

Halcyon Designs

Skipping Stones

Curious facts and stories about stones

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Hello and happy Spring! The sun is shining here and it finally feels like spring. I hope April is going great for you all - no matter what the weather! April is an exciting month at Halcyon Designs... I'm offering **10% off** all jewelry featuring **Swarovski crystals** and it's time for another **FREE jewelry drawing**.



This month's featured "stone" is the **Swarovski crystal**. I thought about featuring April's birthstone, the diamond - but decided that wouldn't be much of a sale, since none of my designs feature diamonds. 😊 Fortunately, **Swarovski crystals** are beautiful and brilliant - and I use them in a LOT of my designs!

Crystal was first created in 1676 when George Ravenscroft discovered that adding lead oxide to the glass compound produced a more dazzling, sparkly glass. **Swarovski crystals** have been around since 1895 when Daniel Swarovski and his sons perfected the art of crystal-cutting and developed a polishing technique that gives Swarovski crystals their renowned brilliance. I love the vibrant colors of the crystals and use them in many designs as accent beads - which is great news since this month, every piece of jewelry that features **Swarovski crystals** is **10% off!** To see all the April Specials, click [here](#).

FREE jewelry drawing! I'm working toward a paperless mailing list and I need your help to get the word out. So from now until my Spring Sale in May, anyone who signs up to receive Halcyon Designs' monthly e-newsletter, **Skipping Stones**, will be entered in a drawing for a FREE pair of earrings. Tell a friend - and when your friend **signs up** and includes your name in the comment section, you'll both be entered in the drawing!

If you have a favorite stone you'd like to see featured in **Skipping Stones**, please let me know. You can leave a comment on my [guestbook](#) or [email](#) me. Next month: Malachite and my **Spring Sale!**

Have a gorgeous week!

Warmest wishes,
Diana

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