

# JUNE 2010 OFFER SHEET

We're always on the lookout for beautiful and outstanding pieces to offer you! With economic conditions as they currently are, we're often able to get bargains and pass on the savings to you. This month is no exception, as we have a couple of incredible minerals to offer you. As usual, the photos in the Offer Sheets are very close to life-size, so you'll have a good idea of the size of the piece you'll receive if you choose to order it! Here is what's new this month:

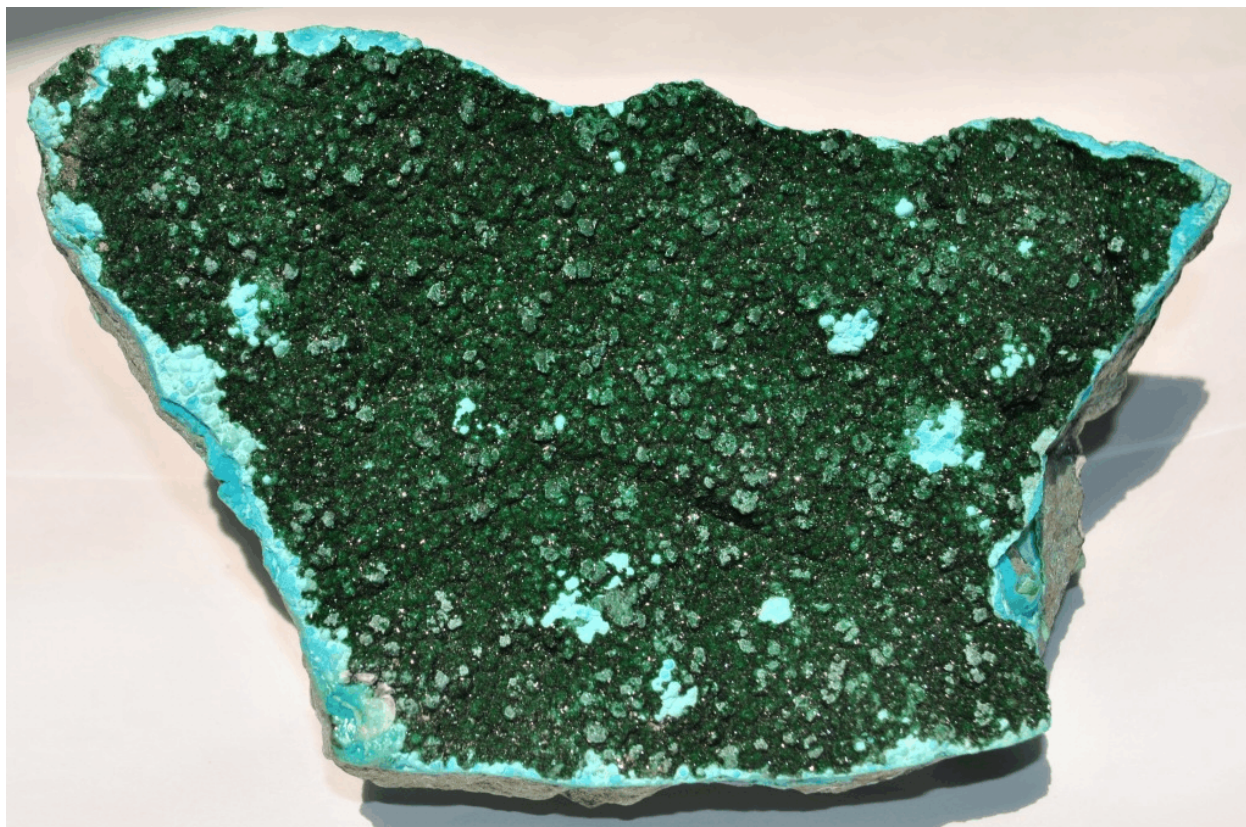
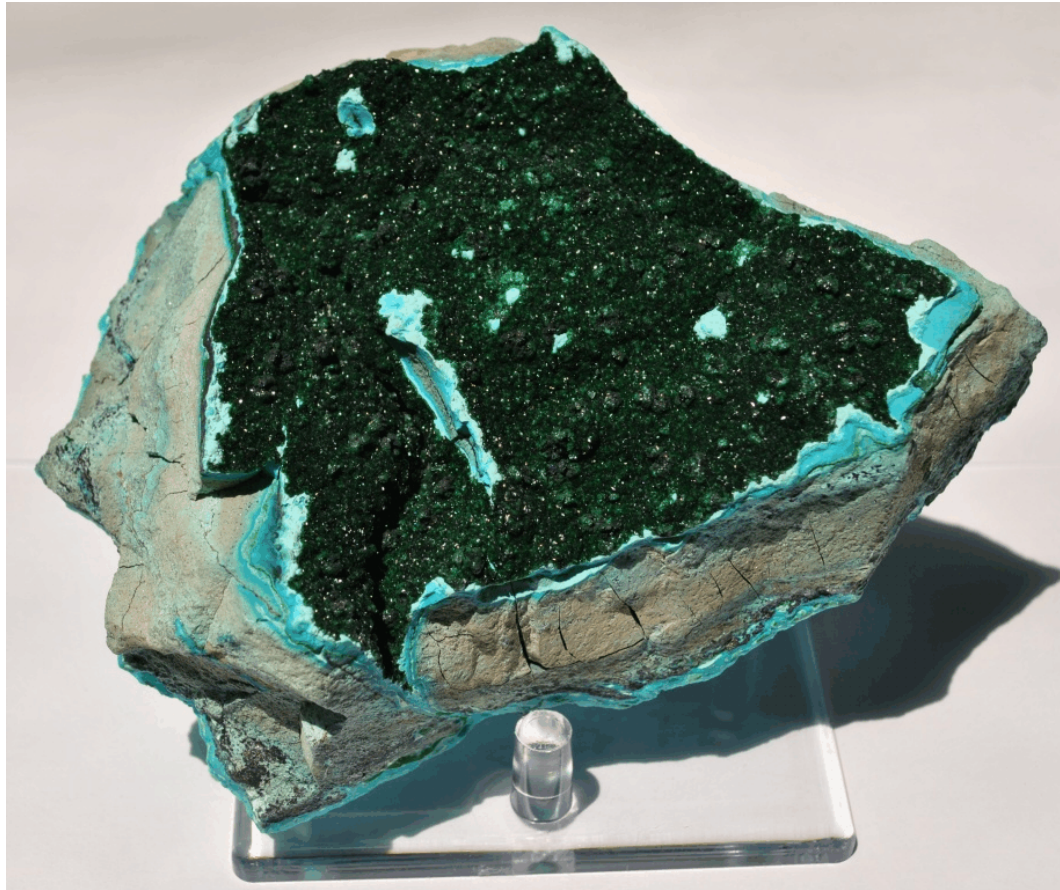


