February 2021 Newsletter

# Happy Valentine's Day!



Happy February everyone. We are processing new inventory like crazy. Seems like every 2 or 3 days there's a pallet of goodies to unload. Some days it's 5 pallets! This year's Spring Trunk Show will be huge. Because there is so much inventory to process and shipments are being delayed uniformly across the country, we decided to make this year's 15th Annual Spring Trunk Show last the whole month of April. From April 1st to the 30th, we'll have new inventory for you to see, touch and buy before it hits our Retail Showroom.

February also means it's time to start coming out of hibernation, new beginnings for the year...stretch...wake up, it's party time! To get the ball rolling on the 2nd the Ground Hog checks it out. If it's sunny and he see's his shadow folklore says it means 6 more weeks of winter whereas

cloudy and no shadow equals an early spring. It's also Cross-Quarter Day, the midpoint between the winter solstice in December and the spring equinox in March, a day that use to be monitored and celebrated by our ancestors and other cultures. Back then the sun's activity greatly affected all aspects of their lives, but the Ground Hog is so cute, and it's much more fun trying to predict the future, so now we let the Ground Hog be the star of the party.

Speaking of partying, February 12th marks the beginning of a Chinese New Year. Talk about a party! Celebrating the Lunar New Year with a spring festival is one of the most important party times for the Chinese. This is the time to offer new beginnings of joy and prosperity to all. Let's all embrace this holiday a little more and welcome this positive energy into our lives. This year will be the year of the Ox. The energy symbolized by the Ox is said to be strong, reliable, fair, confident and trustworthy showing a little patience and stubbornness thrown in for good measure.

Remember February 14th is the ever popular Valentine's Day. If you can, try to spread the love twice as much as last year. We could all use more love this year. Last year taught us how to shift how we give and receive love in so many different ways and parts of our lives. It sent us searching for answers and offered new avenues for blessings. So this Valentine's Day let's spread those loving Valentine words a little more freely and put a smile on a few more faces.

Last but not least is probably the biggest party of all, Mardi Gras aka Fat Tuesday ending on February 16th. This is the time for partying and stuffing yourself before Lent on Ash Wednesday, the 17th. Mardi Gras is usually a 2 week celebration ending on Fat Tuesday. If you have ever been to New Orleans during the celebration of Mardi Gras you know what I mean when I say they have an understanding of partying on a whole different level. I would imagine COVID-19 has also changed the dynamics of this festival considerably. Somehow walking in a solid throng of people down a packed street catching strings of cheap beads doesn't seem like the best environment for preventing exposure.

Oh well, at least we still have the memories. After the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the celebration comes back, if you have not been, put New Orleans Mardis Grastrip on your bucket list.

And they say it doesn't snow in Texas. That's snow on them there rocks! Thank you January for an outstanding occurrence.

Please everyone, stay safe and healthy and, just for the joy of it, HAPPY Valentine's Day!!!

Blessings, Karen and the Staff







As many of you saw, Nature's Treasures of Texas was forced to shutdown today (02/01/2021). We are blessed that although a violent man attacked our store, damaging thousands of dollars worth of products and emptying our register, all customers and employees were able to make it out safely. The police have arrested and jailed the man as he was a danger to himself and others. Thank you APD for not only catching the culprit but also for the support you provided to us in the wake of the attack!

We are so sorry to the individuals that were here to witness such a display of violence, and thank you all for your support as we dealt with the emergency situation. We want to also apologize to anyone that may have come out to see us today, but we had to close early to clean up the broken glass and products to make the space safe and welcoming again. We will open tomorrow (02/02/2021) as normal, but apologize in advance that many of our jewelry products will be unavailable as we work to replace the glass to our jewelry cabinets.

We are so proud of all of our employees and managers for helping to keep everyone safe, holding space and then cleaning up once the incident ended. Afterwards we decided to jointly cleanse the space in a Light circle with sound healing, smudging and crystal meditation. This is a reminder that despite the Shadows and Darkness in our lives, Love and Light will always prevail at Nature's Treasures. Many blessings!







# February UPDATES: COVID-19 Safety Protocols Please *Visit Our Website* for Full Information

UPDATE 02/01/2021: With Travis County remaining in Stage

5, Nature's Treasures has decided to stay safe and stay open. Despite growing immunity, we recognize that there is still concern of potential exposure to COVID for many, so we will continue to do our best to keep our Nature's Treasures Family, including you, safe. Please see below for changes to our capacity this month.

Through the month of February, we will continue to operate with adjusted procedures, hours and reduced capacity. We are limiting our capacity to 25 customers in the Retail Showroom (approximately 10%) and 10 customers in the Rock Depot/Yard. When Austin/Travis County drops to Stage 4 (click HERE for the current tracker), we will increase our capacity to 50 customers in the Retail Showroom and 13 customers in the Rock Depot/Yard.

