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Richard here from Mineral of the Month Club--thanks for your patience and sorry for being late with this Email! We arrived home Tuesday evening from the show in the Bay area, tired but happy, and are happy to get this opportunity to tell you about these wonderful Axinite-(Fe) pieces. If you've had an opportunity to peruse the write-up I sent you last week, you'll know how rare these specimens are, and how much excitement their discovery caused in the mineral world!

I'm not too happy about how the photos came out. It's been very difficult to get any decent photos of the Axinite-(Fe), either for the web site of the Gold-level pieces, or of these today. I guess some minerals just don't photograph well. These Axinite-(Fe) crystals are wedge-shaped with a root-beer brown color--the photos will at least give you an idea.

As always, we have grouped them more or less by matrix size and by how they formed; most of us have a certain matrix size we prefer, that fits into our collection or our space, though there are always exceptions. If you decide which Group you prefer, then just pick the price you're comfortable with in that Group, and we'll send you the best piece available for that price. We've already handpicked the specimens with you in mind, wanting to make sure you are satisfied with what you receive!

As always, the Gold-level specimens are available for \$26.50. They are much smaller than what we typically send to Gold-level members, because of the rarity and desirability of Axinite-(Fe) from this now-classic locality. They consist of small crystals on small matrix (about 1" by 1" matrix.)

Group 1 Axinite-(Fe) specimens are on matrix about 1.5" by 1.5" to 2" by 2". They are available for \$40, \$50, and \$70 for the best in the group.

Group 2 Axinite-(Fe) specimens are on matrix about 2.25" by 1.5" to 3" by 2", and are available for \$40, \$50, and \$60.

Group 3 Axinite-(Fe) specimens are on larger matrix about 3" by 2" to 3.5" by 3". These are priced according to the number, size, and quality of the crystals, and are available for \$70, \$90, \$120, \$140, and \$225 for the best.

Group 4 Axinite-(Fe) specimens are on the largest matrix, about 4" by 2" to 4" by 4". Again, they are priced by the number, size, and quality of the crystals, and are available for \$100, \$125, and \$150.

As a bonus, we also have some very rare **Axinite-(Fe) and Quartz** specimens! If you order one of these in addition to the Axinite-(Fe) described above, we'll take 25% off the lower priced of your two specimens. These are priced according to how complete the quartz crystals are, the size of the quartz crystals, and how much Axinite-(Fe) it has. Some have Axinite-(Fe) crystals on quartz, and some have them in the quartz, which is very rare.

The smaller (about 1" to 1.75"), not-fully-formed quartz crystals with Axinite-(Fe) are available for \$15 and \$20; the larger, well-formed quartz crystals (about 2" to 3" and slightly larger) are available for \$40, \$55, \$65, and \$90.

We have one alternative/additional mineral for you this month: **Eudialyte**, our April 2002 featured mineral, from the Kipawa complex, Temiscamisque County, Quebec, Canada. We picked up in Tucson some beautiful slabs with you in mind. As you can see from the attached photo, each slab has a good amount of red eudialyte, along with areas of black richterite, white feldspar, green/tan mosandrite, and fibrous white mosandrite, which fluoresces magenta in shortwave Ultraviolet light (more fluorescence is seen on the uncoated back side than on the front.) We will include a label that identifies the other minerals. In lieu of polishing, these slabs have been coated on one side with a clear acrylic, which has roughly the same effect as polishing. The slabs are about 5" to 7" across, and are priced according to how much eudialyte they have; they are available for \$70, \$80, \$90, and \$100. We will give you 10% off on a Eudialyte slab if you order one in addition to an Axinite-(Fe).

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to place an order. Please also let me know if you wish to pass, so that I know you received this Email OK. Thanks in advance!

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