

Mineral of the Month Club



Offering Sheet June 2016

Our four special offers for June are from Madagascar, Morocco, Germany, and China. Their colors range from silvery and to bright greenish-blue and pale green. Crystal forms include long prismatic, acicular, radiating clusters, and hemispherical aggregations. One of these offers is a composite that provides a fine opportunity for a side-by-side comparison of radically different crystal forms and contrasting colors. And as a change of pace, we are also offering a detailed, 150-million-year-old fossil of an unusual, “free-floating” crinoid.

“Christine’s Pick” from our June special offers is the pyrolusite from Morocco. Pyrolusite, or manganese dioxide, is a fairly common mineral, but in these specimens my eye is drawn to the fibrous, radiating patterns or sprays of fine, acicular crystals. The silvery – gray color and bright, submetallic luster of the pyrolusite contrasts nicely with the dark red of the hematite matrix. They are visually stunning specimens!

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,



Pyrolusite **“Chris’s Pick ”**

Collected from the sedimentary manganese deposits at the Imini Mine in Quarzazate Province in Morocco’s Souss-Madra-Draâ Region, these specimens of pyrolusite, or manganese dioxide, consist of well-defined, radiating clusters of silvery, acicular crystals with a bright, submetallic luster in a matrix of dark-red, massive hematite. These specimens represent one of the most attractive forms of pyrolusite.



Specimen size: 1.5” x 2.5” to 2.5” x 4.75”

Price range: \$ 55.00 - \$110.00

Prehnite & 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: 1.5" x 2.0" to 4.0" x 5.5"

Price: \$35.00 to \$ 125.00



Specimen size: 1.0" x 1.5" to 2.25" x 2.25"

Price: \$ 35.00 - \$40.00

Amazonite

Microcline var. Amazonite

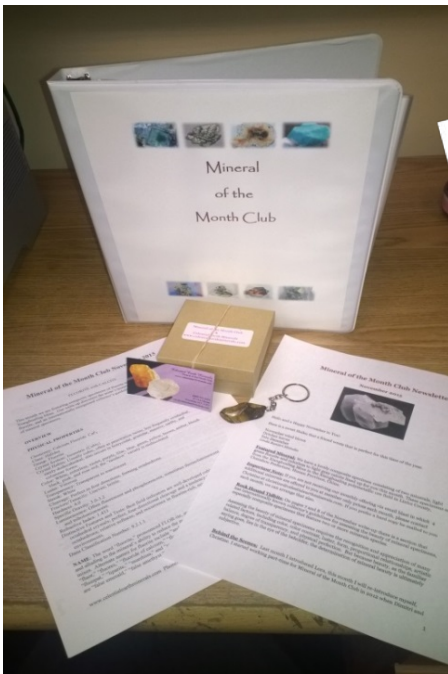
These specimens of amazonite, the blue-green gemstone variety of the feldspar mineral microcline, or potassium aluminum silicate, are from the Sahafarona granite pegmatite at Andina in Fianarantsoa Province, Madagascar. Their blue-green color is caused by traces of lead. These rough specimens are split along natural cleavage planes to display smooth, lustrous surfaces and eye-catching, bright color.



Floating Crinoid:

These specimens of 150-million-year-old fossils of *Saccocoma pectinata*, a marine crinoid that thrived during the Jurassic Period, are from the Solnhofen Quarry in Bavaria, Germany, one of Europe’s top fossil localities. These specimens are not the usual columnar crinoids, but are “free-floating” crinoids that exhibit great detail in their ten extended “arms.” The matrix is a buff-colored, fine-grained limestone.

Size: 2.75” x 3.5” to 4.0” x 5.0” Price Ranges: \$25.00 to \$45.00



Father’s Day and Graduations:



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1 year Gold-level membership: \$250.00 – 1 payment
 \$22.00- monthly payments

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Still Available From Last Month:



Specimen size: 1.75" x 4.75" to 3.25" x 3.75"
Price: \$20.00 - \$45.00

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: .75" x .75" to 1.5" x 1.5"
Price: \$55.00 - \$225.00

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: 1.75" X 3.25" TO 3.75" X 4.25"
Price range: \$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.

Further Information

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.

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