

Discover Minerals

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Mine of the Month

Key West Mine

(Bunkerville District, NV)

The Key West Mine is located about 15 miles east of Bunkerville, NV, on the western flank at the southern end of the Virgin Mountain Range. Copper was discovered here in the late 1880s, and small amounts of nickel and platinum were subsequently discovered in the ores.

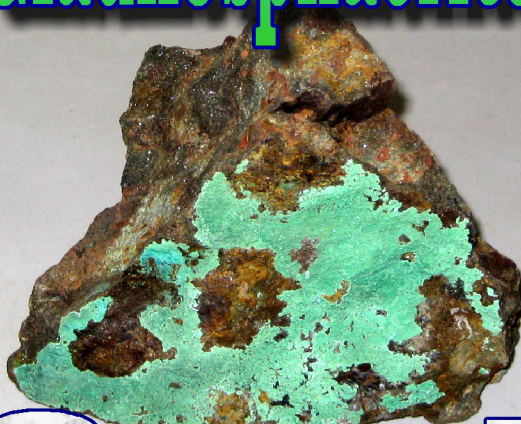
Element of the Month

Nickel

Named after a mischievous sprite of German miner mythology that personified the fact that presumed copper ores resisted refinement into copper, nickel, with 28 protons in its nucleus, alluded recognition as a distinct element until relatively recent history.

Mineral Showcase

Glaukosphaerite



Guest Contributor

Have an interesting story, collecting tips, anecdote about your collecting experience; or want to express how you became a collector, dealer, Earth scientist, etc? This section is reserved for you! Contact us for submission details.

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Identify Your Treasures

Learning how to establish or verify the identification of minerals can provide an added dimension of enjoyment to what, for many, turns into a lifelong pursuit, while at the same time can help the collector avoid the pitfalls of collecting.

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Determinative Mineralogy

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Abandoned Mines

All human activity presents a degree of danger. From the moment we're born we face countless threats to our well being. Danger is a matter of perspective, and always based on a subconscious calculation of risks versus benefits.

Mineral Identification

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