

MJ Harrington Gems..... jewelry news and tidbits

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Aqua:



March

Birthstone

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The name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word aqua, meaning water, and marina, meaning the sea. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Its pale, cool color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique. Like emerald, aquamarine is a type of beryl, which is sensitive to heat and should be protected from extremes in temperature. A regular cleaning with mild cleanser and a regular 6-12 month check-up with your jeweler should keep your aqua in beautiful shape!

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March birthstones...aquamarine & bloodstone

Happy 60th



Anniversary



to us!

1948 - 2008...celebrating 60
years of serving you !

1948...

an interesting year.

Did you know that Sri Lanka
declared its independence
from the U.K. in 1948?

Dick Button became
the first U.S. Figure
Skating Olympic
champion in 1948?

The fifth Winter
Olympic Games
were held in St.
Moritz, Switzerland
in 1948?

A lot has changed in
60 years. Watches for
one...

One of the most significant changes in the jewelry and timekeeping industry has been the invention, then the prevalence of the digital watch. When Jim Lantz graduated from the Western Pennsylvania Horological Institute in 1948 (becoming a watchmaker), watches were very different than they are today. Many commonly worn watches of today are designed as "throw-aways" when their lifetime is through. It is much less expensive to replace many watches than to repair them. MJ Harrington and Co. performs many watch repairs, services and battery replacements "in-house", but for warranty, extensive or complicated watch repairs, your watch may be sent to one of sev-



eral affiliated specialized watch repair centers or individual watchmakers for service. We will provide you with an estimate for the repair of your watch, and if the cost does not warrant the repair, we will let you know that the purchase of a replacement watch might be your most cost effective option. If the watch has sentimental or personal value that outweighs the cost, we will do our best to have the watch serviced to your satisfaction. Every new watch purchased here at MJ Harrington carries an extended warranty and all battery replacements, for the lifetime of the watch, are free of charge! We will also engrave on any watch purchased from us at no additional charge. MJ Harrington & Co. carries exquisitely produced Rolex watches as well as wonderful watches from Citizen, Seiko, Cyma and our own MJ Harrington & Co. brand with Swiss movements and extensive warranty coverage. It's time to visit MJH!



Bloodstone

The "other" March gemstone. Bloodstone is green jasper (chalcedony quartz) dotted with bright red spots of iron oxide. Legend says that the stone was first formed when Christ's blood dropped to the earth. Early Christian artists used bloodstone to carve scenes of the crucifixion and martyrs, giving the stone the nickname "martyr's stone". There is a limited amount of bloodstone on the market, and it can be difficult to find, as it is thought to have healing powers and is pulverized and taken as medicine in some Eastern countries.