

Mineral of the Month Club



February 2016

Featured Mineral Orange Calcite

Our specimens of massive, orange calcite are from the Ojuela Mine at Mapimí in the Mapimí district, Durango, Mexico.

These massive (noncrystalline) pieces of calcite are obtained from the mine's upper levels, where they occur as fracture and fissure fillings. Their orange is due to included, microscopic particles of hematite, or iron oxide. Some of these pieces are also accented with thin, black streaks that are caused by manganese-oxide minerals. The specimens have been briefly immersed in dilute hydrochloric acid to dissolve a thin surface layer of the calcite to create a smooth, glassy luster that greatly improves translucency and intensifies color. The special appeal of these specimens is their rich, orange glow when backlit.

All are translucent and most have a uniform orange color. Some also have a white streaking which accents the basic orange color.

To select your Platinum Level specimen of orange calcite, please call or email Christine, our Mineral of the Month Club manager, during regular business hours to discuss the specimen that best suits your preferences.

As always, thanks to all our members for making the Mineral of the Month Club what it is today.

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora

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Group 1



Specimen Size: 1.5" x 4.00" to 2.5" x 3.0"

Price range: \$15.00 to \$25.00

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Group 2



Specimen Size: 1.5" x 5.00" to 4" x 6"

Price range: \$65.00- \$125.00

Further Information

Coming in March



Blue Barite- Weld County, Colorado

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

Discounts available: If you order 4 or more minerals from the Featured Mineral letter and/or the Offering 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@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.

Please make checks payable to Celestial Earth Stones.

