

Minerals Named After Women

Almost 100 minerals have been named after women. Some were mineral collectors. Others were scientists. Others were wives of scientists. Listed below are a number of minerals that were named after women.

Use this website (<http://www.webmineral.com/help/NameOrigin.shtml>) and discover more about the women behind these mineral names. Match these names on the left with the accurate fact about the woman after whom the mineral was named on the right.

Rosemaryite
Lindbergite
Sklodowskite
Caresite
Sophiite
Carnotite
Marialite
Mcnearite
Rondorfite
Olgite

Russian Mineralogist
The discoverer of the element radium
A distinguished mineral collector. Her husband was Eugene.
Wife of Professor Peter Wyllie
A French chemist
A Russian volcanologist and mineralogist
A United States Geological Survey Scientist
A mineral collector and dealer from Sudbury, Mass.
Her full name was Maria Rosa von Rath
A mineralogist and crystallographer from Switzerland



Two minerals were named after Marie Curie-Skłodowska (1867-1934), sklodowskite and curite (named after Marie and her husband, Pierre). The mineral cuprosklodowskite was originally thought to be a copper-bearing version of sklodowskite and so its name bears Marie's name.

Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the element *radium*.

Left: A Polish stamp with a portrait of Marie Curie-Skłodowska

The deep green mineral called *szenicsite* was discovered in Chile by Terry and Marissa Szenics. This mineral named was officially approved in 1994. The Szenics are American mineral collectors and mineral dealers. *Szenicsite* contains the elements copper and molybdenum. Marissa Szenics was born in 1950.

Right: A specimen of Szenicsite.

