

Peridot

I know a number of folks who think that peridot helps you overcome bad habits with money- they all came in the shop, and bought them on credit. (Just kidding. They do think that, but I was joking about the credit part.)

Peridot was believed by the ancients to banish envy. It is the birthstone for August. It is properly pronounced *pear-l-dough*.

The name peridot comes from the Arabic word "faridat" meaning gem. It was first brought to Europe in the Middle Ages, and was used by the church for "ecclesiastical purposes."

Peridot has become increasingly popular in recent years- twenty years ago few people wore it. It is a very wearable stone. It has a Moh's rating of 6.5 – 7, and a density of 3.28 – 3.48. I can't ever remember a customer breaking one- I am sure it can be done though!! The refractive index is 1.65 – 1.703.

Peridot is mined in Myanmar/Burma, Brazil, Australia, China, Kenya, and Egypt. It's yellow green color keeps growing in popularity.