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Hi everyone,

We've been having a good time obtaining some new specimens.

Our newsletter

We intend increasing the frequency of our newsletter to at least weekly, to ensure you are kept up to date with new items.

Our itinerary Sept/Oct:

Sunday, September 23: Country and Garden Fair, Fagan Park, Galston NSW

Saturday, October 13: Surry Hills Festival, Prince Alfred Park, NSW

Sunday, October 14 (to be confirmed): Lane Cove Village Fair, Longueville Road, Lane Cove NSW

Friday October 19 -Saturday October 20: Inverell & District Lapidary Club's Sapphire City Gem & Craft Show, Inverell Town Hall, NSW.

Saturday October 27 & Sunday October 28: Lapidary Club of NSW Gem, Jewellery and Minerals Show and Sale, 136 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills NSW

New specimens:

We have several new specimens in the [NEW](#) section of our website. Apart from the specimens featured below, we also have new specimens of cavansite, conicalcrite, diopside, pargasite, uvarovite, vivianite and eilat stone. Here are our featured items:

Erythrite from Bou Azzer in Morocco has unusually large crystals showing exceptional glassy transparency and deep violet-red color.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-221/erythrite-morocco-violet-red/Detail>

Orpiment - a vugh lined with coarse crystals of this arsenic sulphide mineral. The orpiment, from Quiruvica, Peru, occurs as well formed crystals varying in color from lustrous golden yellow to a deeply translucent amber-like orange.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-237/orpiment-Peru-arsenic-mineral/Detail>

A spectacular cluster of well formed and preserved **Selenite crystals** displaying well preserved faces and edges and extraordinary optical quality clarity.

The specimen comes from Naica in Mexico the location of the famous giant Selenite that can exceed 12 meters in length, the largest known.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-228/selenite-naica-mexico-crystals/Detail>

Wulfenite from Whim Creek, Western Australia: a dense, even scattering of well formed light orange Wulfenite crystals on a dark brown limonitic matrix.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-229/wulfenite-whim-creek-australia/Detail>

Two very different specimens of **Rhodochrosite** : one from Argentina and one from Serbia.

The Rhodochrosite from Serbia occurs with calcite in a concretionary cluster.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-234/rhodochrosite-calcite-serbia-concretion/Detail>

The Argentinean specimen constitutes a small crystalline tower. Is that the Flameco it is doing?



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-235/rhodochrosite-argentina--manganese/Detail>

We have another really special **Cuprite** specimen from the Red Dome Mine in Queensland. A large number of the crystals display an impressive ruby red fire.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-227/cuprite-copper-oxide-ore/Detail>

From the classic Peruvian locality of Huanzala, a cluster of brilliant **Pyrite and Sphalerite** surrounds a core of silicious matrix which is in turn partly covered by snowy white **Calcite** crystals. This one is different from any we have previously presented.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-226/calcite-pyrite-sphalerite-huanzala/Detail>

A nice specimen of clear watery blue **Aquamarine** from Pingwu, China, with a cluster of Muscovite crystals remaining from the enclosing pegmatite.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-223/aquamarine-Sichuan-china-muscovite/Detail>

A nice Staurolite from France, with the classic twinning in the form of a cross.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-219/stauralite-france-hexagonal-orthorhombic/Detail>

And a very interesting specimen of **Andradite and Cleavelandite** from Gilgit in Pakistan. The andradite is a deep port orange-red with well preserved faces and edges. The cleavelandite is in the form of sharp blade-like crystals formed over the garnets.



<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-236/andradite-cleavelandite-garnet-gilgit/Detail> 1

Best wishes
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