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## August Birthday – Peridot

### August (Peridot)

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### Scientific Properties



Peridot (pronounced pair-a-doe) is the gem variety of olivine. Peridot is one of the few gemstones that occur in only one color, an olive green. The intensity and tint of the green, however, depends on how much iron is contained in the crystal structure, so the color of individual peridot gems can vary from yellow- to olive- to brownish-green. The most valued color is a dark olive-green. Throughout time, peridot has been confused with many other gemstones, even emerald. Other green gemstones confused with peridot include apatite (which is much softer); green garnets (have no double refraction), green tourmaline and green sinhalite (both of which are strongly pleochroic), moldavites (no double refraction) and green zircon (significantly heavier). All of these gemstones rarely have as nice a yellow component to their green color as does most peridot, but darker green peridot can be confusing when good crystal form is not discernible (Ref: Minerals Ebook by Mr. Le Hong Tam, January 5th, 2005 )

Ref: <http://crystal-cure.com/peridot-gem.html>

## August Birthstone poem the Peridot

*"Wear a Peridot or for thee,  
No conjugal fidelity,  
The August born without this stone,  
'Tis said, must live unloved alone."*

Ref: <http://www.birthdaygems.org/august-birthstone.htm>

For those who were born in the month of August the Peridot is the traditional birthstone. The August birthstone poem reflects some of the properties with which the Peridot is associated - love, truth, faithfulness and loyalty. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for the August Birthstone Peridot are fame, dignity, and protection. The healing properties of the August birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to the lungs, lymph, breast and sinuses. The Peridot is also used to enhance prosperity, growth, and openness



## Whats On

Events are generally from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW

<http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events.html>

Other contributions can be made via email to the club [ctownlapidaryclub@bigpond.com](mailto:ctownlapidaryclub@bigpond.com). We are grateful for any submissions

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
August 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Blaxland Gem & Mineral Show <a href="http://blaxlandgemmineralclub.webs.com/BGMCshow.htm">http://blaxlandgemmineralclub.webs.com/BGMCshow.htm</a>	Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway Glenbrook (next to NPWS)
October Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GEMKHANA 2013 - MudgeeNSW</b> State Gem Show. A Major Exhibition of Lapidary, Gems, Minerals and Artists at work. <a href="http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/gemkhana.html">http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/gemkhana.html</a> <b>Please note that applications are open for Competitions – follow the link</b>	<b>Mudgee Showground</b>
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show <a href="http://www.canberralapidary.org.au">www.canberralapidary.org.au</a>	Parkes Room Exhibition Park
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Illawarra Club Annual Exhibition</b> <a href="http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au">http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au</a>	Ribbonwood Centre, Princes Highway, Dapto
November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parramatta Holroyd Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition</b> <a href="http://www.freewebs.com/parraholroydlapidaryclub/">http://www.freewebs.com/parraholroydlapidaryclub/</a>	Clubrooms, 73 Fullagar Road Wentworthville
November 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Annual Jewellery Show Newcastle Lapidary Club</b> email <a href="mailto:newlap@gmail.com">newlap@gmail.com</a> .	2 Dora Rd Adamstown NSW.
November 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Zeehan Lapidary Club Gem & Mineral Show - Tasmania	Basketball Stadium Zeehan Primary School