



MINERAL of THE MONTH:

JANUARY - GARNET

MINERALOGICAL & GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

at HARVARD UNIVERSITY



Dear EPS members,

Happy New Year! The name garnet is thought to come from the latin word granatum, meaning seed, and the middle English word gernet, meaning dark red. Red garnet crystal's resemblance to pomegranate seeds helps explain the origin of this gemstone's name.

Notable Donations

The staff at the MGMH would like to give our **warmest thanks William Larson of Pala Gems** for his generous donation of 14 gems and minerals. **Mr. Larson's donation is remarkable**, and includes a red spinel from Burma, four cut gem-quality amazonite gemstones, johachidolite gems in green, pink and gold, cut andradite garnets (far right image) and a lovely pink tourmaline from California. These gems and minerals have been the delight of the staff and visitors to the museum, and will be featured in various exhibits both in the HMNH and abroad in the near future.

New Fourth Floor Exhibit

A **new exhibit of Sulfide Minerals** put together by MGMH Intern Keiji Hammond will soon be featured in the student lounge exhibit case. Keiji has worked with the museum full time over the Fall 2013 semester as a Northeastern University Co-op student. The MGMH is pleased to have hosted Keiji this fall, and looks forward to hosting our next Co-op student Meghann Lee this spring. **The museum is proud of our growing relationship with the excellent Northeastern Student Co-op program**, and we look forward to hosting many more great students. Look for the new exhibit on the 4th floor of the Hoffman Building soon.



Hamburg Mineral Show 2014

MGMH's Kevin Czaja attended **MINERALIEN HAMBURG 2013**-the Hamburg Germany International Mineral Show-over the weekend of Dec. 6th-8th. The show theme was "**American Museum Treasures**," and the MGMH was chosen among other select museums such as the Smithsonian to present displays from our historically important collections. Museum guests were graciously treated to special educational opportunities such as guided tours of the geology departments and collections at the University of Hamburg and the Frieberg University of Mining and Technology. **The event was a great success for the museum.**

Upcoming Shows

2014 is shaping up to be a busy and exciting year for the MGMH staff. First up is the **Tucson Gem and Mineral Show**, featuring "60 Years of Diamonds, Gems, Silver and Gold," in February. Shortly thereafter is the **Changsha, China, Mineral and Gem Show** in mid-May. Summer will find the museum in **France at the Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines Mineral and Gem Exposition Internationale**. While at mineral shows, the museum is capable of facilitating the acquisition of research material for EPS members. We encourage anyone with a request to contact MGMH Curator Raquel Alonso-Perez at ralonso@fas.harvard.edu.



Please let us know what you would like to see next and we will be very happy to take your ideas! - MGMH Team