

# Mineral of the Month Club



**October 2016**

## Offering Sheet

Our four special offers for October are specimens from Brazil, China, Canada, and Australia. Their colors range from a deep, intense orange and a delicate, pale orange to a silvery black; their habits include thin, platy micaceous crystals; clusters and sprays of bladed crystals; and well-formed dodecahedral crystals. And for a change of pace, one of our offers is a finely detailed fossil of a five-million-year-old fish in a limestone matrix.

“Christine’s Pick” from our October offers is the clustered crystals of the selenite variety of gypsum from Australia. “In these specimens, the long, thin blades of selenite are beautifully formed, terminated, and extremely delicate,” says our Mineral of the Month Club manager Christine. “These clusters are fascinating for their intergrowths of bladed and acicular crystals in complex and intriguing patterns. I’m also drawn to their color—a pale, subtle shade of orange.”

Take a look at what we have and let us know what you will be adding to your collection.

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

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora



### Spessartite (Garnet Group)

From Galiléia in the Doce Valley, Minas Gerais, Brazil, these specimens of the garnet-group mineral spessartine, or manganese aluminum silicate, consist of transparent, brightly colored, orange crystals, each a well-formed dodecahedron, scattered across a cream-colored matrix of the feldspar-mineral microcline, or potassium aluminum silicate.

Size: 1.25" x 1.5" to 3.0" x 2.0" Price: \$40.00- \$135.00



### Phlogopite with Diopside

Collected at the Yates Mine at Bitter Lake, Outaouais, Quebec, Canada, these specimens of the mica-group mineral phlogopite, or basic potassium magnesium aluminum silicate, consist of large "books" of dark, micaceous crystals with a bright, silvery luster and contrasting masses of white diopside, or calcium magnesium silicate.

Size: 2.0" x 2.25" to 2.5" x 3.5" Price: \$40.00 - \$95.00



Size: 1.5" x 3.0" to 2.0" x 3.0"

Price: \$20.00 - \$25.00

### Fish Fossil (*Jianghanichtys*)

Because of rapid burial in volcanic ash that lithified into a fine-grained mudstone, these fossils of the Pliocene Epoch fish *Jianghanichtys* show extraordinary detail. These five-million-year-old specimens, collected in Hubei, China, make attractive display pieces with dark, raised, and highly detailed features of fins, bones, and scales that contrast nicely against the light-gray limestone matrix.



Size: 1.0" x 4.0" to 4.0" x 4.0"

Price: \$30.00 - \$200.00

### Gypsum var. Selenite

These specimens of the selenite variety of gypsum, or hydrous calcium sulfate, are from Whyalla, South Australia, Australia, and are complex clusters of long, bladed and acicular crystals in intergrown and spray patterns. The crystals are terminated, sharp-edged, semitransparent, and exhibit a subtle, pale-orange color.

# Further Information

**Don't miss out** on members only benefits. Order during the month the offerings are available to receive free shipping on domestic orders of \$100.00 and a 10% discount on 4 or more items purchased from the offering sheet.

At the end of each month we will photograph any previous offerings and post them to our Etsy Shop, [www.etsy.com/shop/CelestialEarth7](http://www.etsy.com/shop/CelestialEarth7)

**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 [info@celestialearthminerals.com](mailto:info@celestialearthminerals.com)

**Shipping:** As always, shipping is free on orders over \$100.00 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 personal checks.

***Please make checks payable to Celestial Earth Stones.***

**Wish lists...**If you are looking for something specific, please let us know and we will do our best to find it for you!

