

Happy Mother's Day

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Hello Friends,

Mankind has been fascinated by minerals for centuries. Their admiration and utilization of minerals has made a profound impact on the development of art, culture, and science. An incredible resource in both the worlds of industry, and artistic inspiration, man's love of minerals has been universal since the dawn of civilization. Today's mineral collectors are diverse and come from all walks of life. Some acquire minerals for their interest in science, others as an investment, and still others as metaphysical tools, but the connective thread of almost all collectors is their appreciation of natural beauty. This admiration of Mother Nature's art is ubiquitous, a source of awe and wonder that knows no boundaries.

With Mother's Day upon us, we decided to curate a few pieces that stood out as being particularly symbolic of feminine energy. The pieces we selected have been favorites of many powerful and influential women, and/or have long been talismans of loving and protective energy. Male or female, we think all can be inspired by this sampling of attractive pieces, and hope you'll enjoy these colorful crystals, as well as their colorful stories. As always, we invite you to view these magnificent pieces in person, and to help wish the special woman in your life a happy Mother's Day, any specimens purchased with the mention of "Mother's Day" will receive a 10% discount. Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day, and a joyful spring season.

Best,

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ID#: 09148, Rose Quartz on Smoky Quartz | Brazil, H: 11 cm W: 13.8 cm D: 8 cm

Rose quartz has been prized by mankind for thousands of years and its use as a talisman of unconditional love is unparalleled. From Mesopotamian relics dating back to 7000 BC, to healing potions of the Middle Ages, to its metaphysical uses today, its reputation as a love stone has transcended time and geography. The Ancient Greeks and Romans believed that rose quartz was a gift from the gods, the very vessel through which love was delivered to mankind. According to legend, it is a manifestation of Aphrodite's love for Adonis and delivered to earth by Cupid himself. It is believed to hold the power to help one to see the beauty in themselves and was even used by the Ancient Egyptians to bring about physical beauty as an ingredient in skin potions for complexion. Ancient Native American cultures are said to have utilized rose quartz to resolve anger and harmonize emotions. It is truly a mineral that has been embraced and relied upon for millennia.

Nearly all rose quartz is opaque with a milky translucency and with little or no crystal faces. Crystallized rose quartz is exceptionally rare, and when found, is typically in small clusters. This specimen is outstanding for its superlative rose quartz that is vibrant, well-crystallized, lustrous and translucent. Not only is the rose quartz of incredible quality, but there is a generous amount of it on the specimen, and it is well-balanced upon lustrous and well-saturated smokey quartz. This rose quartz specimen is often likened to outstretched wings which is quite fitting for an example that boasts such quality, aesthetics, and symbolism.



ID#: 04320, Cuprite & Chrysocolla | Mexico, H: 79.5 cm W: 30 cm D: 22 cm

Chrysocolla is loved among many for its vibrant blue-green robin's egg hue. It has been utilized since antiquity by the Ancient Greeks and Ancient Egyptians, the latter believing that it calmed and soothed violence, thereby protecting and empowering its wearer. It was for this very reason that Cleopatra is said to have taken it with her wherever she went. Interestingly, Native Americans on the other side of the globe had a similar belief and used it to strengthen the body's natural resistance. Today, metaphysicists have adopted these ancient practices by continuing to utilize chrysocolla as a stone that calms one's environment, thus allowing one to speak one's true mind. This stone of empowerment is also believed to exude "goddess energy" that is calm and gentle yet powerful.

