

# Mineral of the Month Club



## Offering Sheet May 2016

Our four special offers for May are from Mexico, China, and the United States (Arizona and Michigan). Crystal forms include long prismatic with secondary growth, chisel-shaped tabular, radiating acicular, and foliated micaceous. The colors of these specimens range from a glittering, metallic silver to deep emerald-green and midnight-blue with a hint of purple.

“Christine’s Pick” Just in from our trip to the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show this year is azurite from Milpillas Mine in Sonora, Mexico. I was so excited to see these in such an unusual form that I had to buy them and share them with you. Usually azurite is fairly common in massive, botryoidal, and radiating forms, but well-developed crystals are rare. These specimens, with their tabular shapes, lustrous faces, sharp edges, and intense midnight-blue color, are among the best I’ve seen. And they come from a mine in Mexico that is shifting its operations to deep sulfide ores, meaning that the supply of these crystals is limited.

Take a look at 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



## **Azurite** **“Chris’s Pick ”**

Fine crystals of azurite, or basic copper carbonate, are not common. These specimens, from the Milpillas Mine in Sonora, Mexico, are beautifully developed, chisel-shaped, tabular crystals with lustrous faces, sharp edges, and a deep, midnight-blue color with just a hint of purple. In the past few years, the Milpillas Mine has been North America’s top source of azurite crystals.



**Specimen size:** .75" x .75" to 1.5" x 1.5"  
**Price range:** \$55.00 - \$225.00



**Specimen sizes:** .75" x 3.5" to 1.0" x 4.75"

**Price:** \$45.00 \$80.00

### **Quartz**

Collected at the Huanggang district in China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, these complex "points" consist of long, single prisms of gray quartz, or silicon dioxide. Each prism is doubly terminated and covered by secondary growths of smaller, terminated, pyramidal, colorless quartz crystals and off-white crusts of dolomite (calcium magnesium carbonate). Some specimens exhibit the enlarged terminations of scepter-type growth.



**Specimen sizes:** 1.75" X 3.25" TO 3.75" X 4.25"

**Price:** \$20.00 - \$40.00

### **Hematite var. Specularite**

Collected in Marquette County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, these specimens consist of alternating layers of quartzite and the specularite variety of hematite, or iron oxide. Specularite is present as foliated, micaceous flakes that reflect light with a bright, silvery, metallic glitter.

Note: One side of these flat specimens is coated with a clear lacquer to fully display the glitter; the other side is natural.

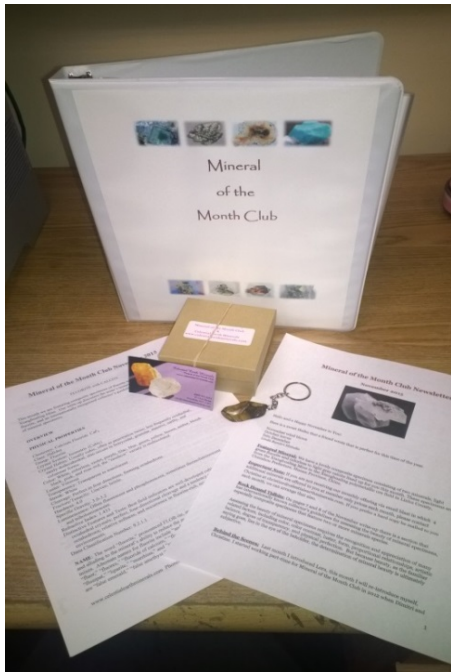


## Brochantite

These specimens of brochantite, or basic copper sulfate, are from the famed copper deposit at Bisbee, Arizona. Specimens consist of a solid matrix of massive, dark-green brochantite atop which are interlocking, needle-like, lustrous crystals of emerald-green brochantite that exhibit radial structures. Also present is minor red hematite (iron oxide). Bisbee is a classic locality for brochantite.

**Specimen size:** 1.75" x 4.75" to 3.25" x 3.75"

**Price:** \$20.00 - \$45.00



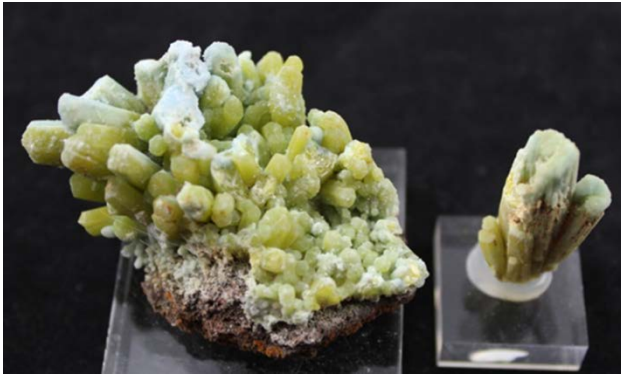
## Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduations:

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1 year Gold-level membership: \$250.00 - Payment  
\$22.00- Monthly payments

A complimentary month is added to any existing member's account who purchases a gift membership.

# Still Available From Last Month:



**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.



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

## **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:** 1.75" x 3.0" to 4.5" x 7.0"  
**Price range:** \$45.00 - \$125.00

## **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.

# Further Information

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

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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!

