

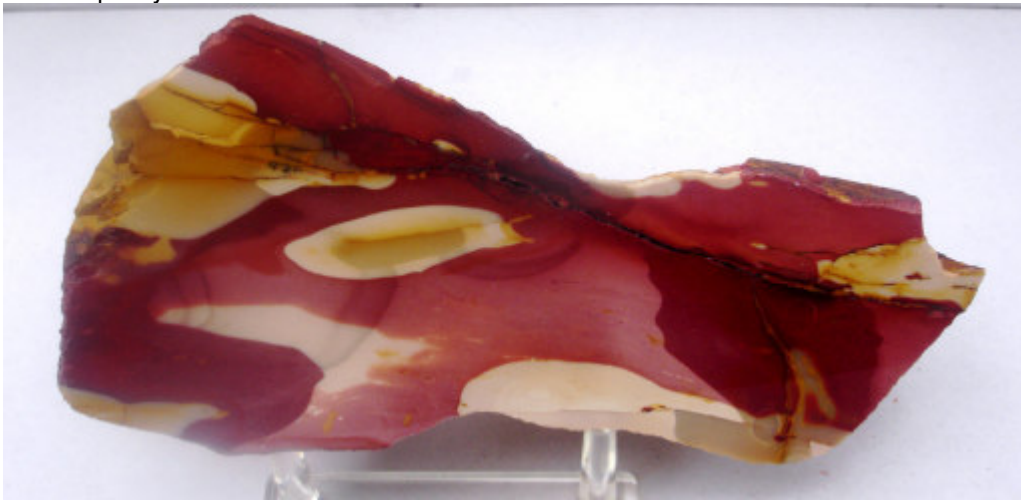
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Richard here from Mineral of the Month Club, getting an early start on August's featured mineral, Mookaite Jasper from Mooka Station, Gascoyne Region, Western Australia. Cheryl & I have really enjoyed sorting and categorizing these colorful pieces--definitely one of the best benefits of operating our Club! We've attached some photos so you can get an idea of the colors, with reds, yellows, and golds predominating, and wonderful, fascinating patterns. Some pieces look rather like sunsets, others like fine quality wood and others like choice uncooked steaks. All the pieces are polished on one side to bring out the beauty of the colors. They would display well on one of our LG99 or LG101 two-piece stands.

As always, we have the Deluxe-size pieces available for \$22.50. This month's pieces are on the large side, between 3.5" by 2.5" and 4.5" by 2.5", and slightly larger, and about .5" to 1" thick.



Group 1 Platinum-level pieces are the thinnest slabs, about .5" to .75" thick. In size, they go from about 6" across by 3.5" high to about 9" across by 4" high, for \$30, \$36, \$48, and \$54, according to size/quality.



Group 2 Platinum-level pieces are chunkier pieces, at least 1" to 2" thick. The range in size from about 4.5" by 4" to 8" by 3" and slightly bigger, for \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60, and \$65 by size/quality.

Group 3 are the biggest and best, for \$70, \$90, \$110, and \$120. (And we have one very large 40-lb polished Mookaite rock, over 15" by 9" by 6" high for \$375 if you want something really big!)

As an addition or for those who prefer crystalline mineral, we have two small new lots of minerals we've featured in the past. The first is **Anhydrite**, from Naica, Mexico, which we featured in June 1998. It was quite plentiful then, with a steady stream of choice specimens coming out, but has pretty much dried out by now. The specimens consists of fan-shaped groups of very attractive subparallel blades of light blue color, with a partial coating of clear calcite crystals. The pieces are about 4" to 4.5" high and 2" to 2.5" across for \$70, with one larger piece for \$90.

The second alternative is **Pyromorphite** from the Daoping mine, Guangxi Province, China, which we featured in July 2002. These are small matrix pieces with a number of well-formed, brightly-colored green crystals on them, quite beautiful, especially under magnification. The matrix goes from 1.5" by 1" to 2.5" by 1.75" with very good crystal coverage, for \$60, \$75, \$100, \$135.

Please let me know what you'd like to have, or if you wish to pass, and thanks very much in advance!

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