

# Mineral of the Month Club



## Offering Sheet July 2016

Our four special offers for July are from Peru, Morocco, the United States, and India. Two of these specimens are crystalline: One takes the form of clusters of lustrous, golden-yellow, thin, tabular crystals, the other appears as stacks of spherical structures with textured surfaces and a peachy-tan color. The other two specimens are classified as rocks rather than minerals. Both exhibit attractive and unusual patterns, one displaying undulating, multicolored layers, the other an intricate maze of oxide-precipitation deposits.

“Christine’s Pick” from our July special offers is the barite from Peru. “Barite occurs in many colors and forms, but rarely in the habit shown in these specimens,” says our Mineral of the Month Club manager. “These barite specimens consist of clusters of beautifully developed, thin tabs with sharp edges and a glassy luster,” Christine explains. “With their water-clear transparency and delightful, golden-yellow color, these crystals really catch the eye.”

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



## **Barite**

### **“Chris’s Pick ”**

These specimens of barite, or barium sulfate, are from Cerro Warihyun near Miraflores, Huánuco Department, Peru. Each specimen consists of intricate clusters of well-developed, delicate, thin blades of pale, golden-yellow barite on a matrix of fine-grained, gray limestone. These barite crystals are superb examples of the thin, tabular habit.

**Specimen size:** .75" x 1.5" to 1.75" x 1.75"  
**Price range:** \$75.00- \$175.00



## **“Tsesite Desert Stone”**

If you admire the “desert-varnish”-stained, sandstone cliffs of the American Southwest, you will be intrigued by these specimens of “tsesite Sahara Desert stone” from southern Morocco. Each specimen consists of a matrix of fine-grained, reddish-brown hematite decorated with intricate patterns of thick, dark precipitation deposits known as “desert varnish,” a mix of iron and manganese oxides and hydroxides.

**Specimen size:** 1.25" x 3.0" to 3.75" x 4.5"  
**Price range:** \$25.00 - \$55.00



### **Thomsonite-(Ca)**

Collected from the basalt formations of the Deccan Traps in the Aurangabad District, Maharashtra, India, these specimens of thomsonite-(Ca), or hydrous calcium sodium aluminum silicate, are among the most collectible of the region's famed zeolite minerals. Specimens consist of stacked, spherical structures with delicately textured surfaces and an attractive, peachy-tan color.

**Specimen sizes:** 1.0" x 1.0" to 1.25" x 2.75"  
**Price:** \$65.00- \$225.00



### **Decorative Sandstone Slab**

These slabs of 350-million-year-old sandstone from Richland County, Ohio, are aptly called "picture sandstone." Each sandstone slab exhibits complex, flowing patterns of buff, brown, lilac, and reddish-purple colors, all caused by particles of hydrous and anhydrous iron oxides. This colorful sandstone is quarried as both an architectural and a decorative stone.

**Specimen size:** 3.5" x 6.0" to 7.5" x 13.0"  
**Price:** \$25.00 - \$85.00

# Still Available From Last Month:



**Specimen sizes:** 1.5" x 2.0" to 4.0" x 5.5"  
**Price:** \$35.00 to \$ 125.00

## **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 size:** 1.0" x 1.5" to 2.25" x 2.25"  
**Price Ranges:** \$ 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.



**Specimen size:** 2.75" x 3.5" to 4.0" x 5.0"  
**Price Ranges:** \$25.00 to \$45.00

## **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.

# 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!

