

# Mineral of the Month Club



## Featured Mineral- Chrysocolla January 2015

Hello Mineral of the Month Club Member :

Our January Mineral of the Month is chrysocolla from the Acarí copper mine in Caraveli Province, Arequipa Department, Peru. Chrysocolla, a basic hydrous copper aluminum acid silicate, is an oxidized copper mineral with green, greenish-blue, bluish-green, and blue colors. It is a secondary mineral that is often associated with azurite, malachite, cuprite, limonite, and quartz. Chrysocolla usually forms crusts, coatings, and fracture fillings, and also occurs as pseudomorphs. Chrysocolla has been used as a minor gemstone and a metallurgical flux since ancient times. It was recognized as a distinct mineral species in 1808.

Our specimens have the green-blue colors of chrysocolla and the very fine grain of gem-quality material. This very fine grain is a basic requirement of gem-quality chrysocolla, because coarse-grained material lacks both the structural strength necessary to withstand cutting and the hardness needed to take a fine polish. Some of our chrysocolla specimens occur in a matrix of colorless-to-white, massive quartz. The small areas of dark, brownish-red in these specimens are cuprite.

Our chrysocolla specimens all have the basic, bright, greenish-blue color of chrysocolla. They vary slightly in color intensity and some also show a color shift from greenish-blue toward pure blue. The choice of a greenish-blue or a blue color is a matter of personal preference. They are all similar in shape.

As always we thank you for being a part of the Mineral of the Month Club Community!

Please email or call Christine to place your orders at [christine@celestialearthminerals.com](mailto:christine@celestialearthminerals.com) , phone #800-941-5594.

We look forward to providing you with the perfect chrysocolla specimen to fit your collection and needs.

Many Blessings,

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora

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## Chrysocolla

### Group 1



Specimen Sizes: 1" x 2" to 2" x 3"  
Price range: \$20.00 to \$30.00

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Group 2



Specimen Sizes: 2" x 2" to 3" x 5"

Price range: \$30.00 to \$70.00

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Group 3



Specimen Sizes: 2.5" x 3" to 4" x 5" Price range: \$40.00 to \$125.00



# Further Information

**Coming in February**



Our featured mineral next month will be wulfenite, an uncommon lead molybdate that is widely collected for its well-formed crystals and distinctive, yellow-orange colors. These specimens are from a classic wulfenite locality—the Ojuela Mine in Mapimí, Durango, Mexico. We have selected some very well-developed and intensely colored wulfenite specimens that will be available on the platinum –level for any member who is interested in them.

**We love to hear from our members, so please call or email anytime!**

**Discounts available:** If you order 4 or more minerals from the Featured Mineral letter and/or the Offering sheet you will receive a 10% discount on your mineral purchase.

**Ordering:** To place an order you can call #800-941-5594 or email [christlne@celestialearthminerals.com](mailto:christlne@celestialearthminerals.com)

**Shipping:** As always, shipping is free in the United States.

**Specimen size:** All our specimens are approximate in size.

**Method of payment:** We accept, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, PayPal and checks.

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