

Mineral of the Month Club



April 2016

Featured Mineral Malachite

Our April Mineral of the Month is malachite, or basic copper carbonate, from one of the world's great malachite sources—the Katanga Copper Belt in Katanga Province (formerly Shaba Province), Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Congo Free State, Belgian Congo, and Zaire). Collectors value malachite specimens from Katanga Province because of the rich-green colors and excellent development of the botryoidal and fibrous forms. Interestingly, the copper mineralization at Katanga is very old in terms of geological time, having been emplaced in sulfide form more than 500 million years ago. Our malachite specimens formed much more recently, however, after erosion reduced the surface to oxidize the uppermost sulfides into malachite, azurite, chrysocolla, and other colorful copper minerals. Today, intensive mining activity has increased the availability of malachite specimens, which are collected by Congolese miners and sold to dealers from the United States and Europe.

This month we have a combination of two basic malachite forms: botryoidal and fibrous. They vary in overall size, ranging from 2" x 3" inches to as large as 5.0" x 7.0" , and in the intensity of their green colors. These botryoidal and fibrous specimens are classic examples of malachite's most prominent habits. The larger specimens make wonderful display pieces. The choice of overall specimen size, botryoidal or fibrous habit, and particular color intensity , as always, a matter of personal preference.

To select your Platinum Level specimen , please call or email Christine, our Mineral of the Month Club manager, Monday through Friday 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

Fibrous Malachite



2" x 2" to 3" x 5"

Price Range: \$45.00- \$110.00

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Group 2

Botryoidal Malachite



3" x 3" - 5" x 7"
Prices \$80.00- \$225.00

Further Information

Coming in May



Tessin Quartz

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 christine@celestiaearthminerals.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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