Turquoise stones are the main focus of a new website launched to provide enthusiasts and collectors a new tool in determining which mines are producing the highest quality varieties.

"We wanted to provide a new avenue for those looking to learn more about turquoise mines," said Will Davidson a writer for TurquoiseMines.com. "While the site is still very new, we plan to add a lot of great information based on visitor feedback and industry news."

Visitors will learn about the history of the Kingman Mine in Arizona, which produces sought after turquoise stones and has been part of the commercial mining business since 1880.

"There's a fascinating story behind every Southwestern mine," Davidson said. "There's evidence that ancient Puebloan cultures and Navajo ancestors mined for turquoise stones at the site of the current Kingman Mine."

There's also information about the Bisbee Turquoise Mine in southern Arizona. This mine produces Bisbee Blue, which is a highly sought after and beautiful stone with unique characteristics. The stones coming from the turquoise mine are hard and brilliantly blue with a smoky matrix pattern.

The city of Bisbee itself was founded around the mining boom of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

"Bisbee is one of our favorite historical locations," Davidson said. "However, there are many turquoise mines in the United states with a rich and captivating history that goes back generations."

The new website will keep up on trends in the turquoise industry and continue to highlight mines that continue to produce stones for the jewelry and art industry. From the Southwest to the distant shores of the Far East, visitors will have an opportunity to learn the history and development of turquoise mines.

To learn more about turquoise mines, or explore the new website, visit turquoisemines.com.