

Mineral of the Month Club



Offer Sheet – August 2014

Hello Mineral of the Month Club Member:

Our five special offers for August include an interesting variety of colors and crystal forms. One specimen is from Spain and two each are from Mexico and the United States. Our fine mineral of the month is wulfenite from Morocco. Their colors range from gleaming, metallic gold and iridescent brassy-yellow to red, black, and two shades of green. Crystal forms include delicate, drusy coatings; perfect, sharp-edged cubes; and prisms with unusual, skeletal faces. Three of our offers are composites that provide an excellent opportunity for side-by-side comparison of different mineral species, crystal forms, and colors.

“Christine’s Pick” for this month is the Sonora Sunrise. Each specimen has rich contrasting colors of deep red, blue/ green and black. The blue/green is Chrysocolla, the red is Cuprite and the black is Iron. These specimens show why “Sonora Sunrise” is becoming popular both as a gemstone and a decorative stone.

Please review the following descriptions and let us know which ones are going to be yours.

Warmest Regards,

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora



Specimen sizes: 1" x 2.5" to 2.5" x 4.75"
Prices: \$12.00 to \$45.00

Sonora Sunrise

From the Milpillas copper mine in Sonora, Mexico, these specimens consist of fine-grained limestone impregnated with green chrysocolla, or hydrous basic copper aluminum silicate; deep-red cuprite, or copper oxide; and black pyrolusite, or manganese oxide. "Sonora Sunrise," a marketing name, is a popular gemstone and decorative stone. With their sharply contrasting colors, these are unusual and eye-catching specimens.



Specimen sizes: .5" x 2" to 3" x 4"
Prices: \$15.00 to \$75.00
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Libethenite

These specimens of libethenite, or basic copper phosphate, are from Arizona's huge Morenci open-pit copper mine. The libethenite occurs as drusy, cavity-wall coatings of small, short-to-slightly-elongated prisms with protruding, wedge-shaped terminations. The transparent, olive-green libethenite crystals rest atop a matrix of altered granite and a coating of reddish-brown cuprite.



Specimen sizes: 2" x 3" to 4" x 9.5"
Price: \$15.00 to \$45.00 and \$55.00- \$90.00

Skeletal Quartz

(with iron & manganese coatings)
These were mined by one of our very own Mineral of the Month Club members, Tom P. while on a trip to South Carolina. These terminated, hexagonal crystals of quartz or silicon dioxide have the pronounced skeletal features of raised edges and recessed faces resulting from that reflect different rates of growth. Collected at South Carolina's Diamond Hill Mine, these unusual quartz crystals exhibit a colorful staining of orange-red hematite, or iron oxide, and jet-black pyrolusite, or manganese oxide.



Specimen sizes: 1.5" x 2" to 4.5" x 7"
Price \$25.00 to \$65.00 and \$75.00 - \$120.00

Quartz and Chalcopyrite on Garnet

Collected at the Piedras Verdes multi-metal mine at Urique, Chihuahua, Mexico, these specimens show white, translucent hexagonal quartz prisms side-by-side with slightly iridescent, brassy tetrahedrons of chalcopyrite, or copper iron sulfide. On a matrix of massive, green uvarovite, a garnet mineral, these specimens are an interesting study in different crystal forms.



Specimen sizes: 1.5" x 2.5" to 1.5" x 3"
and 3" x 1.5" to 3.5" x 4.5"

Price: \$35.00 to \$75.00 and \$90.00 to \$180.00

Pyrite

Back by popular demand, these specimens exemplify the best qualities of the pyrite, or iron disulfide, coming from the classic locality at Navajún, La Rioja, Spain. Specimens consist of *one pyrite cube or clusters of pyrite cubes* in a partially relieved matrix of altered, grayish-tan marlstone. Individual crystals are sharp-edged, beautifully formed cubes with gleaming, mirror-like faces and a rich, brassy color. Navajún is recognized as the premier of perfectly developed pyrite cubes.



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Specimen Sizes: 1" x 2.75" to 1.5" x 2.75"
Price: \$120.00 to \$175.00

Wulfenite

These specimens are from a classic locality in Touissit, Oujda-Angad Province, Morocco. They are comprised of wafer-thin sunny yellow lustrous rosettes.

Still Available From Last Month:



Specimen sizes: 2.5" x 3.5" to 3.5" x 4.5"
Price: \$55.00 to \$125.00

Halite

These specimens of halite, or sodium chloride, are from a classic halite locality—the Searles dry-lake bed near Trona, California. Specimens consist of intricate clusters of perfectly formed cubic crystals with sharp edges and gleaming, vitreous faces. These translucent crystals are white with lovely hints of soft pink.



Specimen Sizes: 1.25" x 2" x 2" to
3" x" x 1"
Price: \$40.00 to \$85.00

Calcite

From Irai City, Rio Grand do Sul, Minas Gerais, Brazil. These specimens have frosty calcite sprays that sit atop celadonite, which is green and creates a nice contrast for display purposes. They fluoresce a lovely orange. Here is what member Don Tadlock has to say about the piece he purchased Mineral of the Month Club: "They fluorescence bright orange shortwave brighter midwave and sort of light pink long wave. This is typical of this material from Brazil. The green mineral is celadonite which is a mica $K(mg,Fe^{2+})(Fe^{3+},Al)(Si_4O_{10})(OH)_2$. I like the piece, It shows well and will work in my fluorescent case...the fact that it fluoresces brighter mid wave makes it a nice piece to have."



Specimen sizes: 1.5" x 1.5" to 2" x 3"
Prices: \$25.00 to \$45.00

Trolleite-Berlinite

The closely related, rare, aluminum-phosphate minerals trolleite and berlinite occur together in these unusual composite specimens, in which the colorless-to-white berlinite nicely complements the blue-green of the trolleite. These specimens are from Sweden's Västana iron mine, which is the type locality for these minerals and one of their few sources for both in the world.

Remember, if you don't see what you are looking for, ask!

We have a wide selection of previously offered minerals available.

Further Information

We love to hear from our members, so please call or email anytime!

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

Ordering: To place an order you can call #800-941-5594 or email christlne@celestiaearthminerals.com

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

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Wish lists... If you are looking for something specific, please let us know and we will do our best to find it for you!

