

World Famous

Four Peaks Amethyst Mines

High in the Matatzal Mountains, in the most rugged and inaccessible territory in Arizona towering some 7900 feet above Roosevelt Dam, are the famous Four Peaks Amethyst Mines. Here some of the world's finest Amethyst is mined.

The mine was first discovered by the Spaniards in the 18th Century and rediscovered by Diamond Jim McDaniels, a prospector in the early 1900's.

In 1942 it was patented by the Juchem Bros. of Idar Oberstein, Germany, the world's foremost cutters of precious and semi-precious stones – it is now privately owned and operated by the A. W. Storers of the House of Amethyst, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Because of its inaccessibility, all mined material is flown out by helicopter under the most hazardous conditions.

Crystals are found in cavities and veins and range in size from tiny druse to points measuring 10" in diameter. Clusters have been removed weighing in excess of 500 lbs.

The color varies from pale lavender to the richest deep reddish purple that surpasses even the famed Siberian of Russia. Many of these lovely Gem stones have been cut and fashioned into exquisite jewelry by world famous jewelry designers including Tiffany's of New York, The House of Amethyst of Scottsdale, Arizona and Designs by Sami of Fountain Hills, Arizona. Many have been set in the crown jewels of Spain and other European countries.

In addition to the material made into jewelry, clusters and points are used for artistic décor. Many of which are collector's items and museum pieces.