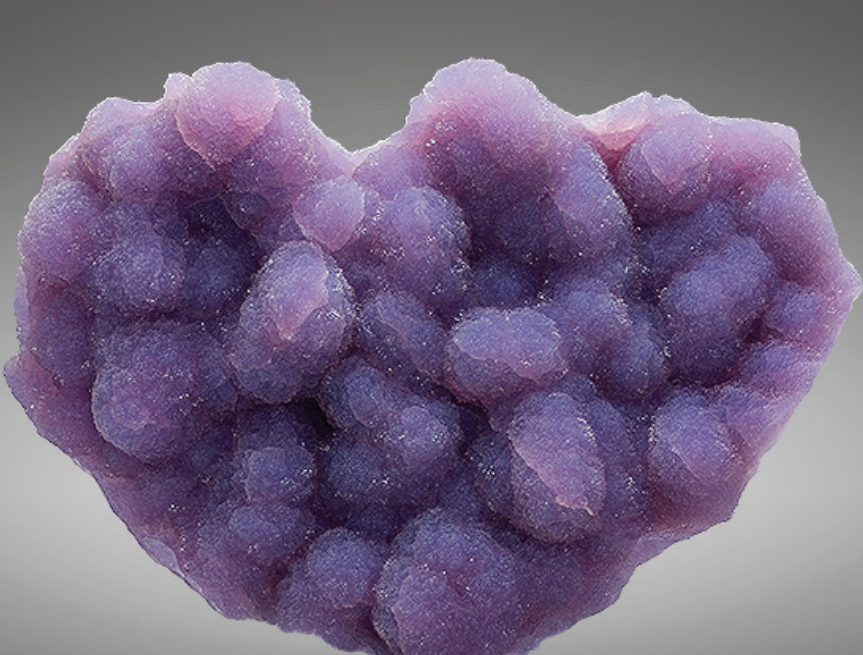
This is an object d'art that has been skillfully cut and polished to complement the natural color zoning of the stone. It has been shaped to exhibit vibrant central inclusions of red-orange cuprite within a framing of cool Tiffany blue chrysocolla. Its form is fluid and abstract yet has a wonderfully organic feel that is often likened to the curvature of a spine. Balanced yet impactful, it can even be said that this piece is an excellent illustration of the properties associated with chrysocolla- a calming energy that protects, accentuates and empowers a vibrant, candid core.



ID#: 00732, Tourmaline | Afghanistan, H: 11.6 cm W: 5.7 cm D: 9 cm

Tourmaline is beloved for its propensity for color, and lovely gemlike appearance. For centuries, it was mistaken for other gems because no one believed that one stone could exhibit so many colors. When it was finally realized as a distinct species in the 1800s, it was not long before it was recognized as a semi-precious stone in its own right, garnering admiration all around the world. In fact, pink tourmaline was a favorite of Empress Dowager Cixi of China, whose taste and influence were renowned. Her love of them propelled its popularity in China and beyond. Pink tourmaline is believed by many to carry a strong feminine energy that helps enlighten the heart and even acts as an aphrodisiac. It is also used as a talisman to encourage joy and hope, and support one through emotional distress making it a powerful symbol of love of all kinds.

This specimen is breathtaking for its exceptional saturation of colors, a watermelon pink with a thin yellow zone that terminates to a lime green cap. Robust yet elegant, this tourmaline emanates a stunning glow when lit. Its pristine flat termination is so smooth, it is often mistaken for being cut and polished, despite being entirely natural. This large crystal also has just a hint of snow white albite that further accentuates its colors and degree of translucency. One look at this specimen and there is no question as to why pink tourmaline has been adopted as a symbol of joy.



ID#: 05433, Amethyst | Hungary, H: 17.5 cm W: 25 cm D: 6 cm

In the Old World, amethyst was among the cardinal gems, a group of five stones considered precious above all others (along with diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and sapphires). Today, it is one of the most well-known minerals, in part because it is the birthstone of February thanks to the belief that Saint Valentine wore an amethyst ring engraved with a depiction of Cupid. It has since been a token of pure, true, faithful, emotional love, as well as unconditional divine love, making it a favorite to exchange among lovers to strengthen their commitment.

Its allure and mystique also inspired many early civilizations to endow it with mystical powers of healing and protection. In fact, its very name is a testament to its perceived abilities and is derived from the Ancient Greek words for, "not intoxicated" because it was believed that the mineral would help one to stay sober. For this reason, many Ancient Greek drinking vessels were adorned with amethysts. Medieval European soldiers also utilized amethyst as a protective talisman during battle, believing it would heal them and keep them level-headed. Tibetans use amethyst in prayer beads, believing it to be a sacred stone of the Buddha. It continues to be used today by many to promote happiness and peace, relieve distress, and even stir intuition and creativity (making it a particular favorite among artists).

This beautiful heart-shaped specimen is a unique example of its species. Its form is the result of thousands of shimmering microcrystals that have aggregated into a botryoidal form. Light dances upon each tiny crystal and creates a show that is truly spectacular. Adding to its beauty is its attractive lilac-lavender coloration. At nearly eight inches tall and almost a foot wide, it makes for a wonderful display piece that is sizeable yet versatile for almost any space.

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