



Roger Dery Gem Design

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## More Rare Color!

Two of the rarest gemstones that Roger facets tend to garner the most questions and comments at our [Gemstone Roundtables](#). Likely that's because people normally don't hear about them very often and they have the most unusual names.

Scapolite occurs in yellow, golden, or purple. Roger won an AGTA Cutting Edge Award with a 14.22ct Golden Scapolite. The rough for the Scapolite below was purchased during his January 2011 trip to Tanzania. Roger likes to facet Scapolite because it takes a great polish and it often occurs in large sizes. In Greek Scapolite means "rod" or "shaft" and the rough is commonly found in long crystals, hence the name.



Tanzanian Scapolite 14.14ct

Sphene is bright with intense "dispersion" which means that light is reflected out of the Sphene into many colors. Sometimes we call this "fire". This is why Sphene looks so vibrant. Sphene is usually yellowish, golden, or limey. It is not a durable gemstone since it only has a hardness of 5 ½, so it's best worn as a pendant. Roger bought the rough for the Sphene below during his 2008 trip to Madagascar.



2.95ct Madagascan Sphene

Roger enjoys the thrill and often the challenge of working with "[Rare and Collector](#)" gemstones. We hope you've enjoyed learning a bit more about a few of them!

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