January 2021 Newsletter

Happy New Year Everyone!

Hallelujah!! We made it thru 2020 and survived thanks to each and every one of you. I've always said Nature's Treasures is here for you, our customers, and you have proven me right by continuing to come in and buy even when convenience was non-existent. You've reinforced what I've thought all along...that there is a need for the depth of all Nature's Treasures has to offer. It's not just about a rock, a fossil, a class, a gift or even a reading. It's about the whole picture of what we have developed into from listening to what you need and want. We are here for you as much as you are here for us.

As I've mentioned before, the mineral industry is such a small industry and you can't help but find yourself developing close friendships with many vendors, especially after 20 years. When you see each other two



times a year that's almost as much, or even more, than you get to see distant relatives. I've very much missed my rock family in 2020. I've missed the hugs, smiles, and laughter as much as the shopping highs and seeing new and amazing finds. We've adapted and changed how we buy inventory so we still get to find and see amazing new minerals, but I will always miss those hugs, smiles, laughter and stories that always came with those buying trips. I have so much respect for those who make their livelihood from such a political and physically taxing business and have developed such admiration for those females who have learned to operate their businesses, parallel in all aspects, regardless of all the gender limitations.

As I sit and contemplate a closing paragraph with encouraging words for 2021, I keep hearing the words that were sent to me by a dear vendor-friend of mine from Madagascar. The message is universal no matter where you are on this continent and I hope she won't mind me sharing her words with y'all.

Dearest Karen,

What a year!!! I am eager to turn this page of 2020 and open a new chapter, a chapter with brighter days, with hope for a world of love, gratitude, kindness and peace.

Let's be optimistic. Let's have faith in humanity and be mindful to one another. Together we can prevent the world from falling apart and together we can keep it spinning. The best is yet to come.

I wish you and Mike and your whole family a very healthy and happy festive season and an even better 2021.

With love, Elka

I couldn't have said it better than Elka. Let's all take her words to heart and live by them while making 2021 a year full of wonderful great changes. Maybe take one or two of her wishes and add to your own new years resolution list, I know I will. What empowerment and great changes that would generate f we all put forth this energy.

Please everyone, stay safe and healthy.

Blessings,

Karen and the Staff

10 Minute Thrive Meditation

Please take advantage of a new year meditation with Taylor Ellison!





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

UPDATE 01/01/2021: With Travis County moving into Stage 5, Nature's Treasures has decided to stay safe and stay open. However, we recognize that there is a growing concern of potential exposure to COVID during these cooler months, so we will continue to

exposure to COVID during these cooler months, 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 January, 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. Green lines have been drawn indicating where to physical distance while waiting for entry outside. 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-of-action, please update your e-mail subscriptions HERE.



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- *If you show symptoms of COVID-19 or feel 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: 25customers
- *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
- *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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Shipping Orders Daily

Free Standard Shipping for Domestic Order over \$50.00 Free Local Curbside Pickup

Shop Nature's Treasures Online!

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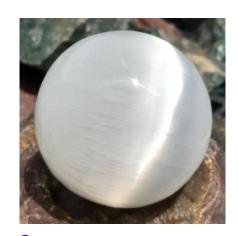




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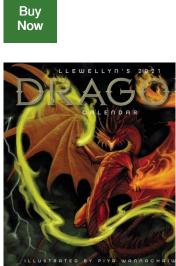
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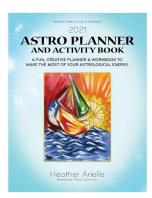
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New in the Showroom





New at the Front Counter



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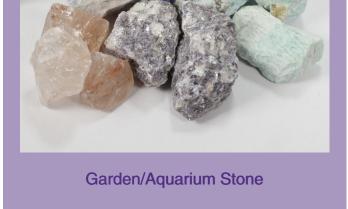
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New in the Depot











POLL: Which treasures do you value most?

Which products do you find the most value in?

