

NOVEMBER 2009 PLATINUM OFFER SHEET

Our second busiest stretch of the year is over—it starts when we leave for the Denver Show in early September and ends with the Cayucos Gem & Mineral Show in mid-October. Now we can finally tell you about the amazing specimens we picked up in Denver!

We made the photos in this Offer Sheet close to life-size to give you a good idea of their sizes. We're happy to send you individual photos of any of the higher end pieces you request, as time permits. We've got a new digital camera arriving soon and we're looking forward to trying it out!

Anhydrite, Naica District, Chihuahua, Mexico, featured in June 1998. We may be able to feature this pretty mineral again, as one of our sources recently bought a huge warehouse full of Mexican minerals, and they are hoping to come up with what we need in our price range. Hopefully, it will happen! But in the meantime, we picked up about 20 pieces to offer you. The photo gives you an idea of the pretty light blue color and interesting fan shapes. As a bonus, the backs of the specimens have a layer of minute calcite, pyrite, and other crystals you can examine with your 10x loupe! We have available:

Single fan-shaped clusters that look like half the specimen in the photo, about 3" long by .75" across and slightly larger, for \$12, \$14, \$16; slightly larger for \$20.

Specimens comprised of several long thin fans that are intergrown; overall size about 3" high by about 1.5" to 2" across for \$24 and \$30.

A couple of large clusters about 4" by 4", consisting of piles of fans, very unusual, \$50 each.

Herkimer "Diamonds," Ace of Diamonds mine, Herkimer County, New York. We were privileged to feature these super-clear, well-formed quartz crystals back in June 1997, when we had only a few dozen members. We sent Gold-level members specimens in matrix! (One of which fell on Cheryl's foot at a show back then and gave her a nasty cut. We still have that piece, and she still has a small scar.)

The source of our specimens in 1997 has been out of business for some time. A few years later, we found another excellent source, a retired digger who was selling off his self-collected material, and we got a lot of excellent crystals from him for a few years, but none on matrix. He eventually sold out his entire inventory to another dealer, and we haven't had a source of reasonably priced pieces, until now!

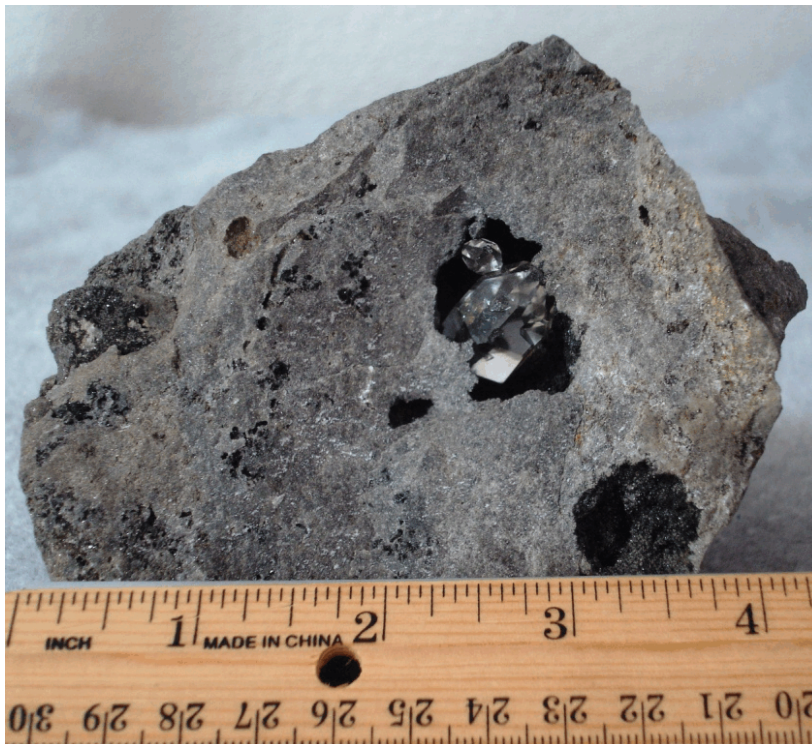


Anhydrite, about 2" across and 2.5" high for \$30.

