

NOVEMBER 2010 OFFER SHEET

We had lots of fun in Denver looking for new and exciting minerals to offer you! As usual, we've made the photos close to life-size to give you an idea of what the mineral looks like. We're offering you a 10% discount if you order 3 or more items from this Offer Sheet at the same time. Prices include free shipping in the U.S. Here's what's new:

Melikaria, Julimes County, Chihuahua, Mexico. We first saw these strange-looking specimens (also spelled "melicaria") at a show more than a few years ago, a new find at that time from Mexico. From what little information that was available, it seems they are "a quartz cast after the crack-filling of a septarian nodule or possibly after a similar crack-filling spherulite," according to former Smithsonian curator John S. White. We were thinking of featuring them in our Club, and actually set up a page on our web site to get opinions from Club members! But it turned out to be a moot point, as we were not able to get enough specimens to be able to feature it.



Figure 1. Melikaria, about 3.5" across and 2" high for \$40.

We had a special request for a specimen, so we picked out a few more in Denver in case anyone else would like one. We have pieces like the photo in Figure 1 for \$32, \$36, \$40, \$45, and \$56 for the most complete pieces.

Fluorite, Okoruso Mine, Otjiwarongo Region, Karibib District, Namibia. A smattering of these beautiful clusters has been available the last few years, and usually at very high prices. You can get an idea of their beauty from the photo, although the crystals are actually a deeper shade green, with, as you can see, some purple around the edges! These fluoresce purple in longwave UV light, but don't react to shortwave UV. The clusters are about 3" by 2" and slightly larger, for \$25, \$30, and \$40, according to crystal size.



Figure 2. Fluorite cluster about 2.75 tall for \$30.

“Rainbow” Pyrite, Volga River, near Ulyanovsk, Ulyanovsk Oblast’, Russia, our July 2007 featured mineral. What make these pieces so amazing is the bright color seen in some of the minute pyrite crystals! And of course, our write-up will give you all the hows and whys of the occurrence.

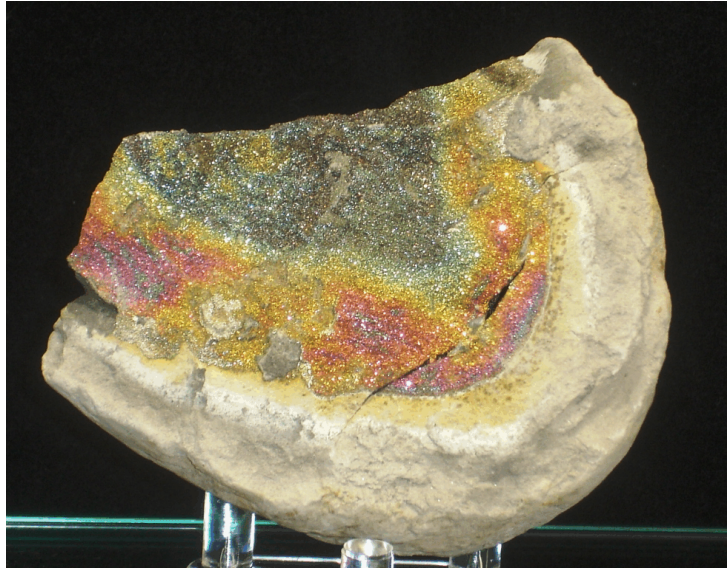


Figure 3. “Rainbow” Pyrite, about 3.5" across and 2.5" high for \$50.

We ran out of Gold-level and Silver-level specimens soon after we featured it in 2007, and this year in Tucson we were checking all the Russian dealers looking for more, but with no success! Evidently, the Jewelry-makers had discovered the material, and the rough was all being cut into freeform cabochons for use in designer pendants and such. So we eagerly scooped up the small lot we saw in Denver, and want to offer the most colorful pieces to members who missed out on it. We have colorful pieces about 2.5" by 2.5" for \$35 and \$40, and about 3.5" by 2.5" for \$50 and \$60; and a couple of larger pieces for \$65 and \$70.

Malachite with Eyes, Shaba Copper Belt, Shaba, Zaire. Earlier in the year, we picked up a couple of these amazing pieces with the circular “eyes.” They went very quickly, so we were definitely on the hunt for pieces of similar quality in Denver, and were able to pick up a few more, prior to the opening of one of the shows. (That’s one of the new trends at the shows—people trying to buy during set-up, or vendors setting up prior to the official start of the show. Hey, we all want first pick, don’t we? Too bad that by definition only one person can achieve it!)

We photographed one of the amazing specimens for this offer sheet with different backgrounds for best effect. Both photos came out well, and as we have space in the Offer Sheet, we put both photos on the next page so you can get an idea of how the photos come out differently with different settings and backgrounds. The top photo shows a more accurate color, but the bottom photo better shows off the “eyes.”

We picked up four pieces: a smaller piece about 3" wide and 2.5" high for \$70; the one in the photos on the next page, about 4.5" wide and 3" high for \$160; a piece about 5" across and 3" high with a pair of eyes set close together that look rather like a frog’s eyes for \$200; and the largest piece, about 5" across and 4.5" high for \$170.

We also have a natural, unpolished piece of bubbly malachite (no eyes) with small amounts of light blue chrysocolla, about 4.5" by 3.5", the last of the lot we got earlier this year, at a special price of \$125.



Figure 5. Two views of the same amazing piece, about 4.5" wide and 3" high for \$160.



MARVELOUS MINERALS FROM PRIOR YEARS!

Large Ammonite Pairs, Madagascar. (Photo on previous page.) We featured small pairs of these polished pairs of fossil ammonite shells in October 2002, so we have an informative write-up to go with these. (Our write-up focused on how calcite replaced the original ammonite shells.) We'll also send you a pair of our LG stands at no charge so you can stand these upright for display. Each individual ammonite half is about 4" tall and 3" across. You can specify a lighter pair or darker pair, as seen in the photo. (The darker pairs have some minor red iridescence on the back of the fossil.) The cost for the pair is \$65.



Finished Necklaces. We got our first batch of these beautiful bead necklaces in Tucson this year, and they went quickly. The photo gives you an idea of their true beauty. Made in Thailand with sterling silver clasps and are about 17" long and ready to wear. From left to right we have:

Kyanite, faceted rondells graduated about 3mm to 6mm \$67.50

Labradorite, faceted rondells about 6mm \$45.00

Peridot, faceted rondells about 5mm \$67.50

Multi-Color Spinel, faceted rondells about 4mm \$78.75

Labradorite, rondells about 6mm \$33.75

Sugilite, rondells graduated about 3mm to 6mm \$375

We also have some **Moldavite** beads in rondells and faceted rondells—inquire for prices/photos.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to place an order. Call or Email to order—thanks! (Not responsible for any typos.)

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