem, use a piece of soft clean cloth. You could also dry it under the warmth of the sun.

Because garnet is also known as sunstone, its rays function similarly to rechargers in that they restore the gemstone's properties when they have been depleted.

Programming Garnet

When activating Garnet, you need to keep a few factors in mind. First of all, you need to check that it's been cleansed. Any gemstone that has not been properly cleansed and recharged is at risk of not functioning to its full potential.

You should also try to activate the garnet in a calm and secluded location. If this isn't possible, try to at least find a quiet spot where you'll be left alone.

To get even greater results, it would be ideal if you also possessed another gemstone that is compatible with garnet and performs well with it.

To activate garnet, concentrate on your breathing while you cradle the stone in your left hand. Close your eyes slowly as you think about something that makes you happy. If you do so, you can improve your mental condition and become more stable.

Grab the stone with both hands and bring it up to your chest as slowly as you can. Feel the healing abilities it has to offer and let them purify your spirit.

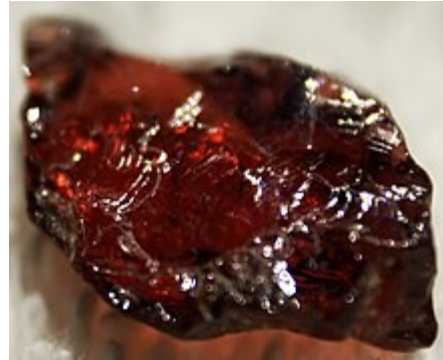
After you're finished, store the stone somewhere secure, away from where it could be scratched or eroded.

Summary

Garnet is a gorgeous and alluring stone that is said to reflect the vibrant colors that may be found in life. It's linked to love, passion, tenacity, and the willingness to make sacrifices.

Because of its unfathomable curative powers and many other healing benefits, this is one of the best gemstones to own.

Garnet has consistently demonstrated its value as one of the most desirable gemstones throughout history, from ancient times right up until the present day, so why not try using one yourself?



Happy Holidays 2023
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The Clear Lake Gem & Mineral Society



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<p>Jan. 20-21, 2024 Fredericksburg Rockhounds. Lady Bird Johnson Park, Fredericksburg, TX. https://fredericksburgrockhounds.wordpress.com/</p>	<p>Jan. 26-28, 2024 East Texas G&MS Tyler Rose Garden Center. Tyler, Tx www.ETGMS.org</p>	<p>Feb. 17-18, 2024 Williamson County G&MS San Gabriel Park Community Center https://wcgms.org/</p>	<p>Feb. 24-25, 2024 Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society. Pasadena Convention Center Pasadena, TX http://www.clgms.org</p>
<p>Mar. 16-17, 2024 Badger Lapidary and Geological Society. Rock County Fairgrounds, Craig Center. Janesville, WI www.badgerrockclub.org</p>	<p>May 18-19, 2024 Wisconsin Geological Society (WGS). Waukesha County Expo Building. https://www.wigeo.org/</p>		

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