# Mineral of the Month Club



# Offer Sheet – February 2014

#### Hello Members:

Our special offers for February include an interesting mix of minerals in a rainbow of eye catching colors. Among these are red and green forms of crystalline quartz, light to bright-green dolomite, as well as two polychromatic specimens that are polished to highlight their beautiful range of colors and color patterns—one is a beautiful jasper piece, the other a fossil pseudo-morph of agatized coral. We always delight when we can make a purchase directly with the person whose hands actually plucked the specimen from the earth or in this case from the ocean. The gentleman that did the diving for the agatized coral hand picked them and cut and polished them himself.

The offering specimens this month were collected in Morocco, China, Pakistan, Madagascar, and the state of Florida. They have varying degrees of transparency that range from water-clear to opaque. All in all, they make a fascinating selection to choose from. We hope that you will find some that you just have to add to your collection!

Read though the following descriptions and let us know which ones are yours...

NOTE: on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month we will send out an email to announce the arrival of the Fine Mineral of the Month. You can order the fine mineral through the website or by emailing or calling the office.



Specimen sizes: 3" x 3" to 5" x 6.5" Price ranges: \$60.00- \$110.00

## **Agatized Coral**

Agatized coral is the official state stone of Florida. These specimens, which are actually fossil pseudo morphs of quartz after aragonite, were collected from a classic locality—Florida's Withlacoochee River. All specimens exhibit features of the original coral along with drusy crystals of colorless quartz; all are cut and polished to fully display their range of rich colors that include browns, blacks, yellows, and reds. Please let us know if you prefer lighter or darker coloring.



Specimen sizes: 1.5" x 2.5" to 3" x 7.5" Price ranges: \$35.00-\$135.00

#### **Dolomite**

Dolomite, or calcium magnesium carbonate, occurs in a range of colors, few of which are more attractive than the light, bright green that is seen in these specimens. Collected in the Touissite area of Morocco, these specimens consist of complex clusters of slightly curved, lustrous rhombohedral crystals that contrast nicely with a matrix of weathered, pink limestone. There is also a drusy coating of clear dolomite that makes many of these specimens just sparkle in the light.



Specimen sizes: 2" x 2" to 2" x 3" Price range: \$40.00- \$65.00

### **Hematite and Quartz**

Collected in China, these specimens have a distinct reddish color that is rare in macrocrystalline quartz. They consist of clusters of welldeveloped, semi-transparent, hexagonal crystals with perfect pyramidal terminations. All of these crystals are included and lightly coated with particulate hematite to create their delightful reddish color. The black hematite makes for a nice contrast that causes the colors to pop.



## Specimen sizes: 1.5" x 2.5" to 2.5" x 4" Price range: \$30.00- \$60.00

## **Chlorite Quartz**

These specimens, collected in the Baluchistan region of Pakistan, are an unusual form of quartz, or silicon dioxide. They exhibit beautifully developed, semitransparent clusters of hexagonal crystals with very good to perfect terminations. All the crystals are included and lightly coated with chlorite minerals that create a subtle, pleasing green color.



#### Specimen sizes: 1.25" x 2" to 3.0" x 4.0" Price ranges: \$25.00 to \$70.00

### **Polychrome Jasper**

Jasper occurs in a rainbow of colors, many of which are present in these specimens. Collected in the gem fields of Madagascar, these polychrome specimens exhibit red, orange, salmon, gray-blue, and off-white colors in complex, swirling patterns. The specimens have been tumble-polished to fully display their array of hues.

Note: many members have requested all forms jasper and these polished ones were just too visually pleasing to pass up. Many of the specimens have a myriad of color combinations. We are continuing to hunt for forms of jasper that are "natural" and "polished". So stay tuned.

**Coming in March** there will be a small selection of orange and green kyanite blades from Tanzania as well as several small pieces of polished blue kyanite to compliment the featured mineral, blue kyanite blades.

## STILL AVAILABLE FROM LAST MONTH



Specimen sizes: .75" x 1" to 1.25" x 2" Price range: \$35.00- \$75.00

#### Chalcocite

These are an example of a classic Chalcocite specimen from the Flambeau Mine, Ladysmith, Rusk County, Wisconsin. They are an interesting find for us as they came from a mine which is closed and were in a private collection. The selection that we have range from smaller sharply formed crystals to numerous large and sharply formed crystals that are intertwined to create an attractive composition.



Specimen sizes: 1" x 1" to 3" x 5" Price range: \$15.00- \$80.00, \$120.00

#### **Orange Hematoid Phantom**

These orange quartz clusters are from Minais Gerais, Brazil which is a classic locality for the quartz family. The transparent crystals color ranges from a light tangerine to a deeper red-ish orange sitting atop milky quartz. Phantom quartz meaning that a ghostlike crystal formed within the main crystal.



Specimen sizes: 2" x 2" to 2.5" x 2.5" Price ranges: \$35.00 to \$80.00

#### **Fluorite**

These specimens are from Riemvasmaak, Namaqualand, South Africa. The specimens are a glassy rich green color with translucence.

## **Further Information**

**Discounts available:** If you order 4 or more minerals from the offer sheet you will receive a 10% discount.

**Ordering:** To place an order you can call #800-941-5594 or email christine@celestialearthminerals.com

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

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

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

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