

Mineral Shows 2018:  
Moscow, October and December

**GEMMA 2018:  
NOVELTIES OF AUTUMN AND WINTER**

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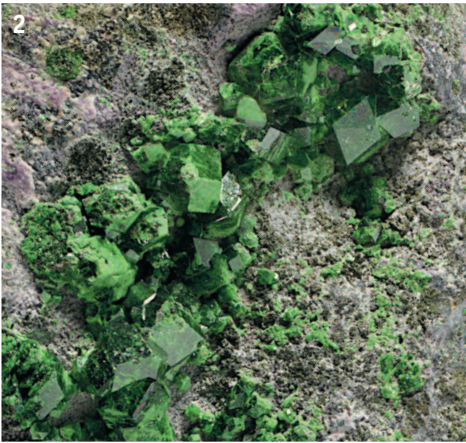
**Ярмарка  
цветных камней  
«Самоцветный  
развал»**

**с 15 по 16 декабря**  
ПАВИЛЬОН №7А  
с 10:00 до 18:00

Poster of the *Samotsvetnyi Razval* (Gem Fair)  
Mineral Show in Moscow.

**Photo: Michael B. Leybov**

1. **Uvarovite** crystals (up to 0.7 cm) on matrix. FOV 2.4 x 3.6 cm. Saranovskoe deposit, Central Urals, Russia. Specimen: Sergei A. Demin.
2. **Uvarovite** crystals (up to 0.8 cm) on matrix. FOV 4.7 cm wide. Saranovskoe deposit, Central Urals, Russia. Specimen: Sergei A. Demin.
3. **Calcite**. 10 x 5 cm. Vtoroi Sovetskiy mine, Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia. Specimen: Alexander N. Mineev.



When entering Pavilion 7 in Sokolniki during the *Samotsvetnyi Razval* (Gem Fair) mineral show, one immediately finds oneself in an atmosphere of joyful excitement. The milling crowd of hundreds of visitors and participants sharing their love for minerals. Everywhere familiar mineral collector scrutinize "new arrivals" — specimens found and mined the last summer and brought to the show from numerous localities countrywide and from abroad.

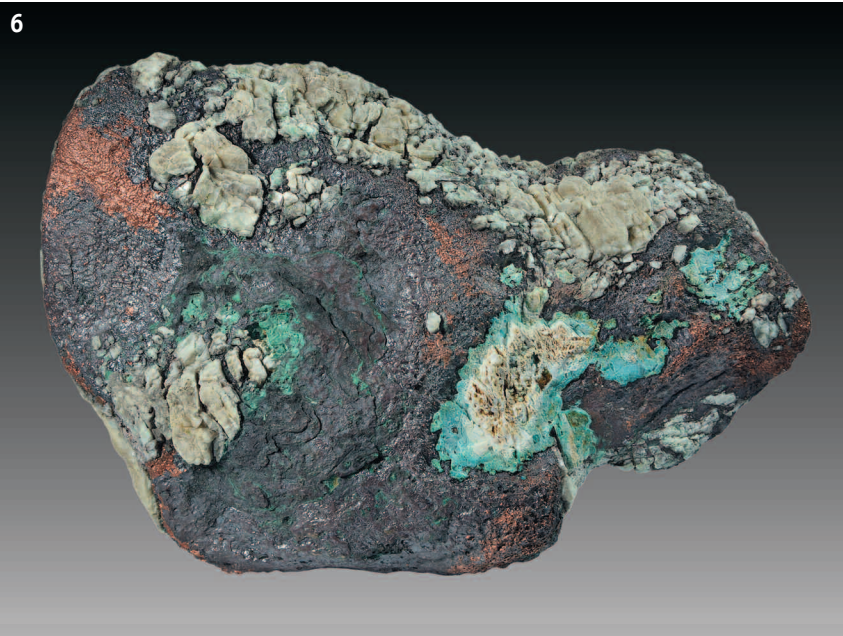
We get used to the high standards of the *Russkie samotsvety* (Russian Gems), which yearly place on display their top-quality specimens. These two *Gemma* shows were no exception in this sense: world-quality specimens from literally all round the world crowded in the dedicated showcases with excellently arranged light. Two photos of these specimens are published in this notes (Figs. 10, 19). This show was not the first to exhibit charming specimens from China, thanks to assiduous Olga and Dmitry Davidovs (Figs. 7, 11–14). After a long interlude, it was a pleasure to see again "old" specimens from Dalnegorsk, Far East which were brought to the show by Alexander Mineev (Figs. 3, 4, 8, 9, 15). The visitors were also pleased to see the "old buddies": cluster of "chopped" quartz crystals (Fig. 4) and expressive clusters of calcite crystals (Fig. 15), which were recovered in Dalnegorsk as far back as the yester century. The Saranovskoe deposit (Perm Krai) was represented by good-quality specimens of relatively large uvarovite crystals on rock (Figs. 1, 2). The Kamenushinskoe locality (Kemerovo Oblast) continues to please mineral collectors by its beautiful specimens of malachite and azurite. The Volga region seems to be an inexhaustible source of spectacular pyrite, calcite and aragonite pseudomorphs after ammonite shells.

My visit to the show gratified me with a joy to see brilliant natural masterpieces and, what was no less important for me, to meet old friends and acquaintances, enthusiast mineralogists, and mineral collectors and lovers. The organizers of the show deserve praising for their unceasing efforts to hold the show at such a high level. I wish them much success in this.



4. **Quartz** "chopped". 6 x 5 cm. Bor open pit, Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia. Specimen: Alexander N. Mineev.

5. **Calcite**. 6 x 7 cm. Bor open pit, Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia. Specimen: Victor T. Trofimov.



6. Native **copper** with **cuprite**. 37 x 25 cm. Taimetskoe deposit, Gornaya (Mountain) Shoriya, Kemerovo oblast', Southern Siberia, Russia. Specimen: Anna M. Pozdnyakova.

7. **Fluorite**. 15 x 10 cm. Wuyi, Jinhua pref., Zhejiang prov., China. Specimen: Dmitriy V. and Olga A. Davydovs.

8. **Ilvaite**. 5 x 4.5 cm. Pervyi Sovetskiy mine, Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia. Specimen: Alexander N. Mineev.

9. **Calcite** cluster. 6 x 4 cm. Bor open pit, Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia. Specimen: Alexander N. Mineev.

