

# The Quartz Source Rock & Mineral Shop

## "Our Minerals Rock!"

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**503 Nashua Street  
Milford, NH  
(603) 673-0481  
Open Daily  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Month: September

Birthstone: Sapphire

### Junior Rock Hound Challenge

Hi Kids-

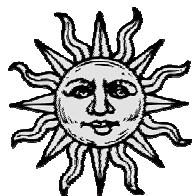
*Thank you for everyone who participated in last month's Junior Rock Hound Challenge.*

*This month's challenge is a word find. This word find has a group of new words related to rocks and minerals. Like with the other challenges, if you get it correct, you get a prize! Good Luck!*

Join us for

### Fall Equinox Rock Sale

September 19th  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



## Happy Autumn!



Happy September! We hope that everyone had a great summer!

This month is an exciting month for us here at the Quartz Source, with the transition from summer to autumn, and the Autumnal Equinox (September 22.) The name "equinox" is derived from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night), because around the equinox, the night and day are approximately equally long.

Many people celebrate the equinox by the sharing of one's harvest and Thanksgiving. Here at the Quartz Source, we choose to celebrate the occasion by sharing our bounty of great deals on our rocks and minerals, fossils, and more! Please join us on Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm for our Fall Equinox Rock Sale, where you will find awesome

deals on our selection of fantastic specimens, along with the sale of metaphysical books, and items. We look forward to seeing you then!

Thanks, Barbara, Richard, & Caryn

### TEACHERS-

*Looking to teach a unit on  
Rocks and Minerals?*

*We can help you! Call us to  
schedule your classroom  
interactive presentation  
today!*

### FIND OUR HARVEST OF FOSSILS

We have a wide variety of fossil specimens available for purchase. Come dig through our deals!

AMMONITES

ORTHOSERUS

AMBER (with BUGS)

FOSSILIZED SEA URCHANS

BRACHIOPODS  
and much more...

### ANNOUNCING...

**Congratulations to Ann Lachance for winning this month's drawing for the \$25.00 gift certificate.**

Please come into the store and enter our raffle drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate, and become a WINNER!

### August Raffle Winner

## Stone of the Month - "Herkimer Diamond" Quartz

"Herkimer Diamonds" is the name given to the doubly terminated quartz crystals found in Herkimer County, New York and surrounding areas. These crystals have the typical hexagonal habit of quartz, however, instead of having a termination on one end they are doubly terminated. This is a result of the crystals growing with

very little or no contact with their host rock. Such doubly terminated crystals are very rare and this is part of what makes Herkimer Diamonds so popular with mineral collectors. Estimated to be about five million years old, Herkimer Diamonds register a hardness of 7 on the Moh's Scale.



There are two commercial mines on New York State Route 28 at Middleville, New York. These are: Ace of Diamonds Mine, and Herkimer Diamond Mine