

January 2006  
New Year's Edition

## “The Fragrance of Birthstones”

I know, I know! Maybe you think I've lost my mind. Birthstones don't have a fragrance! But with all those gorgeous colors and forms that gemstones have, wouldn't it be great if they could also have a fragrance of their own? Well, they can! We just need to use our imaginations. Actually, the blends in this newsletter were very fun to make. I really enjoyed matching fragrances with certain colors and gem characteristics. In this edition of *Juan's Fragrance Lab* you will find twelve blends that reflect my own fragrance interpretation for each gemstone. I can't guarantee each birthstone fragrance reflects everyone's personality, but I'm sure you'll enjoy making some of these blends as much as I did. I encourage you to use your own imagination and creativity and try other scents that reflect your own fragrance interpretation. Happy New Year!!!

### **Garnet** (fiery red) - January

2 parts OT Sunkissed Currants  
1 part OT Dragonfire

#### **“Intense deep red hot fragrance”**

This blend is an intense and very deep fruit fusion of sparkling juicy red currants with exotic musk, patchouli and resins. Try it with OT's Razzberry, Cranberry, Pomegranate or a combination of these for different red hues of this beautiful shining fiery stone.

### **Amethyst** (translucent deep purple) - February

1 part OT Victorian Violets  
1 part OT Black & Raspberry Vanilla  
1 part OT Egyptian Musk

#### **“Shimmering fruits and florals, warm musk and vanilla with a purple glow”**

The combination of shiny black raspberries and bright violets with sensual vanilla and warm musk will surely turn your life purple and radiant with just one whiff.

### **Aquamarine** (fresh aqua blue) - March

2 parts OT Lavender Fields  
1 part OT Cool Mountain Lake

### **"Cool, fresh and calming blue/green waters"**

I wanted this blend to be simple, but very clean, crisp, fresh and calming -- like the blue green waters of a secret island beach. The cool calming freshness of OT Lavender Fields blended with the fresh and ultra clean smelling OT Cool Mountain Lake will really transport you to refreshing cool blue waters.

### **Diamond (crystal clear) – April**

1 part OT Vera Wang  
1 part OT Jasmine  
1 part OT Frankincense & Myrrh

#### **“Regal, classic and sophisticated”**

What better fragrance for a diamond than the crystal clear white florals of OT Vera Wang? But if we add to it the regal OT Jasmine and the exotic OT Frankincense & Myrrh fragrance, the resulting classic smelling fragrance will go beyond sophistication. **Note:** You can use OT Pikaki Lani as a substitute for the OT Jasmine for a slight tropical touch that will still have the same effect in the blend.

### **Emerald (sparkling deep green) - May**

2 parts OT Perfect Pear  
1 part OT Vetiver  
1 part OT Lemongrass Sage

#### **“Green, fresh, wild and very bright”**

This fusion of juicy pear nectar with green herbs and a touch of citrus is out of this world! It's a very balanced blend of green herbal and fruit notes. OT Vetiver adds a touch of uniqueness to this wonderful, very green and sparkling fragrance that is just like the finest emerald... Green, green, green!

### **Pearl & Moonstone (iridescent nacre) June**

2 part OT Moonlight Path  
1 part OT African Wild Gardenia  
1 part OT Frankincense & Myrrh

#### **“Elegant, mysterious, sophisticated yet innocent”**

Just as sophisticated and classic as the diamond, but more exotic and mysterious with a slight touch of innocence. Night blooming white moonflowers, jasmines and other delicate powdery florals, exotic resins and woods will transport you to an island shore at evening, with the soft light of the moon reflecting in the sea foam and in the delicate nearby fragrant white flowers, transforming them into a mass of shining pearls. **Note:** For a sweeter and more exotic tropical floral touch, you can substitute OT Tiare Blossoms for OT African Wild Gardenia.