For your safety, green lines have been drawn outside



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

\*If you show symptoms of COVID-19 or feel

indicating where to physical distance while waiting for entry. Once inside, blue lines indicate where to wait to be helped at the counter while physical distancing. Avoid the crowds, waits and lines by coming on the WEEKDAYS. Our doors open at 11:00a and close at 5:50p! We are open 7 days a week for your convenience!

### Please remember we have updated procedures.

Returns/exchanges are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please e-mail michaelk@ntrocks.com with your receipt number and item you wish to return to schedule your return/exchange so we can get everything together in advance and reserve a spot for you.

Nature's Treasures will continue to review recommendations made by local government and the Center for Disease Control to move forward in a socially responsible way to best support staff, customers, the community and the economy.

If you would like to be added to a COVID-19 Response Notification to stay updated on the Nature's Treasures plan-ofaction, please update your e-mail subscriptions HERE.

sick, please Stay Home

- \*Online Shopping, FREE Curbside Pickup and FREE Personal Shopping available for individuals that cannot wear masks
- \*Storefront Hours: 11a-5:50p, Daily
- \*Max Retail Capacity: 25 customers
- \*Max Depot Capacity: 10 customers

- \*Face-covering is required for entry
  \*Hands must be sanitized at each entry
  \*Social distancing exercised at entry & check
- \*Be prepared for long lines at entry and check-out; Dress for the weather
- \*Limited services available
- \*Returns/Exchanges by appointment only e-mail michaelk@ntrocks.com
- \*No public restrooms available
- \*No food or drink allowed
- \*No pets allowed



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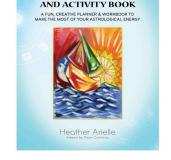


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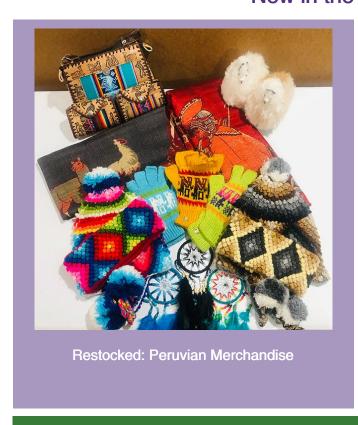
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# New in the Showroom





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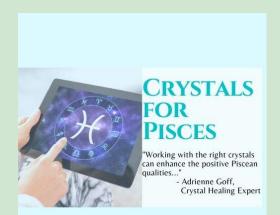


Drilled Stones & Drilling Services



# The Treasure Tome: A Trove of Knowledge

Zodiac Stones: Pisces



# Labradorite: The Magician Stone



Healing Crystal Expert Adrienne Goff shares her recommendations for crystals, especially for Pisces!

Read about Crystals for Pisces HERE!



Nature's Treasures' own Michael K. shares the magical secrets of Labradorite.

Read about Labradorite HERE

### **Meet Our Staff**



### Jessica S

Jessica was born in Rochester, NY, traveled around the country, and landed here in 2005. She spent 5 years holding space and advocating with clients as a Mental Health Peer Specialist. For 3 of these years she was a Manager of these services at Austin State Hospital and served as Director of Mental Health Peer

Services for the other 2 years during which time she implemented Policies and Procedures for the State of Texas. That work directly drew her to energy work and lead her into Nature's Treasures where she has been for over a year. She currently helps in the Online Department by pulling products and shipping orders for customers shopping online among other projects. Jessica not only works with the energy of crystals as a Lighthouse and Healer, but is also an Intuitive, Medium, Witch, Yoga Teacher, Reiki Master, Aura and Tarot Reader, and Astrology nerd.

# Favorites

"Moldavite, as usual, is my favorite stone. The Stone of Transformation and high-vibes, this stone aids with connection and helps us change our lives for the higher good."



### Featured Agate - Purple Passion Agate

Purple Passion is mined in Chihuahua, Mexico as Parcelas #3 which is a seam agate. It was renamed many years ago for marketing as the colors were predominantly purple and white.

There are some conflicting reports as to the mining location early on, probably due to trying to keep poachers away from the mine. It has been reported that the mine is in the Sierra Mountains of Mexico, a great way to hide the mine as there are 3 mountain ranges in Mexico that use the name Sierra Madre, all of which are part of the same formation, but have distinct geographic locations.



### Featured Fossil - Petrified Wood

Wood goes through a process (known as petrification) which involves tree like material or wood transforming into Petrified Wood over a span of roughly 100 years. Its name is from the Greek root word "petro" meaning "stone" or "rock. "It is sometimes referred to as the stone of new beginnings and is also beneficial for grounding oneself. Much like a tree being rooted into the earth, Petrified Wood is an amazing stone to work



with in gaining strength in one's root chakra. Feeling stuck in the past? Gift yourself or a loved one Petrified Wood to encourage forward movement by clearing any obstacles, so this new year is embraced with positivity, hope and confidence!



