



PHENACITES, ABOVE: Nigerian, Russian  
LEFT, TOP: Russian with Green Alexandrite, BOTTOM: Rare orange,  
OPPOSITE: Azoeo Phenacite Crystals



customers, especially those who were relatively further along the path of working with stone energies.

The synchronicities that led me to Phenacite seemed more modest than the amazing events that brought Moldavite into my life and opened up the pathway to my life's work. But, in a sense, I felt they were related. I had come to believe that bringing Moldavite into the public eye was a "soul task" I had taken on for this lifetime, and both Kathy and I worked hard to introduce people to it. After we had worked with Moldavite for a couple of years, the Phenacite arrived. I used to say, "The universe gave me a job to do with Moldavite. I guess we got it started well enough, so they sent me another stone to bring out."

That was a little over thirty years ago, and I'm still crazy about Phenacites! In fact, I have been collecting them (as well as selling them) for all of those three decades.

In the ensuing years, I've sought out Phenacites from all over the world. My first pieces were Brazilian Phenacites, found in a gold mine in Minas Gerais. These are roughly disc-shaped crystals from two to thirty millimeters in diameter. There was a good supply of these in Brazil at one time, but they are now only found in collections.

During the 1990s a number of Golden Phenacites from Madagascar were sold in the mineral marketplace. These Phenacites were wand-shaped, and their energies flowed

most strongly along the long axis and out the terminations. They were very powerful and very popular. I am lucky to have saved a few crystals for my collection, because this variety suddenly became unavailable, and no new pockets of them have been discovered.

This same kind of pattern occurred a few years later with the beautiful and powerful wand-shaped Burmese Phenacites. After an initial flush of availability following their discovery, these crystals became rare, and are seldom seen in the market.

Other varieties that have appeared include tetrahedral Phenacites from Colorado, water-clear Phenacites from Namibia, Black Tourmaline Phenacites from Zambia, Elestial Phenacites from Nigeria, and the roughly-shaped but powerful Russian Phenacites. All of these