Sage, incense, candles, etc Select

Crystals & minerals Select

Fossils Select

Books, oracle cards, and other publications

Select

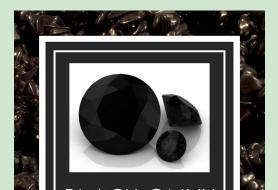
Jewelry Select

Bulk rock, rough, or lapidary tools/supplies Select



The Treasure Tome: A Trove of Knowledge

January Birthstone : Black Onyx



Rainbow Moonstone : Stone of New Beginnings





January has four Birthstones you can choose from. Learn all about one Alternative Birthstone for January, Black Onyx: Stone of Strength here on our blog. From chemical composition to metaphysical meanings and uses, we've got the subject covered for our January born friends.

Learn more about Black Onyx HERE



Have you ever wondered just what the difference is between <u>Moonstone</u> and <u>Rainbow Moonstone</u>? They are very closely related but they are not the same. Let's look at the differences and similarities in this blog article about Rainbow Moonstone: The Stone of New Beginnings.

Read about Rainbow Moonstone HERE

Meet Our Staff



Michael K

Michael received his Bachelor's of Science in Earth Sciences from Rice University in 2008 and continued on to earn his Master's of Science in Geosciences from The University of Texas at Austin in 2012. Michael recently completed his intro classes with the Gemological Institute of

America. As the Nature's Treasures Retail Manager, Michael sees to daily operations, employee relations, customer relations, jewelry purchasing, educational outreach, and marketing & advertising. Michael is a geek at heart, loving all things mineral and the X-Men. Although still playing PokemonGo, these days Michael has been spending more time incorporating crystals into his gardens and greenhouse.

Favorites

"Aquamarine is one of my Core Stones as it allows me to communicate and release my emotions in a constructive way. I also love the lore of the stone, as many people believed that it would protect them from drowning and sea monsters."

Featured Agate - Moctezuma Agate

Found Just a bit south of the Texas border in northern Chihuahua Provence near Estacion Moctezuma.

The agate is found about 25 Kilometers from Estacion Moctezuma and is dispersed over 3 ranches. They are Rancho San Martin, Rancho El Barreal, Rancho El Diablo. These deposits were mined heavily until the 1980's when leases expired. From the time they stopped in the 80's up until about 2015 they sat untouched until Jason Brown acquired the rights to dig them.

There are 2 digs and lots of material that is picked up as float (surface material). The dug material has a somewhat gritty feeling skin that is colored from a frosty green to a sandy tan. The surface material is sun bleached cream to white skins in color.

This agate is a favorite of collectors due to its lovely pastel colors and nice patterns.





Featured Fossil - Giant Shark

For all those "Mega" fossil enthusiasts out there, have we got a treasure for you! The Megalodon, meaning "giant tooth" is related to the present day shark, however this variety went extinct nearly 3.6 million years ago. This species was nearly 58 feet long, with a mouth measuring 10 feet wide, making them the largest fish that ever existed. Wearing and/or carrying a shark tooth was thought to bring protection to oneself as well as allowing for an opportunity to align with the water element. Some even believe if you find a shark tooth, you could have good luck for life. Whether it's luck you seek or adding an amazing fossil to your collection, a Megalodon tooth is quite the "Mega" catch!







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>

January Practitioners

Our Practitioners Monday-Friday from 11a-3:45p

Click on a practitioner's name to read more about them.

Sadly, with Austin's return to Stage 5 Covid-19 restrictions, we've suspended our
Practitioner program again. We'll be back soon.

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.



Select



Austin's Crystal Whisperer Remote Only

What are your crystals telling you?

As we look forward to 2021, which of these events would you enjoy MOST?

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



POLL: Which event interests you?

Jewelry Bazaar

Reiki Expo Select

Tarot & Oracle Expo

Home & Garden Expo Select

Holistic Workshop	Select
Rock ID Day	Select
Spa & Salon Day	Select
Practitioner Open House & Social	Select
Other - submit suggestions for events to community@ntrocks.com	Select



In the Community



Healing Arts Festival and Market

Sunday, January 3rd 11a - 6p

The Hilton Garden Inn 8101 Pat Booker Road

Nature's Treasures returns to San Antonio this Sunday! Meet & greet talented artisans and practitioners from all over Texas. This community rocks!

Click HERE for more info!

DID YOU MISS THE FREE LIVE 30-minute Zoom Intro?

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