

Mineral of the Month Club



Platinum Letter July 2014 Featured Mineral- Rainbow Fluorite

Hello Mineral of the Month Club Member :

Our Mineral of the Month is the “rainbow” variety of fluorite from the Jiuling Shan Mountains of northern Jiangxi Province, China. This unusual, multicolored, transparent fluorite is distinguished by individual, parallel bands that range in color from purple, violet, blue, and green to yellow and pink. When “rainbow” fluorite is recovered at the Jiuling Shan mines, the best specimens—those with the highest degree of transparency, the greatest range of multicoloration, and the most distinct color banding—are selected for shipment to the city of Changsha, where lapidary workshops slab it into specimens or cut it into gem and decorative forms.

Our Mineral of the Month specimens are usually natural, meaning that they have not been cut or otherwise shaped or polished. But in the case of “rainbow” fluorite, our specimens have been slabbed and polished to fully display their transparency and multicolored banding patterns. The polishing and excellent natural transparency assure maximum transmission of light to fully display colors and banding patterns. Large sizes make them especially eye-catching display pieces—especially when backlit by window light or artificial light sources. Do not keep any fluorite in direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time as the color/s will fade.

The “rainbow” fluorite specimens selected for our Platinum Level members represent the most visually impressive of the hundreds of pieces in our entire lot. They are exceptional in size, transparency, banding complexity, and range of colors. These specimens have been slabbed to a thickness of one-half inch and then polished.

As always, our thanks to all our Platinum Level members, and we look forward to discussing your preferences in selecting your specimen of “rainbow” fluorite.

Just email or call Christine, who will personally pick a specimen that meets the color, size, and overall visual appeal that you desire.

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

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora

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Rainbow Fluorite

Group 1



Specimen Sizes: 3" x 4" and 5" x 11" to 5" x 16"
Price range: \$45.00 to \$65.00 and \$100.00 to \$175.00
Thickness ranges from .25" to .5"

The variations in size, shape, color, and banding patterns make choosing a specimen a matter of personal taste. Please call or email Christine to discuss individual features of these specially selected specimens. We will provide the right specimen to satisfy your collecting preferences.

The heaviest pieces in Group 1 are approximately 1474.00 grams (3.25 lbs.)

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Group 2



Specimen Sizes: 4" x 10" to 4" x 16" and 5" x 11" to 5" x 16"

Price range: \$100.00 – \$200.00

Thickness ranges from .25" to .5"

The variations in size, shape, color, and banding patterns make choosing a specimen a matter of personal taste. Please call or email Christine to discuss individual features of these specially selected specimens. We will provide the right specimen to satisfy your collecting preferences.

We were able to obtain a handful of acrylic double bend easels to display these large slabs. If you would like one please order asap, as we are not sure when the vendor will be replenishing their stock.

The easel cost is \$9.99.

The heavier pieces in Group 2 are approximately 1200 grams (2.62lbs)

Further Information

Coming in August



Desert Rose- Mexico

You can look forward to a lovely Desert Rose next month as our featured mineral. They are the selenite variety of gypsum in the form of “desert roses” from the Samalayuca Dune Fields near Ahumada in Chihuahua, Mexico. These dune fields cover about 700 square miles and are 50 miles south of El Paso, Texas. Desert roses form when included sand particles distort growing selenite crystals along their one-directional cleavage planes, separating them into clusters of flat, bladed crystals that resemble rose petals. The Samalayuca Dune Fields are geologically quite young and have an estimated age of just 100,000 years. Desert roses are younger still, having formed only about 10,000 to 20,000 years ago. The value and visual appeal of these specimens stem from the delicate nature of their “petals” and the overall resemblance to blooming roses

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

Ordering: To place an order you can call #800-941-5594 or email 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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