Maine Mineral & Gem Museum presents

The BIG REVEAL

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the monumental find of tourmaline at the Dunton Mine in Newry, ME. From 1972 to 1974, the Plumbago Mining Corporation mined over a ton of tourmaline. Known as "The Big Find," this discovery remains the largest single find of gem tourmaline in the United States.

To celebrate "The Big Find," the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum has planned "The Big Find: A Legend Continues." The celebration includes a display of loaned tourmaline carvings from the Gemological Institute of America, a jewelry education night, a history lecture by Dr. Karen L. Webber, and masterworks using rare gemstones from the discovery. The full calendar of events is available at https://mainemineralmuseum.org/events/.

In the summer of 2021, a Call to Artists went around the country for makers to apply to be juried. Artists were notified of their selection in September 2021 and given one year to complete their pieces. The gemstone size ranges from 9 - 45 carats. The heaviest stone is a watermelon tourmaline crystal slice with the green rim completely intact. Most are faceted, with one or two having unique shapes.

No one, except each artist, knows what the final jewelry pieces will look like. The finished pieces will make their first appearance on the runway at "The Big Reveal" on Saturday, October 8th, at Sunday River's Grand Summit Hotel, Newry, Maine. Three Maine-based fashion designers will provide textile backdrops for the jewelry.

Tickets for The Big Reveal are on sale now. General admission is $50, MMGM Members $40, and a limited number of VIP tickets are available for $125. The VIP Experience includes access to the VIP Lounge, a first look at the finished pieces before they hit the runway, and more!

The goal of "The Big Find: A Legend Continues" is to raise over one million dollars from selling the finished pieces at auction. The proceeds will benefit the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum. The estimated value of the gemstones, all donated to the Museum for fundraising, is over $300,000.

The MMGM uses highly interactive, educational exhibits to present Maine minerals and gems in the context of local mining history and Maine's geology. MMGM's amazing meteorite gallery is its hidden treasure. ❖

To learn more and buy tickets, please visit mainemineralmuseum.org/the-big-find or contact Maggie Kroenke at the Museum at mkroenke@mainemineralmuseum.org or (207) 824-3030.

A RUNWAY EXTRAVAGANZA

The BIG REVEAL

OCTOBER 8, 2022

The Grand Ballroom

Grand Summit Hotel
97 Summit Road, Newry, ME

A most dazzling event to showcase—for the first time—this stunning jewelry collection.

Each piece is individually designed and handcrafted using Maine Tourmaline from The Big Find, Newry,1972 exclusively for this event.

ARTISTS

PAULA CREVOSHAY
PATRICIA DAUNIS-DUNNING
MATT FISCHER
GERARDO GONZALEZ
DEREK KATZENBACH
ANDY LUCAS
STEVEN MANCHINI
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