

Mineral of the Month Club



Offer Sheet - December 2013

As we close out the year, we have six special December offers that come from localities in Russia, China, Brazil, France, India, and the United States. Three of our special offers are composite specimens with unusual and pleasing color combinations—teal-blue and orange, green and peach, and pink and green against white. Two of these offers are singular crystals, one of which is orange, the other grayish-green. Our last offer is a 12-million-year-old fossil from France. We have described these specimens below. Contact us if you are interested in acquiring any of these specimens for your collection.

We are able to obtain additional elbaite in quartz from Brazil. It was our featured mineral of the month in December 2012 and our members just couldn't get enough of it! The majority of our selection is the pink tourmaline(elabaite) variety in milky white quartz, some specimens do have green or a combination of green and pink tourmaline.

As always, thank you for your interest in our specially-selected Platinum Level specimens.

Wishing you the very best for this holiday season and we are looking forward to serving you for another year!

Dimitri, Mary, and Christine

NOTE: on the 1st of each month we will send out an email to announce the arrival of the Fine Mineral of the Month. You can order the fine mineral through the website or by emailing or calling the office.



Specimen sizes: 1" x 2" to 3" x 5" & 4" x 6.5"

Price ranges: \$10.00 to \$25.00, \$65.00-\$90.00 & \$100.00- \$125.00

Orange Calcite

These specimens, collected at China's Daye iron mine, represent a very unusual form of calcite, or calcium carbonate. These are well-developed, semi-transparent, singular, rhombohedral crystals about one inch in size that show prominent, internal phantoms of hematite. The large, smooth crystal faces have a waxy luster and the included hematite provides the rich orange color. There are also pieces that consist of a single crystal or are paler cream in color.



Specimen sizes: .5" x 1" to 2" x 2.5" Price ranges: \$20.00 to \$75.00

Tremolite

Collected from the West Pierrepont locality in western New York, these specimens of tremolite, or basic calcium magnesium silicate, are well-formed, sharp, terminated, singular prisms with a blue-gray-green color, vitreous luster, and prominent longitudinal striations. The fibrous structure of the crystals also imparts a subtle, but attractive, internal chatoyancy. These were purchased directly from the man who mined them in New York State. At first glance the blue-gray-green color appears but when backlit brown pops up making for a lovely contrast of colors.



Scutella (Fossil)

Recovered from Miocene sediments in northeastern France, these Scutella fossils are the calcified remains of the exoskeletons of 12-million-year-old marine echinoderms. Also known as “sand dollars” for their disk- or coin-like shapes, they exhibit a perfect, five-fold symmetry and excellent detail. These make fine display pieces as the specimens have been “relieved” by partial removal of the sandstone matrix to fully display the fossils.

Specimen sizes: 2" x 3" to 5" x 6"

Price range: \$70.00- \$110.00



Apatite-(CaF) on calcite

Collected at the Slyudyanka locality in eastern Russia, these specimens have teal-blue, translucent, terminated, hexagonal crystals of apatite-(CaF) on a matrix of orange calcite in association with minor muscovite. These crystals of apatite-(CaF), or calcium fluorophosphates, have a smooth “melted” surface appearance and a bright, vitreous luster. Their teal-blue color contrasts nicely with the orange calcite. There are only a handful of these specimens, so if you are interested, don’t hesitate to purchase them sooner rather than later.

Specimen sizes: 1" x 1" to 1.5" x 3" Price range: \$45.00- \$65.00



Specimen sizes: 1" x 1.5" to 2" x 2.5" Price ranges: \$35.00 to \$80.00



Green Apophyllite-(KF) on peach-colored stilbite-(Ca)

These composite specimens of apophyllite-(KF) and stilbite-(Ca) are from the Deccan Traps of India. These well-developed, pale-green, transparent-to-translucent apophyllite-(KF) crystals on a matrix of tiny, glittering blades of peach-colored stilbite-(Ca) make one of the most attractive color combinations in the widely collected zeolite composite specimens from India.

We thought that these beauties complimented the featured mineral this month, apophyllite with stilbite.



Specimen sizes: 2" x 3" to 3" x 5" Price ranges: \$45.00-\$70.00 and \$90.00 to \$200.00

Pink Elbaite (Tourmaline) in Quartz:

The pegmatites of Minas Gerais, Brazil, are famed as a source of the tourmaline-group mineral elbaite. These specimens show long, prisms of soft, pink elbaite in a matrix of white milky massive quartz. A few specimens have side-by-side prisms of pale-green. With pastel pinks and greens on a snow-white matrix, these beautiful specimens make outstanding display pieces.

Back by popular demand!

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Specimen sizes: 1" x 1.5" to 3" x 4" Price ranges: \$30.00 to \$75.00

Beryl var. Morganite:

These specimens of the rare, pink morganite variety of beryl, or beryllium aluminum silicate, are from the pegmatites of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Morganite is one of the five gem color varieties of beryl and specimens consist of both massive and interlocked crystals of morganite with minor white albite. Sections of the morganite are transparent and gemmy with the delicate pink color that is typical morganite.



Specimen sizes: 2.5" x 3" to 3" x 4" Price range: \$40.00 to \$60.00

Quartz var. Chalcedony:

A sub-var. Blue

Chalcedony is the microcrystalline variety of quartz or silicon dioxide in which blue colors are uncommon. These specimens from the Chikwawa District of Malawi have a soft translucency and a delightful, blue-with-hints-of-purple color that is caused by interference of light from millions of interfaces between the interlocked microcrystals. Blue chalcedony from Malawi is now a popular gemstone and decorative stone.

NOTE: Only 2 specimens left

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Uvite (Tourmaline) with Blue Sapphire: These extraordinary composite specimens consist of the uncommon tourmaline mineral uvite with minor sapphire (blue gem variety of corundum, or aluminum oxide) on a gleaming matrix of pearly, greenish muscovite. The uvite is present as dark, equant crystals with a green-blue luster; the sapphire as scatterings of small, blue, bipyramidal crystals. These very unusual composite specimens were collected from contact-metamorphic environments in Baltistan, Pakistan.

Specimen sizes: 1" x 1" to 2" x 2.5" Price range: \$25.00 - \$100.00 **Only a few left**, 2 that are 1" x 1" and 1 larger specimen 2" x 3"



Brookite with Quartz These lovely specimens were purchased at this years Denver Gem & Mineral show. They are brookite, or titanium dioxide with quartz from the classic locality at Khārām, Baluchistan in Pakistan. Brookite is present as thin, flat, elongated, blackish-to-reddish-black, tabular crystals with prominent longitudinal striations and a distinctive, bright sub-metallic luster. The brookite crystals are associated with water-clear, beautifully developed quartz crystals, many with needle-like inclusions of reddish-brown rutile.

There are just a few left of these .

Specimen sizes: 1" x 2" to 3" x 5" & 4" x 6.5"
Price ranges: \$ \$35.00 to \$160.00 & \$180.00

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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