These are larger than what we obtained 12 years ago. The smallest pieces consist of matrix about 4" to 6" across and about 4" high, each with a vug containing one or more excellent Herkimer "Diamonds" at least .5" across! These are available for \$65, \$75, and \$95, by quality.

Similarly-sized matrix pieces with more than 1 crystal-lined vug are available for \$110 and \$130.

The largest, best pieces are about 6" across for \$175.



Herkimer "Diamonds" on matrix, ruler shows size, \$95 piece.



Cavansite, ball on top is about 5/8" across, specimen sits up about 2.25", \$150 piece.

Cavansite on Stilbite, Wagholi Quarry, Pune, Maharashtra, India. We have a source for excellent specimens of this gorgeous mineral that we featured in April 1996 and April 2006—just check the photo! And they are being offered at the bargain prices you've come to expect from us. We have matrix specimens like the one in the photo for \$100, \$150, \$200, and \$250. Email if you'd like to see more photos.



Variscite on quartz—Variscite ball is about 3/8" across, matrix about 2.5", for \$100.

Variscite on Quartz, Canarana, Mato Grosso, Brazil. First time we've seen these rare beauties! These have a similar radial structure to the cavansite, but with a pretty medium green color and a more spherical shape, like the one in the photo. We have matrix specimens about 1.75" across with a green variscite ball about 1/8" across for \$30. 2.25" to 3" matrix pieces with 1/4" across go for \$60 and \$70. The biggest and best are available for \$130. and \$140.

Here are photos of the most exceptional pieces we've picked up recently! Because of their great beauty and rarity, they are on the pricey side. We thought we'd show a photo with the price range, and if you're interested, you can call or Email us and we'll send you details and photos.



Clinochlore, variety Seraphinite from Russia, a polished slice from a stalactitic formation! This is actually about 8.5" across. We have three from \$300 to \$800.



Sugilite, South Africa, 4 specimens from \$80 to \$320



Sugilite in matrix, polished, from South Africa. 3 pieces available from \$260 to \$480.

We can send you a scan of a 1-page article in the Summer 2003 issue of Gems and Gemology about these amazing Alphabet Agates from Indonesia, as seen to the right, if you request it. Pretty amazing!

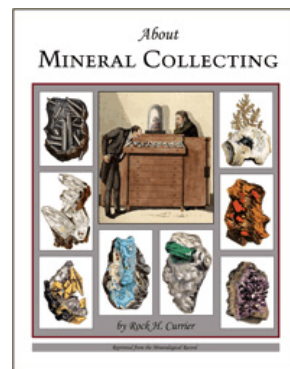
We also have 4 strands of highest quality Sugilite beads at \$375 per strand, the best quality we've ever seen. We bought six on the first day of one of the shows in Denver, then went back two days later to get more, but you guessed it, they were gone!

And we got some Tanzanite crystals from Tanzania, from \$200 to \$400.



Alphabet Agate set from Indonesia. Yes, they are natural! Price upon request.

About Mineral Collecting by Rock Currier. This 48-page softcover publication is based on a series of articles in the Mineralogical Record. It covers all aspects of collecting minerals, including making purchases, organizing your collection, and much more. It's also full of humorous stories and asides that make it fun to read. And just one suggestion found inside could save you many times the cost of the publication! It's illustrated with drawings of minerals published in the 18th to early 20th centuries. \$15 plus \$2.75 Media mail shipping in the U.S.



STILL AVAILABLE from earlier Offer sheets. We have just a couple left of some of these, so don't wait any longer! If you're interested, let us know and we'll give you the sizes and prices.

Andorite on Zinkenite from Bolivia
Gold in Conglomerate from Brazil
Star Mica from Brazil
Amethyst crystals on matrix from Vera Cruz, Mexico

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to place an order. Call or Email to order—thanks!

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