## Mineral of the Month Club Newsletter May 2017



<u>Featured Mineral:</u> For the first time in the history of MOTMC we will be shipping you Goshenite. It is a colorless variety of beryl from the pegmatites of Namibia. Goshenite crystals, as both individual crystals and composite specimens, are collected for their well-defined hexagonal structure. In composite specimens (One or more minerals grown together), Goshenite is associated with other pegamite minerals such as albite, muscovite, schorl, elbaite, quartz and fluorapatite. So your specimens will most likely have a sprinkling of these minerals mixed in with the goshenite.

<u>Monthly Offering:</u> From our Tucson trip last year we have clusters of lovely green quartz from Inner Mongolia, China. We have purchased from her over the years at the Tucson shows. In the past we have purchased translucent golden barite, fluorite and other interesting quartz's from her. She and her family mine and sell all of her materials.

These clusters consist of well-defined faces and termination whose color is caused by hedenbergite inclusions. A few have some smaller radiating crystals and druze along the base and body of crystals.

You can purchase larger sizes of the Monthly Featured minerals as well as the Monthly Offering minerals at <a href="https://www.celestialearthminerals.com">www.celestialearthminerals.com</a>. Just click on the Monthly Offerings tab to shop for both.

<u>Upcoming Featured Minerals:</u> June brings flashes of color in the Fire Opal from Mexico to your mailbox. We have rubbed a light coating of natural oil to make the color pop. Many people will place fire opal in water or up to the light to really see its dazzling flashes of a rainbow of colors. In July you will receive Druzy Chrysocolla from Chile.

**Rock Hound Tid Bits:** On page 2 of the write-up you can read some intriguing information about the history of beryl. Due to its hardness and transparency it was actually used as eye glass lenses and made into crystal balls!

**Memberships:** Welcome to our newest member, Jackie A. from our home state of New York.

<u>Social Media:</u> Visit our Pinterest, Instagram, and Facebook accounts. In the Pinterest account we have folders that show previous and upcoming featured minerals as well as mineral and nature 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

<u>We Are Here For You:</u> 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.

On-line, informational resources are available at <a href="www.celestialearthminerals.com">www.celestialearthminerals.com</a>. You will find a reading library of articles as well as member only access to all of the write-ups we have from 1996 to present.

Note: To access the write-ups on the website, contact Christine or Lora and we will set up a user name and password for you.

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