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## Strontianite from Austria

I have added a new [Austria Update \(click here\)](#) featuring specimens of beautifully crystallized strontianite from the collection of Franz Lammer (1914-1997). These specimens were collected during the period approximately 1967-1992. Although strontianite is a relatively common mineral, it is difficult to obtain fine collection specimens of sharp crystals. Among the finest ever found are the ones that came from the magnesite deposit at Oberdorf an der Laming, Styria, Austria, a locality that has produced superb crystals of a few different habits.

Hope you enjoy them!

## Chrysocolla Identification Confirmed

It has now been confirmed that the last update should have been “Chrysocolla Update” and not “Ajoite Update”. Unfortunately, a posting on mindat cited conclusive identification results for this material, indicating that it was ajoite. In fact, the information posted was preliminary and inconclusive. However, Dr. Hexiong Yang of the University of Arizona has now conducted a chemical analysis of this material and has confirmed that these specimens are chrysocolla. I am very grateful for his confirmation. Out of interest, he too believes that these have a complex formation history and appear to be pseudomorphs on pseudomorphs (as per my description text). So there we have it, one of life’s many mineralogical mysteries has been resolved and we can now properly label these vibrant blue specimens. (The remaining specimens from that update are [here](#).)

## Canadian and US Dollar

The currency disparity remains significant in favour of the U.S. dollar these days. My usual reminder - prices on the website are in Canadian dollars (if you are thinking in - or used to browsing online minerals in - US dollar terms.

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