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January Birthstone: Garnet in Custom Jewelry by Methew Pitt

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There is a specific gem that corresponds with every month of the Gregorian calendar, as determined in 1912 by the American National Association of Jewelers. Individuals born in January, for example, share the garnet birthstone. As custom jewelers in Toronto, Tamara Kronis and Kathryn Dieroff craft exquisite earrings, necklaces, bracelets and custom rings â€“ often using birthstones. People looking for gifts, wedding bands, engagement rings or something for themselves are often interested in incorporating birthstone gems not only for their beauty, but for their personal meaning as well.

Although diamond engagement rings are the norm, Studio1098â€™s custom Toronto jewelers have created beautiful engagement rings that feature diamonds as well as other gems, including birthstones. If youâ€™re not sure whether a birthstone is right for the custom ring you have in mind, this short description of Januaryâ€™s birthstone, garnet, should help.

Garnets are an extremely versatile gem, mined all over the world. Most likely for their abundance, garnets have been found in various applications throughout many civilizations, from the ancient Egyptians to the Tsars of Russia. Today, garnets are related to the Zodiac sign Aquarius, and traditionally given as gifts for the 6th and 2nd wedding anniversary.

One of the reasons garnets are so popular in custom rings and other jewelry is the wide array of colours they come in. Different types of garnets can be any colour in the spectrum, and some even possess colour-changing properties. A few different garnets are:

â€¢ Almandine: Almandine is an iron-aluminum garnet, and the most common there is. With a deep red, transparent colour, almandine is often referred to as a precious garnet and is an excellent addition to any custom ring.

â€¢ Pyrope: A magnesium aluminum silicate, pyrope is also red in colour but can sometimes appear almost black.

â€¢ Spessartine: From orange-yellow to violet-red, spessartine â€“ a manganese aluminum garnet â€“ is another popular choice for custom jewelry.

â€¢ Uvarovite: A rare garnet, uvarovite has a calcium chromium composition and is usually bright green in colour and can put a personal twist on an engagement ring in Toronto for a January-born partner.

â€¢ Pyrope/Spessartine Mix: Recently discovered in Madagascar, pyrope/spessartine mix garnets are blue in colour, and change in colour intensity under different lights.

The garnetâ€™s diversity makes it an excellent addition to a custom diamond engagement ring â€“ and Studio1098â€™s Toronto jewelers will be happy to incorporate it into your design.

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