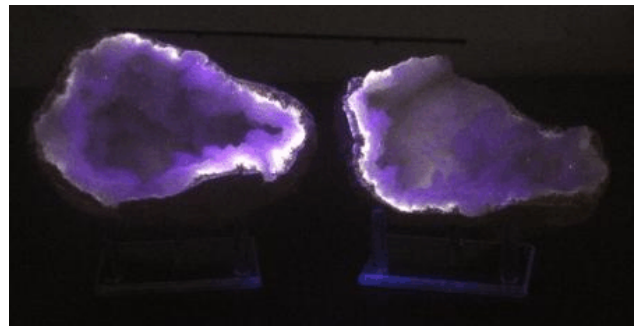
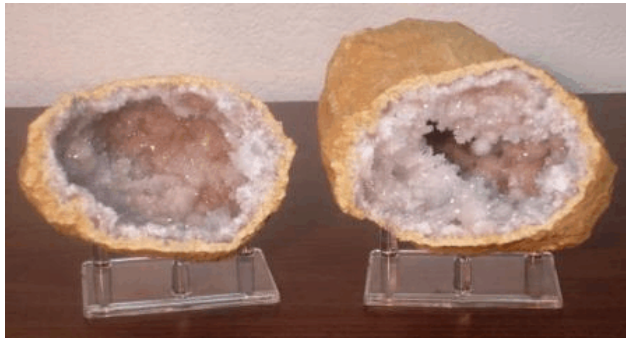


Jan 2009 Platinum Member Offerings

Here are photos of the Quartz-lined geodes from Morocco we're featuring this month. The top photos show the geode intact, the photo below as it displays, and the third as it appears under longwave UV light. It's the inner core of massive quartz that fluoresces, rather than the quartz crystals inside, which, though small, are of very high quality and clarity:



As usual, we have Quartz geode pairs the size we're sending to **Gold-Level** members this month (about 5" to 6" across and 2.5" to 3" high when both pieces are displayed side by side) available for \$26.50.

Group 1 are pairs about 4" to 5" when closed and about 6" to 7" across when displayed side by side, as in the photos above, and are quite striking for \$35 and \$40, by size/quality.

Group 2 are pairs about 6" to 7" when closed, and about 11" across and 4" high when displayed side by side as in the photos, for \$50 and \$60, again according to size/quality.

Group 3 are the biggest and best, slightly larger than Group 2, with the largest crystals, best color, and crystal arrangements, for \$70, \$90, \$100, and \$120.

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We sold out quickly on the **rosasite**, the **fibrous malachite**, and **highly florescent fluorite** we offered you last month, but are working getting more of the latter two, and will let you know when do. In the meantime, we still have some nice pieces of the following:

COBALTOAN CALCITE, Bou Azzer District, Morocco. The cobalt substituting for calcium in the crystal structure imparts a lovely pink color, and these are some of the brightest, prettiest we have seen, with visible crystals, too! We have 4 pieces on matrix about 2" by 2" with a dusty rose color for \$24 and \$30. And we have 6 pieces with a hot pink to hot purplish-pink color and visible crystals on matrix about 2" by 2" for \$20, \$24, and \$30, and 3" by 2" to 3.5" by 2.5" for \$50. Specimens have some slight imperfections on a few of the crystals.



Cobaltoan Calcite

SPESSARTINE*, Zhanghou Prefecture, Fujian Province, China. These are matrix pieces with the bright orange garnets from the exciting new find made in China a few years ago. Each matrix piece has many crystals about 1/8" to 3/16" with excellent burnt-orange color. We have matrix pieces about 3" by 1.5" to 3" by 2.5" and slightly larger for \$40, \$50, and \$60.



Spessartine, \$60 specimen, about 3.5" across and 2" high.

AMERICAN MINERAL TREASURES We have 2 copies left of this amazing book, produced in conjunction with 2008's Tucson Gem & Mineral Show that celebrated the greatest American mineral localities of the last 50 years. The coffee-table size book sells for \$85 plus \$10 for shipping in the U.S.

2008 GLOSSARY OF MINERAL SPECIES We have 5 copies left, newly updated with all the new species approved since 2004, for \$26 plus \$3 shipping.

MINERALOGICAL RECORD SPECIAL ISSUE ON SWEET HOME MINE, July-August 1998 issue, 190 pages, entirely devoted to this amazing mine with lots of photographs of its gorgeous rhodochrosite. We have 6 unopened copies at a special price of \$27 plus \$4.80 shipping.

We also have one large group of **Selenite** crystals from Naica, as well as a few exceptional specimens of **Brookite** from the recent find that we featured in 2007. Let me know if you want details on these and I'll send photos and details to you separately. Thanks!