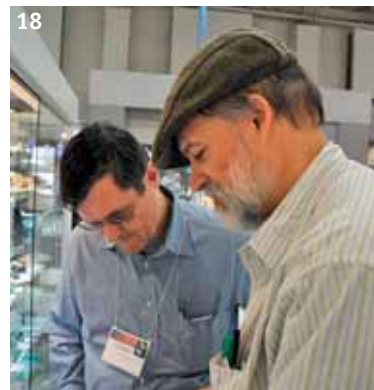


## TUCSON SHOWS-2013







# **Residents of "Mineral World" in Tucson-2013.**

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## My Top 10 Minerals from Tucson Shows-2013

I look forward to Tucson each year as this is usually where the best new finds in minerals will be premiered. The 2013 edition of the Tucson experience did not disappoint. Here are the ten best new things I saw this year.

*Spirifer minerals* had a new batch of cobalto calcite from Morocco. Most are pale pink but I did find several with rich lilaccolor. They were all very reasonably priced too. They are from the Agoudal mine, BouAzzer, Morocco.

Teodocio Ramos, of *Ramos minerals*, had specimens from a new find of linarite and brochantite from the Rajos de California Mine in Copiapo, Chile. Ramos had only four specimens and I bought all four. The linarite occurs as compact crystalline masses while the brochantite is acicular in habit. They are on a matrix of chrysocolla and goethite.

Last September at the Denver Show Joe Dorris had a couple specimens of remarkably blue colored albite variety cleavelandite specimens from the Lake Delmo area in Jefferson County, Montana. Joe mentioned at that time that he had more of these back at his prep lab and he promised to bring some to the Tucson Show. I saw Joe early on and he had brought a dozen or so pieces for me to look at. I picked out five of these very unusually colored feldspar specimens including the best of the lot.

One person it is always worthwhile to visit early in any show is Hemant Merchant of *Mineral Decor*. He almost always seems to turn up something new and interesting from India. Sure enough this year he had some spherical masses of stilbite associated with cavansite from the Wagholi Quarry in Poona, India. He said that the stilbite grew on pebbles within the trap basalts and when the quarry was expanded through blasting with dynamite the hemispherical stilbite casts were blown off the host rock. They

25. Co-rich **calcite**.  
5.4 x 3.5 x 1.8 cm.  
Agoudal Mine, BouAzzer,  
Morocco.  
Specimen:  
*Spirifer minerals*



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27. **Cleavelandite**.  
8.3 x 5.7 x 3.7 cm.  
Lake Delmo area,  
Jefferson Co.,  
Montana, USA.  
Specimen: Joe Dorris.



26. **Linarite and brochantite**.  
6.3 x 4.9 x 4.3 cm.  
Rajos de California Mine,  
Copiapo, Chile.  
Specimen: *Ramos minerals*.



28. **Cavansite** (1 cm)  
on stilbite. Wagholi Quarry,  
Poona, India. Specimen:  
*Mineral Decor*.