

# Mineral of the Month Club Newsletter

November 2015



Hello and a Happy November to You!

Here is a sweet Haiku that a friend wrote that is perfect for this time of the year.

November wind blows  
October leaves  
Into December  
*Linda Ranieri Melodia*

**Featured Mineral:** We have a lovely composite specimen consisting of two minerals, light green fluorite and colorless to light gray calcite lined up for you this month. These specimens are from the Xianghualing Mine in the Xianghualing polymetallic ore field in Linhu County, Chenzhou Prefecture, Hunan Province, China.

**Important Note:** If you are not receiving our monthly offering via email blast in which 4 additional minerals are offered to you at member only prices each month, please contact Christine at [christine@celestialearthminerals.com](mailto:christine@celestialearthminerals.com). If you prefer a hard copy be mailed to you each month, we can arrange that also.

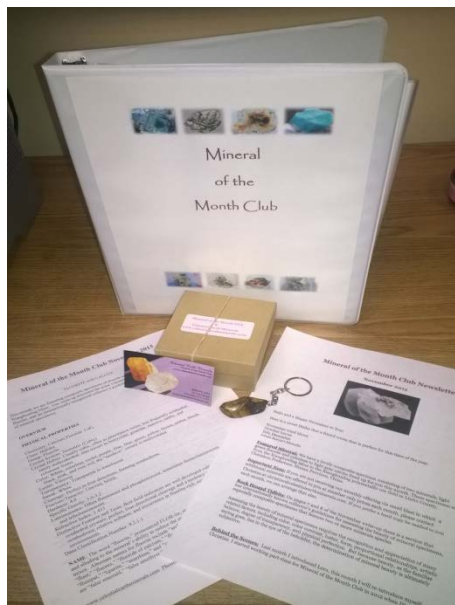
**Rock Hound Tidbits:** On pages 7 and 8 of the November write-up there is a section that has internationally known collector's guidelines for assessing the beauty of mineral specimens, especially composite specimens that feature two or more minerals species.

Assessing the beauty of mineral specimens requires the recognition and appreciation of many related factors, including color, color contrast, luster, form, proportional relationships, artistic balance, degree of transparency, and physical perfection. But because beauty, as the familiar saying goes, lies in the eye of the beholder, the determination of mineral beauty is ultimately subjective.

**Behind the Scenes:** Last month I introduced Lora, this month I will re-introduce myself, Christine. I started working part-time for Mineral of the Month Club in 2012 when Dimitri and

Mary took over the club and now I work full-time managing the day to day operations of The Mineral of the Month Club, Celestial Earth Minerals website, and our new Etsy shop. I have carried around stones with me since I was a child, now I have begun a small collection of specimens and dabble in making jewelry with semi-precious stones.

### **Gift Giving Ideas:**



A **membership** to Mineral of the Month Club (MOTMC) is a gift that keeps on giving all year long.

Our memberships appeal to both the beginning collector as well as the seasoned rock hound. All new membership packages will include a mineral specimen, the write-up, newsletter and a binder to store their monthly write-ups in as well as a mineral key chain.

If you would like a gift card enclosed, just let us know.

You too will receive a gift, a complimentary month added to your membership for every gift membership you purchase.

**Gift certificates** are also available in any dollar denomination that you would like

**Memberships:** Welcome to Norman C. from Minnesota. Thank you to all our members who renewed for yet another year!

**Coming in December:** Hyalite, a common variety of opal will be the featured mineral of the month. It is the only transparent type of opal, exhibits the phenomenon of daylight fluorescence, a property that is rarely found in other minerals or mineraloids.

**We are here for you:** We are here for you and all your collecting needs. If you have any questions please contact Christine, our Mineral of the Month Club manager, by telephone at 1-800-941-5594 or via e-mail at [christine@celestialearthminerals.com](mailto:christine@celestialearthminerals.com).

Don't forget there is a growing community of members on our Facebook pages called Celestial Earth Minerals and Mineral Crew/ Mineral of the Month Club, Instagram and Twitter as well as Pinterest.

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora