

May 2009 Platinum Member Offerings

We've mentioned in the past that we've made an excellent connection with a geologist from India who is able to supply the kind of quality we are seeking in the price/size range we need for our Club. This month's okenite specimens came from this source. In Tucson this year, he also had these really amazing specimens of okenite on amethyst from another Indian locality (Shirdi, Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra) that we found fascinating and quite beautiful! The okenite has formed in a different crystal habit—as bundles of stiffer crystals than what we typically see from India. And they look particularly striking against the background of amethyst crystals, as seen in the photo.



Figure 1. Okenite on amethyst, \$55 specimen, about 4" across and 3" high. Okenite cluster is about 5/8" across.

We have specimens on amethyst (and a couple on quartz) with the typical basalt matrix about 2.5" by 2" to 3.5" by 2.5" for \$45, \$47, \$54, and \$59, by size/quality.

We also have some bigger pieces with the same configuration, on matrix about 4" by 3" (Figure 1) to 5" wide by 4" high, for \$55, \$59, \$65, \$80, \$85, \$95, and \$125, like the piece in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Okenite on amethyst, \$125 specimen, about 5.5" high and 2.75" wide.

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We also picked out in Tucson some choice pieces from the famous Nikolaevskiy Mine, Dalnegorsk, Russia, containing 3 sulfide minerals: brassy chalcopyrite, lustrous sphalerite, and unusual flattened crystals of gray galena—and some of the specimens have some tiny needle quartz crystals on the back, too! We have pieces about 2" by 2" for \$20, about 2.5" by 2.5" for \$28, about 3" by 2" for \$45 and \$50, and one larger piece about 5" by 2.5" for \$120.

From last month's Offer sheet, we still have a few nice specimens left of the Pink halite; Brookite on matrix from Pakistan; Sphalerite from Elmwood Mine, Tennessee; and the

Grossular garnets from Coyote Front Range, California. Let me know if you're interested in any of them, and I'll forward you the PDF file with the details.



Figure 3. Chalcopyrite, sphalerite, and galena, Dalnegorsk, Russia. Specimen about 3" across by 2", \$50 specimen.

We also have 5 copies left of the 2008 Glossary of Mineral Species for \$26 plus \$3 shipping in the U.S. Special price of \$20 each if you want all 5, plus shipping.

Thanks for being a member!

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