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Richard here from Mineral of the Month Club, Emailing you about our September featured mineral, Hematite Pseudomorph after Magnetite, from Payun Volcano, Mendoza Province, Argentina. We're especially excited about offering you these amazing pieces from this exceptional find! We bought an extra large lot of these pieces, anticipating that everyone who doesn't already have one will want to add a piece to their collection.

August was an amazing month for us! The response to the vesuvianite was overwhelming, and we sent out a lot of choice pieces to our Platinum-level members. Then, we had our best-ever show at the "Golden Gateway to Gems" in San Francisco, followed by a few days off in Sonoma County, California, north of San Francisco. (The details are in the September newsletter you'll be receiving shortly.) Then, we had our annual summer clearance sale here at our home, in conjunction with the opening of our new Showroom this past weekend. (We've attached a photo of the showroom to give you an idea of what it looks like. And of course, you're invited to come and see it whenever you're in the area!) The show went outstandingly well, too, and now we're examining and photographing these amazing hematite after magnetites--wow! And then we get to leave on September 11 for the always-excellent Denver Gem & Mineral Show--two and a half days of driving, two and a half days of shopping, one day of set-up (and shopping) followed by three days of selling and meeting Club members (and shopping)--does it get any better?

As you can see from the attached photos, there are several unique properties to these specimens--the sharp well-defined crystals, some of which are hopped; the bright luster; and the overgrowth of minute crystals make these exceedingly attractive and fascinating. The write-up will of course explain the volcanic forces that caused their formation, and their pseudomorphing, and we're sure you'll find it engrossing. We grouped them according to their dominant feature: those with a skeletal habit, those with some matrix, and those with the sharpest, best-defined crystals. We will offer a 10% discount if you decide you'd like to order two specimens so as to get different habits.

We don't have an Offer sheet this month--just one exceptional new find to let you about, so we'll mention it here: **Andradite variety Demantoid Garnets** from the new find in Madagascar! The attached photo doesn't capture the true beauty of the color, and the specimen in the photo is the least of the ones we have! We have 6 pieces with gorgeous gemmy green crystals on matrix about 1.25" by 1" (as seen in the photo) up to 2" by 1", for \$110, \$130, \$150, \$160, and \$170, and one larger matrix piece about 3" high and 2.25" across for \$300.

We have the **Gold-level Hematite after Magnetite specimens** available for \$26.50, as always. These are smaller than what we usually send to our Gold-level members, about 1.5" by 1" to 2" by 1.5" on average, but very good quality!

Group 1 Hematite after Magnetite specimens show the skeletal structure, as seen in the attached photo. These are about 2" long and 1" wide for \$45. We have a couple of larger pieces about 3" long for \$70 and \$80.

Group 2 Hematite after Magnetite specimens have groups of small but well-defined crystals. Overall size is about 1.5" by 1.5" and slightly larger, with crystals up to .5" across. These are available for \$35 and 40, according to crystal size/quality.

Group 3 Hematite after Magnetite specimens have the smaller crystals like those in Group 2, but with some accompanying matrix, as seen in the photo--I don't say on matrix, because it's more "with matrix" than "on matrix." 2" by 2" pieces are available for \$45, while 3" by 2" pieces are available for \$60, \$70, \$80, according to crystal size.

Group 4 Hematite after Magnetite specimens have the bigger crystals, as seen in the attached photo. The largest crystals are about 1" across and slightly larger! The smaller groups are about 2" by 2" for \$60 and \$70. The larger 3" by 2" groups are available for \$90 and \$100.

Group 5 Hematite after Magnetite specimens are the biggest and best specimens! (See the attached photo.) They are in groups about 2.5" by 3.5" to 3" by 4" and are available for \$125, \$150, and \$175. Larger matrix pieces are available for \$250 and \$300, and we have two large pieces (6" across and 6" high) for \$475 and \$500. Photos of these are available upon request.

Please let me know if you have any questions or what you would like to order. Thanks very much!

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