Figure 1. Malachite on Chrysocolla, about 6.25" across and 3.5" tall for \$140

**Malachite and Chrysocolla**, Shaba District, Democratic Republic of Congo. We examined this lot back in Tucson in early February, trying to pick out sufficient pieces so that we could feature it in the Club, finally offering to purchase the whole lot. But the supplier was unwilling to give us a special price for the lot, explaining how fortunate he felt to be able to get it himself and not wanting to offer any of it at a discount! We had the opportunity lately to pick out some brightly colored specimens on good-sized matrix, as the photos show. The back side of many of these pieces is quite striking, too! The malachite crystals may be pseudomorphs after azurite, as it is unusual to find malachite crystals this size.

We have matrix pieces about 4" to 4.5" wide with good coverage that display wonderfully, as seen in the photos, for \$60, \$70, \$80, \$90, and \$100. The higher the price, the more malachite

coverage and less chrysocolla it will have. And we have 3 pieces on 6" matrix with lots of malachite and less chrysocolla for \$110, \$140, and \$160, as seen in the photo on Page 1. And we have a couple of smaller matrix pieces about 3.5" by 2.5" for \$35 and \$45.



**Figure 2.** Malachite on Chrysocolla, matrix about 5.5" across for \$100.

**Danburite**, Charcas District, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, our February 1999 mineral, and one of our favorites! There has been very little of this beautiful material coming out of the mine in Mexico—evidently, mining has shifted to a part of the mine where not much danburite is found. We picked up two \$200 clusters recently and will be happy to send photos on request. These crystals do not have the pinkish tinge we especially love, but are quite pretty in their own way, with a whitish color and excellently formed, prismatic crystals.

**Azurite**, Morenci Mine, Greenlee County, Arizona. For our Club members who love large specimens and have the room to display them! We didn't photograph any of these because they wouldn't fit on the page! But we can send you a photo on request. These are large matrix pieces with an excellent covering of very fine, intensely blue azurite crystals:

Matrix about 8" across and up to 6" high \$120

Matrix about 10" to 11" across and about 6" to 7" high \$150

**Condor Agate**, Andes Mountains, Argentina, our November 1998 featured mineral. We have a few single Condor agate pieces, half of a geode polished on the inside, about 2.5" by 2" and larger, showing the beautiful intense reddish colors these are known for, for \$30 and \$35.

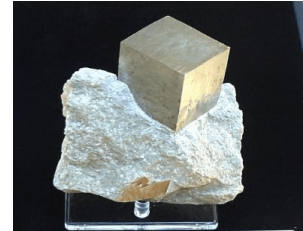
**Native Sulfur**, El Desierto Mine, Potosi Department, Bolivia, our May 2004 featured mineral. We love this material: it's colorful, it's plentiful, and it's inexpensive! We have large matrix pieces with lots and lots of bright yellow crystals, as seen in the photo. Matrix pieces about 4" by 4" are available for \$36 and \$40, with larger pieces about 5" to 9" across go for \$64, \$75, and \$100. This sulfur was collected a few years ago in an extremely arid region of Bolivia, and as a result the matrix is friable, meaning little pieces tend to crumble off in handling.



Sulfur, Bolivia, about 5.25" across and 5" high for \$64

## MARVELOUS MINERALS FROM PRIOR YEARS!

**Pyrite**, Victoria Mine, Navajun, La Rioja, Spain, our March 1996/March 2006 featured mineral. We picked up a large lot of this phenomenal material from the mine owner this year in Tucson in all sizes. Newbies at show cannot believe the symmetry and luster of these amazing cubic crystals! But we thought we'd mention these to you before they're gone: Choose any of the following for \$8 each: .5" cube on 1.25" by 1.25" matrix; pair of twinned cubes sans matrix, about 1" to 1.25" across; or large single cube about 1" by 1" by 1" without matrix; or better yet, one of each for \$22! We can supply these in larger quantities, too if you're interested. We'll send you details on the available larger pieces next month.



Pyrite from Spain.

**LAST CHANCE: Trona**, Owens Lake, Inyo County, California, our June 2001 featured mineral. This trona made a splash when it was first found in 2001--the crystals were much larger and better than any that had been previously found, as you'll notice in the attached photo. There was a high-end mineral dealer selling these pieces for \$200-\$300 at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show in 2001! We have pieces left of similar excellent quality with large crystals on massive trona about 2.5" by 3.5" for \$50, and one piece left about 4" by 4" for \$90. The photo doesn't capture the true beauty. We also have some small pieces of just average quality, left over from our 2001 stock, about 2" by 2" for \$12.



Trona, about 5" across, \$90 specimen

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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