

Mineral of the Month Club



Platinum Letter April 2014 Featured Mineral- Amethyst

Dear Members,

Our featured mineral of the month is...the amethyst variety of quartz from the basalt formations of the Goboboseb Mountains of Namibia. Amethyst is arguably the most beautiful and certainly the most valuable of the gem varieties of quartz. The basic color of amethyst—purple—sets it apart from all other gemstones. Adding to amethyst's appeal is its unusual range of colors that includes light-to-dark purple, lavender, violet, and lilac in every degree of intensity, along with eye-catching highlights of pink, red, or blue.

Our specimens consist of well-developed, transparent, hexagonal crystals with pale-to-intense, amethystine colors. Some specimens include both colorless rock crystal and amethyst, while others consist completely of amethyst. Colors range from moderately intense purple to the most delicate “rose de France” hues of lilac. The Goboboseb Mountains locality is a Third World site where the commercial collection of mineral specimens contributes substantially to the local economy. Several villages near the Goboboseb Mountains are largely dependent upon collecting amethyst specimens and selling them to dealers who export them to international specimen markets. Your purchase of specimens from localities like the Goboboseb Mountains represents a small but significant contribution to the economies of these villages.

In May, members can look forward to wonderful specimens of the amazonite variety of microcline—a greenish-blue gemstone from Colorado. Our specially selected amazonite specimens will have large crystals with sharp edges, a glassy luster, and vibrant colors. These specimens are from the same locality as seen in The Prospectors Show on The Weather Channel. We have become fans of the show and several of the miners are interacting on our Mineral Crew Facebook page for Mineral of the Month Club.

Featured Mineral

Amethyst



Specimen Sizes: .5" x .5" to 1.5" x 3"
Selling price range: \$45.00 - \$75.00

Although we normally grade our Platinum Level specimens into three groups, our specimens this month lend themselves better to individual description. These specimens represent the full range of amethyst colors, from intense purple to soft lilac. All these amethyst crystals exhibit water-clear transparency, lustrous faces, and sharp edges. Assessing the desirability of amethyst color is, of course, a matter of personal preference. Remember, color sets amethyst apart from every other gemstone, and this is an opportunity to select the specific amethystine hue that appeals most to your sense of mineral beauty and that best fits your collection.

We suggest that our Platinum Level members call Christine to personally discuss the various colors and color intensities of the amethyst crystals in our individual specimens.

If we had a group 3 (top tier) it would be the select few specimens that are a combination of amethyst and smoky quartz with exceptional coloring and good translucence, some with phantom quartz. They range in size from .5" x 1.25" to 2" x 3" and the price range is \$125.00-\$500.00. Since we are adding these in at the last minute we do not have photos to add here. But, please contact Christine and she will be more than happy to take a photo and send it to you before you make a purchase.

Further Information

Coming in May



microcline variety of amazonite
from Colorado

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 christlne@celestiaearthminerals.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 and checks.

Please make checks payable to Celestial Earth Stones.

