

Mineral of the Month Club



Offer Sheet – March 2014

Hello Members:

Another new month is upon us and spring is just around the corner. I would like to say that spring is in the air, but with all the cold weather and snow that many of us have been getting across the country it feels more like Jack Frost has been nipping at our noses. That being said we can bring a little color and warmth into our homes with the minerals we have for you this month.

To compliment the featured mineral of the month, blue kyanite blades from Brazil we have brought back a few pieces of the blue kyanite and quartz specimens that were on an offering sheet in mid 2013. In addition we were able to obtain a limited selection of orange/red kyanite and green kyanite blades from Tanzania, as well as some lovely polished blue kyanite from Nepal. Some mineralogists have suggested that the chromophoric agents that produce the unusual, non-blue colors somehow restrict crystal growth. You will find that the orange/red and green kyanite blades that we were able to obtain are smaller than the rest of the offering selection.

The balance of our special offers for March consist of a selection that includes a zinc carbonate, a mica-group mineral that is a former ore of lithium, a cluster of bladed crystals, and a beautiful and complex composite piece containing three different, lustrous minerals. The colors of these specimens range from near-black and lilac to grayish-green and orange; they were collected in Brazil, the United States, Morocco, China, and Mexico. As always we try to offer you an interesting mix of colors and crystal structures from which to choose.

One of my favorites is the Dravite from New York State. As a black tourmaline it is a common in collections all over the world, yet this locality has an uncommon story. You can read excerpts from "The Collector's Guide to the Minerals of New York State", by Dr. Steven C. Chamberlain and Dr. George W. Robinson that will be posted with the platinum letter and offer sheet. (Christine)

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



**Specimen sizes: 1.5" x 3.5" to 2" x 3"
Prices: \$25.00-\$40.00**

Blue Kyanite in Quartz

These composite specimens have large, well-developed, triclinic blades of translucent blue kyanite or aluminum silicate that contrast beautifully with a matrix of colorless-to-white quartz. Because of their translucency, these specimens can be admired with both transmitted and incident light. These specimens of kyanite-in-quartz were collected from schist formations in the pegmatite-mining region of Minas Gerais, Brazil.



**Orange/Red Kyanite Blades \$10.00 each
Green Kyanite Blades \$10.00 each
Polished Blue Kyanite \$12.00 each**



Lepidolite

Collected in the granite pegmatites of Minas Gerais, Brazil, these specimens of lepidolite, a basic potassium lithium aluminum fluorosilicate and a former ore of lithium, have large, sheet-like, micaceous crystals with a delicate, pale-lilac color and a bright, pearly luster. Thick "books" of lilac lepidolite contrast nicely with a matrix of white albite.

Specimen sizes: 1" x 2" to 2.5" x 3.5", 3.5" x 5"
Prices: \$12.00-\$18.00 \$30.00-\$40.00



Dravite

Collected at the Pierrepont locality in St. Lawrence County, New York, these specimens of dravite, or basic sodium magnesium aluminum borosilicate, are clusters of large, terminated, stubby prisms. Crystals are translucent to nearly opaque and have a brown-black color with a very bright luster. Dravite is one of the more unusual members of the tourmaline-group minerals.

Specimen sizes: .25" x 1" to 1" x 1" in perky box
Prices; \$35.00-\$75.00

Specimen sizes: 1.25" x 1.5" to 3" x 3" Price \$25.00-\$70.00



Barite

Barite, or barium sulfate, from Morocco is some of the world's best, and these specimens from the classic Mibladen locality are complex clusters of thin, sharp-edged, bladed crystals. Colors range from light tan to a rich, attractive, reddish-orange. On a matrix of colorless quartz and altered limestone, these are eye-catching specimens.

Specimen sizes: 1.25" x 2" to 3.0" x 4.0"
Prices: \$25.00 to \$70.00



Smithsonite

Smithsonite, or zinc carbonate, occurs in a wide range of colors, the most familiar of which is green. These specimens, collected at the classic locality at Santa Eulalia, Chihuahua, Mexico, are an unusual gray with a hint of green. They have a soft translucency, excellent botryoidal development, and a bright, pearly luster.

Specimen sizes: 2" x 2.5" to 4" x 4.5"
Prices: \$40.00-\$75.00



Hubetite, Quartz & Pyrite

These specimens of hübnerite, or manganese tungstate, are from Hubei Province, China, and have deeply striated, terminated, well-developed, tabular crystals that are opaque with a brownish-black color and subtle reddish highlights. The complex clusters of dark hübnerite intergrown with bright, brassy pyrite cubes and gleaming, colorless quartz crystals make these specimens outstanding display pieces.

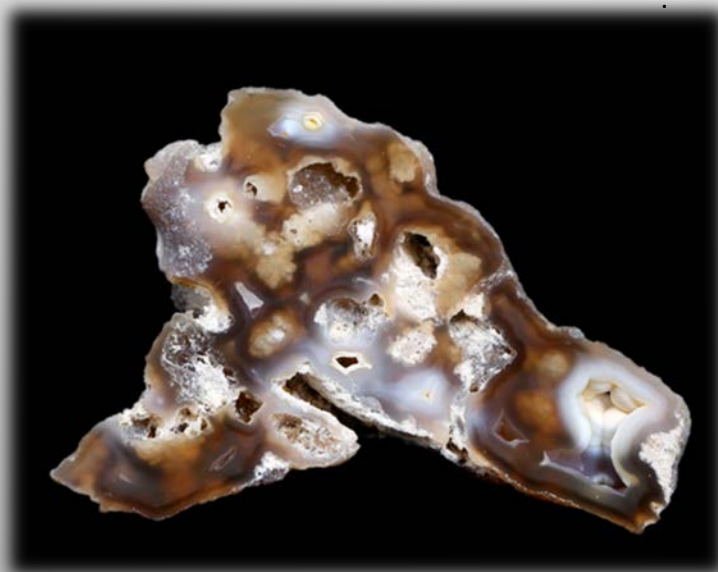
Specimen sizes: 2" x 4" to 2.5" x 5" and 4" x 4"
Prices \$75.00 - \$175.00

Reminder: on the 1st of each month we will send out an email to announce the arrival of the Fine Mineral of the Month. Photographs will be on the website under the new arrivals section or in the fine minerals gallery.



The featured Fine Mineral for March
Rhodonite from Peru

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Specimen sizes: 3" x 3" to 5" x 6.5"
Prices : \$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" to 2.5" x 4"
Prices: \$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.

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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.

Specimen sizes: 1.25" x 2 to 3.0" to 4.0" x 6.5"
Prices : \$25.00- \$70.00



Fluorite

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

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

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@celestiaearthminerals.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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