

## "GEMMA"-2018: NOTES ON APRIL SHOW

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The Mineral Shows, officially named “*Samotsvetny Razval (Pile of Gems)*” held by *Gemma Gallery*, have been taking a noticeable place in mineral collector activities in Russia for many years. The stability and scale of these Mineral shows held for almost 30 years indicate the growing interest of visitors in the rock and mineral collecting; the recent show which has happened on March 31–April 1 strikingly proved that.

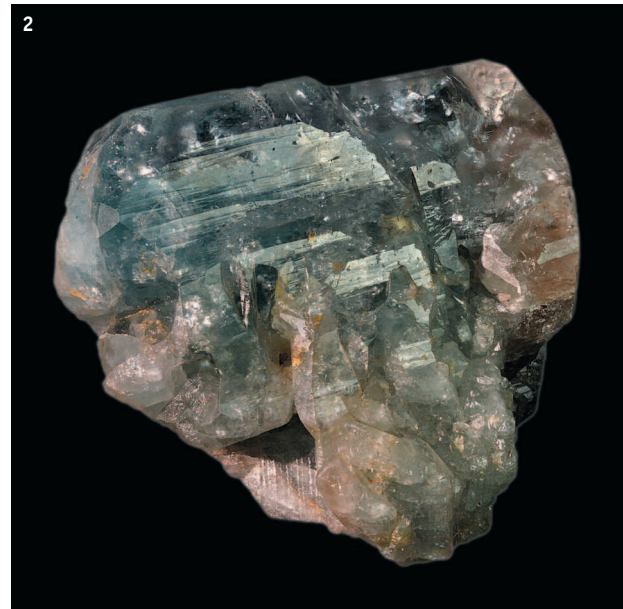
During these days the spacious exhibition hall #7 in Moscow Sokolniki Park has become the center of attraction for mineral amateurs and experts, collectors, mineralogists and museum curators. It is well-known that these days practically everything related to minerals can be found there: jewelry and monumental mosaic panels, meteorites, paleontological specimens and minerals from almost the whole world.

As for minerals which are the main subject of the show, lots of specimens to enjoy and to buy have been there. Of course, advanced collectors are hunting mainly for new finds from different Russian and foreign localities. Everyone could amaze a noteworthy red quartz (group of long prismatic crystals autoepitactically overgrown by colourless pseudo-dipyramidal crystals) from Vtoroy Sovetskiy mine, Dal’negorsk (Russian Far East); a recent find of *Axinite-PM* company has been displayed.

The specimens offered from old collections by owners who decided to give them away for some reason are another important showpiece of dealer’s booth. Sometimes noteworthy specimens from closed or lost localities crop up and attract special interest. A

1. **Quartz**: group of red long prismatic crystals autoepitactically overgrown by colourless pseudo-dipyramidal crystals. Vtoroy Sovetskiy mine, Dal’negorsk, Far East, Russia. 12 x 7 cm. Finds of October, 2017. Specimen: Victor V. Ponomarenko.

2. **Topaz**, large crystal with zonal coloration. 11 x 11 cm. Ortau, Kazakhstan. Specimen: Anatoliy V. Kasatkin.

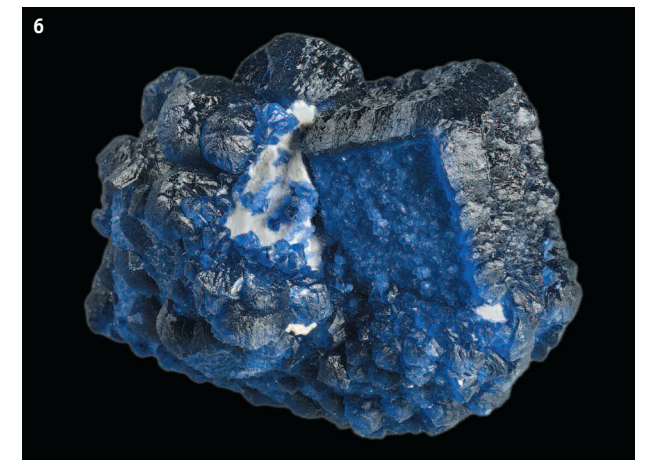


3. **Smithsonite**. 11 x 6 cm.  
Lavrion, Greece.  
Specimen: Dmitriy A. Zhukov.



4. **Quartz**. Japan law twin. 25 x 12 cm.  
Huanggang, Inner Mongolia, China.  
Specimen: Olga A. and Dmitriy V. Davydovs.

5. **Demantoid** (topasolite).  
5 x 4.5 cm. South Urals, Russia.  
Specimen: Sergey V. Baskakov.



6. **Fluorite**. 6.5 x 4 cm.  
Huanggang, Inner Mongolia, China.  
Specimen: Olga A. and Dmitriy V. Davydovs.