

Mineral of the Month Club



Offer Sheet - August 2013

Our special offers for August include five minerals from such divergent geographic localities as the United States, China, Peru, Pakistan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Four of these special offers are composite specimens, that is, combinations of two or more minerals that provide interesting contrasts in mineral color, structure, and texture. Our fifth offer, an individual specimen, is a textbook example of a scalenohedral crystal structure.

After reading the following descriptions, please let us know if you are interested in acquiring any of these specimens to enhance your collection.

NOTE: Each month we will send out an email to announce the arrival of the new Fine Mineral of the Month. You can order the fine mineral through the website or by emailing or calling the office.

Calcite

These specimens of calcite are from the Sweetwater Mine in the Viburnum Lead Belt of Missouri. The calcite appears as clusters of well-developed, translucent scalenohedrons with pleasing yellowish or honey-brown colors. Typical of the distinctive colors and structure of calcite from the classic Viburnum localities, these specimens make fine display pieces.

Specimen sizes: 2.5" x 5" to 4" x 5"

Price ranges: \$85.00 - \$110.00

Chrysocolla with Quartz and Hematite

Collected at the Doña Angelina Uno Mine in the Humay District of Peru, these specimens have coatings of bright, turquoise-blue chrysocolla, a hydrous copper silicate, on a matrix of small, water-clear, well-developed, terminated quartz crystals, along with hematite, an orange-brown, iron-oxide mineral. These blue, orange-brown, and colorless minerals create a pleasing and interesting color combination.

Specimen sizes: 1.75" x 2.5" to 3.5" x 5"

Price range: \$ \$25.00- \$ \$125.00



Malachite with Azurite

Collected from the Katanga Copper Crescent in the Democratic Republic of Congo, these specimens have small, glittering crystals of deep-blue azurite atop a matrix of forest-green malachite. This striking, blue-green color combination is typical of the best of the fine malachite-azurite specimens now coming from the classic Katanga localities.

Specimen sizes: 1" x 2" to 2" x 4.5"
1 Large specimen 4" x 11" @ \$1500.00

Price ranges: \$25.00- \$65.00



Calcite with Pyrite

Collected from the Huang Gang Liang Mine in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China, these are large, composite specimens of terminated, translucent calcite crystals coated with small, but very bright, golden pyrite crystals. The bright, metallic glitter of the pyrite contrasts nicely with the glassy luster of the calcite to make interesting display pieces.

Specimen sizes: 2.5" x 5.5" to 4" x 7"

Price ranges: \$ \$65.00- \$110.00



Schorl with Quartz

These composite specimens of the tourmaline-mineral schorl with quartz and muscovite are from the pegmatites of Pakistan's Shigar Valley. When viewed with backlighting, the prisms of nearly black schorl reveal a deep-green translucence and a yellow "watermelon" rind. With a matrix of white quartz and exceptionally well-developed, pseudo hexagonal plates of pearly, white muscovite, these specimens provide very interesting contrasts in color and crystal structure.

Specimen sizes: .5" x 1.25" to 2" x 3"

Price ranges: \$25.00 to \$45.00

Complete descriptions of these minerals can be found in the **Atlas of Minerals** in the Library section of the website.

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Quartz (var. Green.)

Collected from Hunan Province, China, these quartz specimens are included with fibers and particles of various chlorite minerals, a group of hydrous magnesium iron aluminum silicates that imparts a distinctive, forest-green color that is rare in macrocrystalline quartz. These specimens consist of masses of crystalline quartz with an intense, green color that make unusual display pieces.

Specimen sizes: 2.5" x 3.5" to 3" x 5"

Price ranges: \$50.00 to \$90.00



Gypsum (var. Selenite)

Collected at Australia's Sinclair Gap Lake evaporite deposit, these specimens of the selenite variety of gypsum, or hydrous calcium sulfate, consist of long, twinned, bladed crystals with rhombic forms, beveled edges, and well-developed terminations. Inclusions of the iron-oxide mineral hematite produce a rich, honey-brown color that is unusual in gypsum. These make very nice display pieces.

Specimen sizes: .5" x 2.5" to 1.5" x 6"

Price ranges: \$25.00- \$55.00

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Gypsum

Collected at the great evaporite deposit at Sinclair Gap Lake in Australia, these specimens of the selenite variety of gypsum, or hydrous calcium sulfate, consist of "V"- and fan-shaped clusters of twinned, bladed crystals with distinct rhombic form, beveled edges, and well-developed terminations. With their light-tan color, soft translucency, and distinctive "V" shapes, these make very nice display pieces.

There are also several individual crystals or as we are fondly calling them, "chips" that are available as well.

Specimen sizes: 1" x 1.5" to 1.5" x 4", 2" x 2" to 3" x 4" **Price ranges:** \$35.00- \$65.00 and \$75.00 - \$135.00

chips : \$5.00

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@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.

Please make *checks payable to Celestial Earth Stones.*

