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Dear Dave,

(Firstly, a reminder: if you are having **trouble displaying the images** in this newsletter, you may need to click the 'display content' link at the top of your page. Also, adding our email address to your address book will in many cases solve the problem.)

We are back from our exciting and fascinating sojourn to the Tucson Mineral Show.

The Tucson show is vast, covering many vacant blocks, hotel rooms and the Convention Center. Anything to do with the earth and the perceived treasures coming from within was there.

Perfect kunzites too heavy to lift comfortably, quartz crystals too heavy to lift at all. A terrific mix of international buyers and sellers along with those who simply love to look. We took almost two weeks just to see everything.

In all a variety of material, mineral localities and people from which we selected an eclectic mix of the classic and unusual which will become available on our website over the weeks to come - beginning with our offerings below..

Best wishes
Susan and Bruce
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If you are a subscriber to our newsletter as of midnight (24.00hr), 30th April, 2008, Australian Eastern Standard Time, you will be in our draw to win a **\$5,000 store credit** on our website. If you currently receive this newsletter, you are already in the draw, and will remain in the draw unless you cancel your subscription before the 30th April deadline. If you are not a current subscriber and wish to subscribe, just send an email to news@aamineralspecimens.com with 'subscribe' in the subject line, or click on the 'Join our Mailing List ' button in the left hand column at the top of this newsletter. Conditions are set out on our '[What's New](#)' page at <http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-template/whatsnew/Page>

Tucson stock - first specimens

We have a quite a range of specimens shipping from Tucson in the next few weeks, but we also brought a number of really good examples with us. Below is a selection of what will follow when our ship comes in..

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A spectacular cluster of [rutilated amethyst crystals](#), Minas Gerais, Brazil. We haven't found anything like this elsewhere.



A complex arrangement of the rare phyllosilicate, [Pentagonite](#), with its polymorph, cavansite and stilbite. Wagholi near Poona, India.



A beautifully terminated [Kunzite](#) crystal on well-terminated quartz crystals, Gilgit, Pakistan.



Another example of perfect crystal terminations. This specimen, a blue [Barite](#) from Stoneham, Weld County, Colorado, USA. ex Frank Knaus collection.



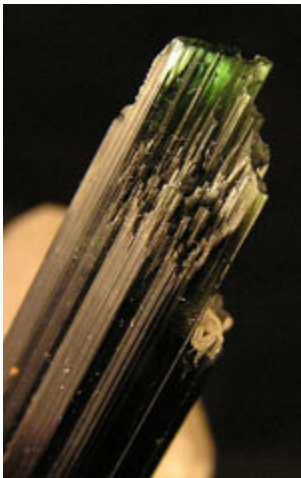
A massive specimen of [Rhodonite](#) weighing in at 650g, Minas Gerais, Brazil.



A well-balanced display sample of [Orpiment](#), Sichuan, China.



Two specimens of very large, extremely fluorescent Scheelite crystals, Shaobaodin Mountains, Pingwu, Sichuan, China. Please click on each photo for more information.



Delicate [Tourmaline](#) crystals with interesting terminations, on Quartz. From Gilgit, Pakistan.

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(<http://www.aamineralspecimens.com/servlet/the-New/Categories>) including

- an amazingly yellow/golden specimen of beautiful [fluorite crystals](#) from Villabona Mine, Gijon, Asturias, Spain. ex Gerald Clark Collection
- a party-ready colourful and large [Realgar and Orpiment](#) specimen, Paloma Mine, Huancavelica, Peru
- gemmy yellow/golden [Sphalerite](#), Huanzala, Peru

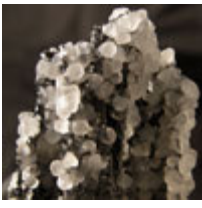
More great Broken Hill specimens

Although we have enjoyed ourselves enormously shopping in Tucson (after all, Susan was born to shop), we will also continue to concentrate on Australian mineral specimens, especially from classic localities such as Broken Hill.

We've been very fortunate in being able to access a number of sources of Broken Hill minerals. Most of those featured below are from the Zinc Corporation Mine and consist mainly of Bustamite/galena/calcite specimens and spessartine/galena specimens, although there are also a couple of very nice rhodonites and an attractive gemmy smithsonite.



An enormous 1.75kg [Almandine garnet](#) from the Thackaringa Shear Zone.



Smithsonite on manganese oxide minerals. Zinc Corporation Mine

Two rhodonite/galena specimens from the Zinc Corporation Mine:



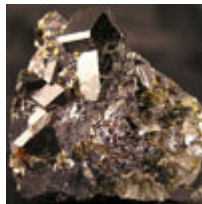
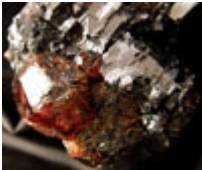
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A number of bustamite/galena/spessartine/calcite samples from the Zinc Corporation Mine:



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An impressive selection of Spessartine garnet and Galena specimens from the Zinc Corporation Mine (see more on our website):



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Murray Bridge Show Grounds

Easter : Friday March 21- Monday March 24

CANBERRA LAPIDARY CLUB ROCK SWAP

EPIC Centre

Saturday April 5th, Sunday April 6th

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Gosford Showground

Friday 6th June - Monday 9th June

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