

Mineral of the Month Club Newsletter

July 2017



Featured Mineral: This month we are pleased to have Chrysocolla from the Inca de Oro district near Inca de Oro, Chañaral Province, Atacama Region, Chile as the featured mineral of the month. The name “chrysocolla,” pronounced kriss-uh-KOLL-uh, stems from the Greek words *chrysos*, meaning “gold,” and *kolla*, or “glue,” alluding to a similar material used in ancient Greece as a gold-soldering flux. It is an oxidized blue-green copper mineral that has a long history with the mining in Chile.

You can purchase larger sizes of the Chrysocolla as well as the Monthly Offering minerals at www.celestialearthminerals.com. Just click on the Monthly Offerings tab to shop for both.

Rock Hound Tid Bits: To read about the history of the mining locality of these specimens see the “About Our Specimens’ section on page3 of the write-up.

Monthly Offering: This month we have vanadinite from the San Carlos Mine in Benavidez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Vanadinite is a mineral that belongs to the apatite group of phosphates and is considered an “uncommon” mineral.

Upcoming Featured Minerals: In August we will have the green variety of massive calcite from Mexico. Calcite takes on many forms and crystal habits and this ‘massive’ form is treated with a quick acid wash bath to create a satin finish that enhances the color of the calcite.

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