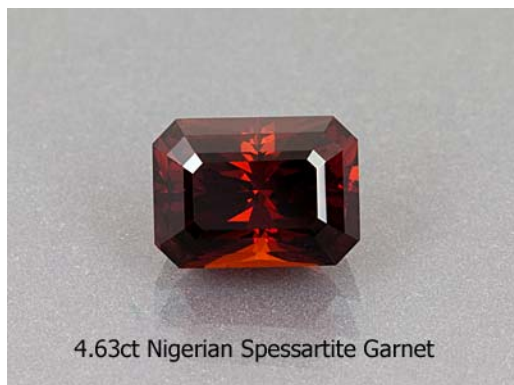


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It's been hopping in Roger Dery's workshop the past couple of weeks. He's been at the cutting machine creating beautiful gems for events this spring. This Sphene was acquired as rough during Roger's June 2008 trip to Madagascar. The cut is a Portuguese style trillion.



In January of this year, Roger was in Tanzania and Kenya. Often, gem rough from Nigeria and other African countries is available at the markets in Tanzania. Roger bought this Spessartite rough in Tanzania. The rich burnt orange color is typical of Nigerian Spessartite garnet. It is cut as a radiant emerald cut.



In January 2009 Roger tried his hand at mining in the Uмба Valley of Tanzania. Mining in the Uмба Valley is alluvial in rich red soil. It was hard work, but he unearthed some promising rough! Garnets from this area are referred to as Umbalite, a type of Rhodolite. This Umbalite has a rose cut crown and it sings!



Due to a new law, Tanzanite rough cannot be taken out of Tanzania. Roger purchased this piece of poorly faceted Tanzanite in October of 2010. When he returned home, he worked his magic at the wheel. Voila! Another spectacular Roger Dery original in his favorite shape, of course... antique cushion!



As you can see, it's been all business in the shop this week! We hope you enjoy this small taste of the delights leaving Roger's dop. To see more gemstones, visit our website, www.spectralgems.net.

Best,
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