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## HERKIMER DIAMOND MINES

**The Herkimer Diamond Mines was first opened to the public in 1955 for prospecting by a farmer who owned the property. It's been said, one way he knew the diamonds were on the property was from watching his cows. Occasionally, one would step in a hole within his pasture and almost trip. The weight of the cow could have broken the top out of a pocket close to the surface. Since then, there have been various owners over the years. In 1981 Rena and Rudy Scialdo bought the complex. Currently the Herkimer Diamond Mines is under the leadership of Dr. Renee Scialdo Shevat. She continues to advance the domestic and international reputation of the natural diamond quartz crystals, as well as promote the resort complex in which it has grown into for today's visitors. On any given day, as many as five hundred people from all around the world visit the Herkimer Diamond Mines to prospect and vacation.**

**What make these natural diamond quartz crystals unique is the beautiful double-termination and 18 facets. Incredibly these phenomenal gemstones are believed to be close to five hundred million years old. The crystals are magnificent works of nature found in the rock, appearing to have been precision cut by man.**

**It is located 7 miles north of exit 30 on Rt 28 in Herkimer, NY. Website: [www.herkimerdiamond.com](http://www.herkimerdiamond.com)**