

# Mineral of the Month Club



**December 2016**

## Offering Sheet

For December, our four special offers, which include three mineral specimens and one fossil specimen, are from Canada, Morocco, Namibia, and the United States (Delaware). The colors of the mineral specimens range from white to indigo-blue and turquoise-blue; their crystal habits include hexagonal-prismatic, rhombohedral, wedge-shaped tabular, and botryoidal. One of our offers is an unusual, translucent, amber-colored marine fossil.

“Christine’s Pick” from our December offers is the composite specimen of quartz on calcite from Morocco. “These outstanding composites consist of beautifully developed crystals of quartz atop a calcite matrix,” says our Mineral of the Month Club manager Christine. “The colorless, transparent quartz is in the form of equant, hexagonal crystals, while the calcite matrix is a cluster of white, translucent rhombohedrons. These composite specimens represent excellent, side-by-side examples of contrasting crystal shapes.”

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

Starting in January we will be posting the monthly offering on the website and/or in our Etsy Shop so that you can order directly on –line. Stay tuned as we transition to this new phase, we will keep you posted via email.

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

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora



Size: 2.0" x 2.5" to 4.0" 4.5" Price: \$55.00 to \$150.00

**Quartz on Calcite** Collected at Imilichil, Morocco, these composite specimens consist of well-developed, equant crystals of transparent, colorless quartz atop a matrix of translucent, white calcite rhombohedrons. Some specimens exhibit glittering, brassy crystals of minor chalcopyrite. These composites can serve as display pieces and are fine examples of divergent mineral color, transparency, and crystal structure.



Size: 1.0" x 2.0" to 2.0" x 4.0" Price: \$35.00 to \$75.00

**Lazulite** From the classic phosphate-mineral locality of Rapid Creek in the Dawson Mining District of Canada's Yukon, these specimens consist of lustrous, wedge-shaped, indigo-blue, tabular crystals of lazulite, or basic magnesium aluminum phosphate. The lazulite crystals are associated with reddish-brown rhombohedrons of siderite, or iron carbonate, and rest atop a matrix of dark-gray shale.



Size: .25" x .75" to .5" x 2.5"  
Price: \$15.00 Each

### **Belemnite (Fossil)**

These unusual specimens are fossils of *Belemnitella americana*, a 70-million-year-old, extinct order of mollusks of the cephalopod class. Recovered from excavations along Delaware's Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, these fossils are solid, translucent, amber-colored cones of aragonite, or orthorhombic calcium carbonate. These stand-alone fossils are pointed at one end and flared at the other, and mounted on a Lucite display stand.



#1 Size: 1.0" x 2.0" .75" Price: \$199.00

### **Shattuckite**

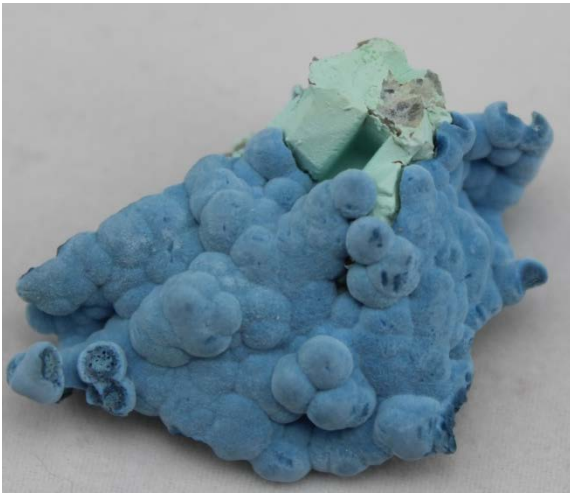
These specimens of shattuckite, or basic copper silicate, were collected from the shallow, oxidized copper deposits of northwestern Namibia's Kaokoveld Plateau, consist of clusters of well-developed botryoidal structures with a velvety texture, slight translucency, and eye-catching, saturated, turquoise-blue color.



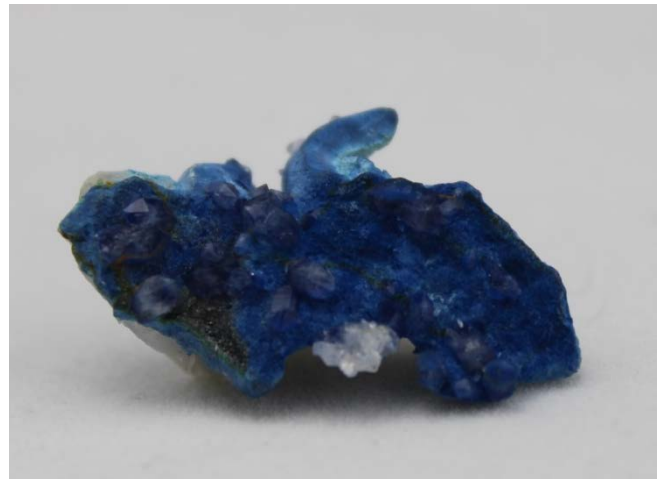
#2 Size: 1.0" x 1.5" to .75" Price: \$150.00



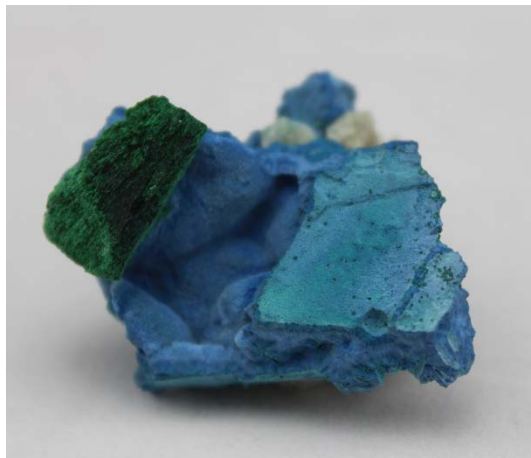
#3 Size: 1.0" x 1.25" 0.125" Price: \$90.00



#4 Size: 1.0" x 1.5" x 0.125" Price: \$100.00



#5 .5" x 1.0" x .25" Price: \$75.00



#6 Size: 1.0" x 1.5" x .5" Price: \$125.00

# Further Information

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:** **As of January 2017 we plan to have available to you the monthly offerings on the website and or the Etsy Shop. Stay tuned for more details of this transition via email.**

**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 ask, we can always check our inventory for you.

