

# Mineral of the Month Club Newsletter

January 2017



## **Featured Mineral:**

This month we have a sweet little specimen that Lora and I (Christine) picked up at this year's Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, cuprite on copper from the Carissa Pit in the Battle Mountain Mining District of north-central Nevada.

*A reminder: You can also purchase the featured mineral in larger sizes that will be found on our website, [www.celestialearthminerals.com](http://www.celestialearthminerals.com) under Featured Minerals.*

**Rock Hound Tid Bits:** Did you know that copper has a long medicinal history? As far back as 2200 BC Egyptian medical texts cite the effectiveness of pulverized copper in sterilizing wounds and treating drinking water. The Eber Papyrus of 1550 B.C. prescribed copper to treat headaches, burns, and itching. Ancient Greek and Roman physicians later used copper and its compounds to treat an even wider variety of ailments. The Greek physician Hippocrates (ca 460-ca 377 B.C.) treated ulcers and infections with copper.

Copper is an essential nutrient for all higher forms of plant and animal life. Most medical researchers now recognize the anti-inflammatory properties of copper and its benefits to the immune system. The beneficial effects of moderate consumption of red wine are attributed partially to high levels of copper in the skins of red-wine grapes. Today, many sufferers of arthritis and rheumatism wear copper bracelets to alleviate joint pain and swelling.

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folders. On Instagram and Facebook we post fun information on mineral collecting as well as posts on minerals and upcoming featured minerals. **Pinterest:** celestialearth, **Instagram:** celestialearth **Facebook:** Mineral Crew and Celestial Earth Minerals

**Memberships:** A warm welcome to our new members Hanna K. from PA, Jim T. from IA, Leann L. from SC, Lindsey T. from CA and Suzanne W. from AZ. all our members who renewed for yet another year!

**Upcoming Featured Minerals:** In February, we will feature a nodular form of calcite, that are also fondly call calcite balls from the Huanggang Mine in Inner Mongolia, China. And in March, our members will receive specimens of rosasite, from Mexico's Ojuela Mine.



**Monthly Offering:** This month we will have smokey quartz that was collected by Amanda Atkins in Colorado from The Prospectors Show. You will find our monthly offering on our website under Offerings.

**\*\*\* We may be a bit late in posting the offering and featured mineral this month on the website due to customization of our website that didn't happen as smoothly as we had expected.\*\*\***



**We Are Here For You:** We are here for you and all your collecting needs. If you have any questions please contact Christine or Lora at the office, by telephone at #1-800-941-5594 or via e-mail at [info@celestialearthminerals.com](mailto:info@celestialearthminerals.com).

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