

FEBRUARY 2010 OFFER SHEET

3 PIECES LEFT–Afghanite, Lapis Wash Mountain, Koksha Valley, Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan, type locality. With a chemistry of $[(Na,K)_{22}Ca_{10}][Si_{24}Al_{24}O_{96}](SO_4)_6Cl_6$, similar to lazurite's formula $(Na,Ca)_8Si_6Al_6O_{24}[(SO_4)_2S,Cl,(OH)]_2$, this rare member of the sodalite group is structurally similar to lazurite, but much rarer. Our pieces consist of blue crystals with good color and crystal form on white marble matrix. The crystals are about 1" across and the matrix ranges from about 3.5" by 2.5" to about 4" by 4" for \$150 and \$200.

As part of the Elmwood lot, we got a few choice pieces of other minerals, as listed before. As you can see, we have only a few of each type, so if you're interested, please order as soon as you can. If we had more time, we would photograph these and put these on our web site, but we leave Saturday for Tucson, so there's no way. However, you know you can expect good quality specimens from us, and you won't be disappointed by any of these—and you always have the option of returning them if you are! Here is what we have available:

14 PIECES AVAILABLE–Sphalerite rosettes on matrix, the gray chert matrix that is common to the Elmwood mine. Thumbnail \$20; Miniature to Small Cabinet \$40, \$50, \$60, \$80, \$80; Cabinet \$100 and \$120.

4 PIECES AVAILABLE–Sphalerite with fluorite, Small Cabinet pieces \$50, \$100, \$125; Cabinet piece \$110.

1 PIECE AVAILABLE–Fluorite, Cabinet piece \$180

5 PIECES AVAILABLE–Sphalerite with calcite, Miniature \$36; Small Cabinet \$50, \$60, \$75

8 PIECES AVAILABLE–Calcite, all with some bruising (boohoo), Small Cabinet \$50, \$60, \$60, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$250

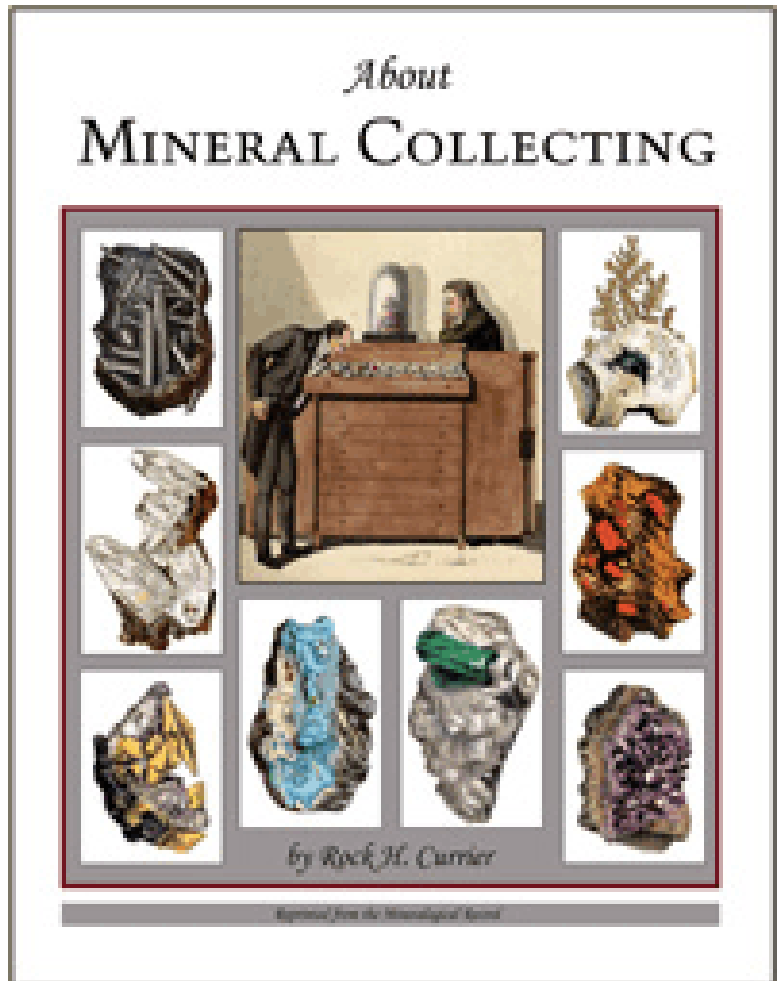
4 PIECES AVAILABLE–Galena, Small Cabinet \$30, Cabinet \$50, \$70, \$100.

1 PIECE AVAILABLE–Galena on Sphalerite, Cabinet piece \$70

We also have 4 large, exceptional calcite pieces with great color and form. You can follow this link to see them on our web site: <http://www.mineralofthemonthclub.com/CalciteElmwood.htm>

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