# POLL: How do you handle waiting in line for your crystal fix?

How do you plan for long lines?

Arrive at the store as soon as it opens (11a)

Select

Shop on slower weekdays rather than busy weekends

Play games or read on my smart device while I wait

Select

Limit my group size to 3 or less so we can all get in together

Select

Avoid the line altogether and shop online



### In The Community Events Center

The Nature's Treasures Community Events Center is undergoing renovations! Our Auditorium will be largely the same, but we will be offering a new and improved Studio space in 2021!

Stay tuned in to our Calendar and Upcoming Events Pages for the latest updates on events being held in our Community Events Center.



Classes | Lectures | Workshops & More

Nature's Treasures has a 2,200 sq ft (56' x 40') Auditorium that seats 150 available for your event.

Details Here

Check our <u>calendar</u> for availability.

To schedule events, e-mail <u>community@ntrocks.com</u>



# **February Practitioners**

# Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19 Stage 5 Capacity Restrictions

We'll be back soon, but in the meantime look up your favorite practitioners online to schedule remote appointments directly with them!

## **Personal Shopping Services**

Custom Jewelry with Crystal Heart Studio 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Merlyn Dyches-Bessent, metaphysical jeweler/artist and owner of the Crystal Heart Studio, will be offering stone wiring, wrapping and intuitive reading services for individuals ordering from the Nature's Treasures Online Store. Leave a note in your online order special instructions to request your FREE CONSULTATION.



Austin's Crystal Whisperer Remote Only

What are your crystals telling you?

Dianna, Austin's Crystal Whisperer offers her Personal Crystal Readings to help you find, understand and connect with the rocks, minerals and crystals that are perfect for you! Rates start as low as \$20.00 for 10 minutes, phone sessions available.



Did you know I made kits for kids? Register by clicking the link to attend a FREE 10-MINUTE (\$22.50 value) Crystal Land Kit Package Q & A-Zoom Session after exploring the crystal kits purchased.

Schedule your appointment today via e-mail (austinscrystalwhisperer@gmail.com) or text 737-231-0348

#### Receiving Information from My Guides about Covid 19



In February 2020, I started to feel restless. I couldn't sleep or eat. My body, mind and emotions were all over the place. Since I wasn't able to sleep and eat as I should, I was tired all the time. I didn't understand why I was feeling this restless. I was thinking, my family is okay, my husband and I are in a good place and my business is running smoothly. Why am I feeling this way? I decided to go into meditation to get information from my guides to find out what is going on.

As I was meditating, I asked my guides to give me a clue for why I have been restless and all over the place. When I got into deep meditation, I heard them saying "something is in the air." Of course, at that time this message didn't make sense to me. Three weeks later, the whole economy shut down due to the Corona Virus. Since the Corona Virus is transmitted through the air, what my guides were saying to me finally made sense. When we all got stuck at

home and full of fear not knowing what will happen next, I felt numbness in my body for a while. Also, watching CNN broadcasting the horrifying information about how many people got the Virus and how many were dying wasn't helping either.

At the end of May 2020, I decided to ask my guides what is next for us when I got over the initial shock. When I got into deep meditation this time, they told me "you all will feel more comfortable with this Virus in September." Yes, we sure did. In September, we knew more about the Virus and also how to protect ourselves from it. We opened the schools and economy started to come back, even thought we were still heavily dealing with the Virus.

In September, Natures Treasure asked me if I would like to come back to work for them as a practitioner. One of the San Antonio Festivals invited me to attend their Sunday event every other weekend and I got my office at the same time to serve my clients in person. As I was going through my own transition in September, I also saw many of us do the same. Even though I started interacting with life again, I was still uncomfortable and nervous about catching the virus. I was being extra careful by wearing my mask, putting distance between me and people around me when I'm at the shows and even at my office with my clients.

In November 2020, when I was doing my daily meditation, this time I received a message for us as "Next year in August you will be going back to some kind of normality." I was so happy and excited to hear that news, even though August is a long time to wait for us to get back to normal. But, we all know that time flies. I hope that until August 2021, you will take care of yourself and your family. Also take responsibility for our fellow citizens.

Divine Blessings, Yuci Edwards



# In the Community

### The Healing Arts Festival & Market

Don't want to drive into Austin and wait in line to get into the store? Visit our booth at The Healing Arts Festival & Market to get your crystals and interact with a myriad of practitioners and vendors all with unique gifts and products!

https://www.facebook.com/TheHealingArtsFestival





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