## **Ruby** (vibrant fruity red) – July

2 parts OT Red Clover Tea  
2 parts OT Amber Dawn  
1 part OT Yuzu

### **“Vibrant red sparkling fruits with a touch of elegance”**

Ruby belongs to the category of costly gemstones, and one which sprays out red rays in the sunlight is considered a superior quality gemstone. That’s the same feeling you’ll have when you discover the vibrant glow of this blend of shimmering fruity OT Red Clover Tea and sunny OT Yuzu nectar polished with translucent OT Amber Dawn. The slight powdery amber dry down of this blend is wonderful. It’s a delightful blend just waiting for you to discover its red rays of light. **Note:** You can use OT Amber Romance instead of OT Amber Dawn.

The blends **Peridot**, **Blue Sapphire** and **Opal** are examples of how you can use actual fragrance blends as layers to create wonderfully unique complex blends.

## **Peridot** (chartreuse) – August

1 part Emerald (blend above)  
1 part Yellow Topaz (blend below)

### **“Like a ray of sunshine over lush dewy green fields”**

This shiny fragrance combines the fruity herbal greenness of Emerald blended with the bright yellow shine of Yellow Topaz. Absolutely wonderful!

## **Blue Sapphire** (deep blue) – September

1 part Pearl & Moonstone (blend above)  
1 part Amethyst (blend above)

### **“Sophisticated and fun like the perfect Sapphire”**

This fragrance combines the elegant and sophisticated fragrance of the Pearl & Moonstone blend with the cool fruitiness of the Amethyst blend for a complex fusion that is elegant and sophisticated, yet fun and very interesting -- like the perfect Sapphire.

## **Opal** (bright multicolor iridescence) – October

1 part Peridot (blend above)  
1 part Ruby (blend above)

### **“A magical wide spectrum fragrance waiting to be discovered”**

An awesome multilayered fragrance with multicolored iridescence is just waiting to be discovered. Those adventuresome souls that discover this opal will be rewarded with a magical fragrance reflecting the full spectrum of the rainbow.

## **Yellow Topaz** (golden yellow/orange) - November

2 parts OT Mango Madness  
2 parts OT Amber Dawn  
1 part OT Honeysuckle Kiss

### **“Very bright, yellow and elegant”**

This bright and airy blend makes me think of dewy fruit orchards, bathed with the warm amber colored rays of the morning sun and kissed with a light fresh honeysuckle breeze. You’ll love this yellow fruity fragrance with its elegant touch of amber. Note: You can use OT Amber Romance instead of OT Amber Dawn.

## **Turquoise** (bright blue/green) - December

2 parts OT Spring Mountain Mint  
1 part OT Lavender Fields  
1 part OT Vetiver

### **“Cool and fresh with a touch of greenness”**

This cool and fresh blend is very similar to Aquamarine, but with green herbal touches that give Turquoise a personality all its own. If you like cool, fresh and very calming herbal scents, I’m sure you’ll be delighted with it! **Note:** You can use OT Peppermint Ice for more freshness, but I think the balanced OT Spring Mountain Mint fragrance is just perfect for this blend.

## **Fragrance Highlights:**

Of all the amber fragrances I’ve tried, Oregon Trail’s Amber Dawn is still my favorite. Its rich, warm and deep fragrance is wonderful by itself, but it’s also a must for blends. OT Amber Dawn was used in the Ruby, Yellow Topaz and Opal blends. It’s one of those fragrances I consider a *universal blender*, effective in both women’s and men’s blends. If you have a floral or a fruit scent you don’t care for, mix it with OT Amber Dawn! It will transform any scent into a gorgeous fragrance. Also, OT Vetiver (B&BW type) fragrance is a must have. I’m usually not attracted to B&BW types, but OT Vetiver is sensational! This unisex fragrance is so unique and unusual, with a depth and complexity you must experience. Although true Vetiver essential oil can be woody and earthy, OT Vetiver is very fresh and green. It’s wonderful for scenting soap and shampoo.

**In the next edition** - Gorgeous blends for the spring season!