Mineral of the Month Club

September 2016

Offering Sheet

Our four special offers for September are from Nepal, Mexico, Madagascar, and the United States (Colorado). Their colors range from white and green to brownish-red and purple, and their crystal habits include hexagonal prisms, cubes, and massive forms. One of these specimens has been slabbbed, polished, and lacquered to show off the contrasting colors of three separate minerals.

“Lora's Pick” this month is the Senora Sunrise from the Milpillas copper mine in Sonora, Mexico. From the moment she laid eyes on it at the Tucson show, it was love at first sight.

“I like the color combination, the lacquered coating adds to the aesthetic look of it and protects it for years of enjoyment and it seems that there is equal distribution of each mineral making for a nice display piece.”

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

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

Dimitri, Mary, Christine, and Lora
Lora’s Pick of the Month
“Sonora Sunrise”
(Cuprite and Chrysocolla)
Collected at the Milpillas copper mine in Sonora, Mexico, these specimens consist of fine-grained limestone impregnated with three different minerals: green chrysocolla, or hydrous basic copper aluminum silicate; deep-red cuprite, or copper oxide; and black pyrolusite, or manganese oxide. “Sonora Sunrise,” a marketing name, is a popular gemstone. These specimens have been slabbed, polished, and lacquered to show off their eye-catching colors.

Size: 1.25” x 2.5” to 6.75” x 6.75” Price: $10.00 to $75.00

Fluorite on Barite, Quartz
These composite specimens, in which cubic crystals of purple fluorite rest atop a matrix of barite and white-and-gray quartz, were collected from the pegmatites of Teller County, Colorado, by the Joe Dorris Family and were featured in the fourth season of the “Prospectors” television show.

Each specimen comes with one of these 8.5” x 11.0” posters.

Size: .75” x 1.5” to 2.5” x 3.75” Price: $90.00 to $110.00
Quartz
These specimens, collected from the Itremo Massif in the Ambatofinandrahana District, Fianarantsoa Province, Madagascar, represent the distinctive “candle” or “artichoke” form of quartz. They consist of clusters of large, transparent, colorless, terminated, hexagonal quartz prisms, each coated with a secondary, “stepped” growth of translucent, milky quartz crystals.

Size: 1.0” x 1.75” x 1.5” to 3.25” x 4.0” 3.0” Price: $15.00 to $100.00

Quartz var. Chlorite
From Ganesh Himal in northern Nepal’s Dhading District, these specimens consist of complex clusters of nicely formed, laterally striated, long, hexagonal prisms of quartz, or silicon dioxide, each colored a deep, forest green by inclusions of chlorite-group minerals. These specimens represent a most unusual form of quartz. Some of the specimens have clear quartz and/or albite mixed in with them.

Size: .75” x .75” x 1.0” to 4.5” x 5.25” x .75” Price: $25.00 to $175.00
Still Available From Last Month:

*Starting next month, previous monthly offerings will be available in our Etsy Shop at www.etsy.com/shop/CelestialEarth7 *

**Siderite with Chalcopyrite**
Collected at the Kaiwu Mine in Guizhou Province, China, these are composite specimens of siderite, or iron carbonate, and chalcopyrite, or copper iron sulfide. The brass-yellow, tetrahedral crystals of chalcopyrite, which show a metallic luster and a flash of iridescence, are nestled among the translucent, olive-green, bladed crystals of siderite.

**Specimen size:** 1.0” x 2.0” to 3.0” x 4.0”
**Price range:** $45.00 to $125.00

**Rhodochrosite**
“Chris’s Pick”
Collected at the Uchucchacua silver mine in Lima Department, Peru, these specimens consist of well-developed rhombs and scalenohedrons of rhodochrosite, or manganese carbonate, on a dark matrix of manganese oxides. These rhodochrosite crystals are transparent-to-translucent, with a red-to-pinkish-red color that contrasts nicely with the white matrix.

**Specimen size:** 1.0” x 1.0” to 1.0” x 1.75”
**Price range:** $45.00 to $175.00

**Scolecite (polished “domes”)**
These unusual forms of the zeolite-mineral scolecite, or hydrous calcium aluminum silicate, are from the basalt formations of the Deccan Traps in Maharashtra, India. They consist of structures of radiating clusters of acicular crystals that have been shaped into “domes”; the base of these specimens have been smoothed and polished to a high luster to display intricate, linear patterns of white and buff colors.

**Specimen sizes:** 3.0” x 3.5” to 4” x 4.5”
**Price:** $45.00- $75.00
Further Information

*Don’t miss out* on free shipping on domestic orders of $100.00, or the 10% discount on 4 or more items purchased from an offering sheet. Order during the month the offerings are available to continue to receive these members only benefits. Starting in October, 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)

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