

Mineral of the Month Club



Offering Sheet April 2016

This month our four special offers include specimens from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, China, and the United States (Ohio). Two are composite specimens and one is a well-silicified fossil. Crystals range from colorless and shades of gold to an array of intense greens and bright blues. Their forms include doubly terminated scalenohedrons, bladed prisms, and both drusy and smooth botryoidal structures. Three of these specimens exhibit attractive color contrasts.

“Christine’s Pick” among these special offers is the calcite-celestine composites. I really love the ammonite fossils, but had to go with the calcite-celestine because of their superb crystal development. The doubly terminated scalenohedrons of golden calcite on long, bladed prisms of colorless celestine are a wonderful and unique combination of crystal forms and colors. These are specimens you will never tire of looking at and they were literally pulled out of the ground in Ohio by Stan a man we know who is one of our vendors.

Take a gander of what we have and let me know what you will be adding to your collection.
Christine

Warmest Regards from the team at Mineral of the Month Club,

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora



Calcite with Celestine "Chris's Pick "

These composite specimens were mined by Stan, one of your vendors. They are from the limestone quarries of Clay Center, Ohio, consist of calcite, or calcium carbonate, and celestine, or strontium sulfate. The calcite is present as beautifully formed, double-terminated scalenohedrons of golden calcite on colorless, prismatic blades of celestine, both with a bright, glassy luster. These composites exhibit a soft, attractive color contrast and offer an opportunity for a side-by-side comparison of radically different crystal forms.



Specimen size: 1.0" x 1.5" .75 to 4" x 4" x 1.75"

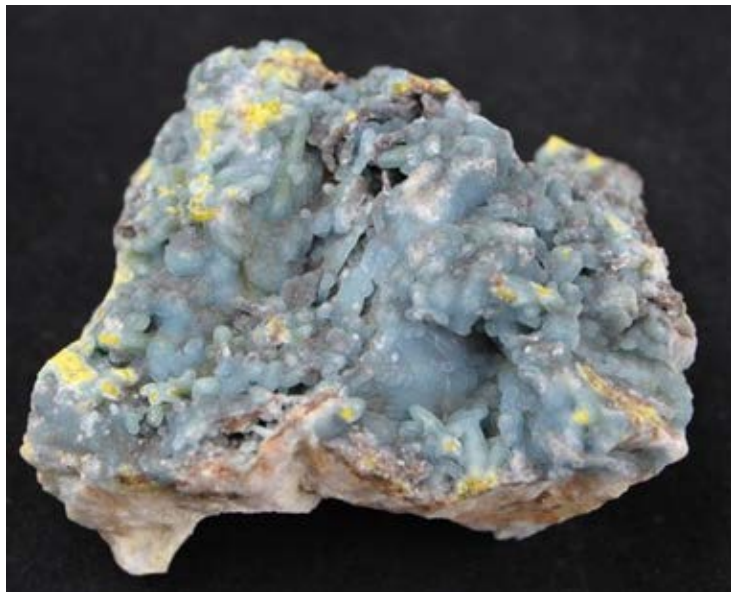
Price range: \$45.00- \$155.00



Specimen sizes: .25" x .25" x .75" to 3.25" x 1.25" x .75"
Price: \$55.00 to \$225.00

Plumbogummite

Collected at a new find in Sichuan Province, China, plumbogummite specimens recently attracted a great deal of attention at the 2016 Tucson, Arizona, Gem and Mineral shows. These specimens consist of nicely formed, drusy, botryoidal structures of plumbogummite, or basic hydrous lead aluminum phosphate, accented with crusts of yellow pyromorphite, or lead chlorophosphate.

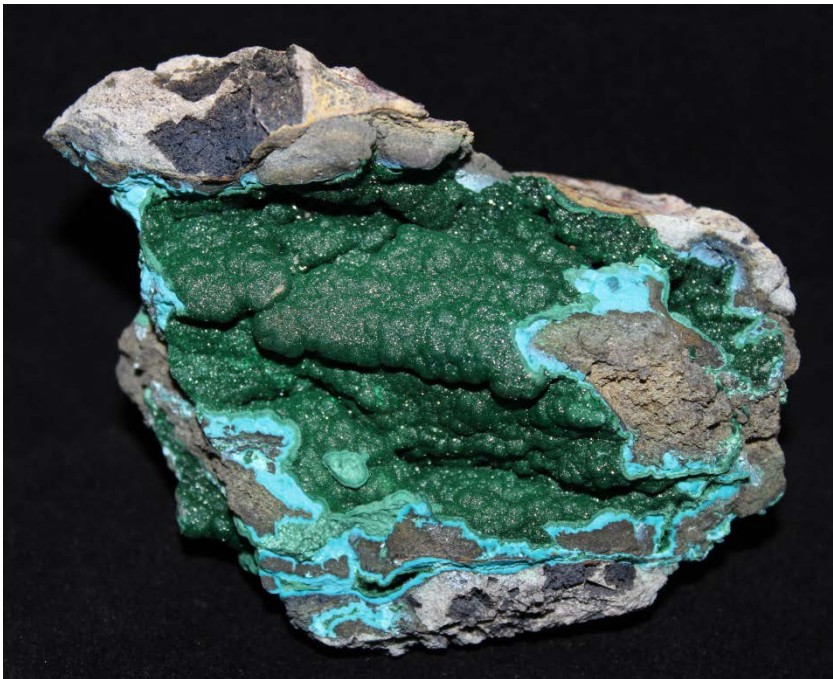




Ammonite (fossil)

These specimens are highly silicified fossils of ammonites (*Ammonoida*), an extinct, marine cephalopod mollusk. Collected in Madagascar, each specimen has been expertly relieved to show shell sutures and patterns, along with pearly sections of the original shell material. These 135-million-year-old fossils represent the transition between the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Measuring four to five inches in size, these specimens are polished to a high luster and make fine display pieces.

Specimen size: 3.5" x 4.0" x 1.0" to 4.5" x 5.5"
Price: \$75.00 - \$95.00



Malachite with Chrysocolla

Collected in the Katanga Copper Belt of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, these composites consist of masses of forest-green, botryoidal malachite, or basic copper carbonate, that are laced with veinlets of bright, turquoise-colored chrysocolla, or basic hydrous copper aluminum acid silicate. These specimens provide a fine contrast between blue and green colors.

Specimen size: 1.75" x 3.0" to 4.5" x 7.0"
Price range: \$45.00 - \$125.00

Still Available From Last Month:



Specimen sizes: 1.5" x 1.5" to 2.5" x 2.75"
Price: \$45.00-\$110.00

Calcite with Pyrite

Collected at the Daye Iron Mine in Hubei Province, China, these crystals of calcite, or calcium carbonate, have a very unusual crystal form—stacks of terminated, tabular, hexagonal crystals that appear as superposed umbrellas. These colorless, translucent crystals are dusted with microcrystals of gray pyrite, or iron disulfide, and are among the most eye-catching of all calcite habits.



Specimen size: .75" x 1" to 1.75" x 3.0"
Price range: \$30.00- \$55.00

Hexagonite

Tremolite var. "Hexagonite"

The "hexagonite" or manganoan variety of tremolite, or basic calcium magnesium silicate, occurs almost exclusively in the extensive contact-metamorphic environments at Talcville in St. Lawrence County in western New York. These specimens consist of long, translucent, monoclinic crystals with a bright luster and a distinctive, lilac-to-purplish color.



Specimen size: 1.0" x 1.5" x .5 to 2.0" x 2.0" x .5"
Price range: \$40.00 - \$80.00

Purple Opal

Opal var. Common, sub var. Purple

These specimens are from a recently discovered source in the Sonoran Desert region of northern Mexico. They are of the common or non-opalescent variety of opal, a mineraloid consisting of hydrated silica. The distinctive, purple coloration of this gemstone is caused by included microcrystals of fluorite. These specimens have been slabbed and polished to display their wide range of purple colors.

Further Information

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

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