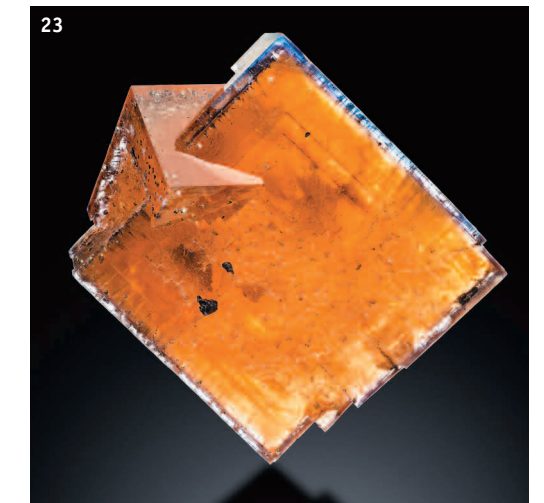


10. **Fluorite.** 12 cm high. Specimen: *The Collector's Edge Minerals.*
 11. **Fluorite.** 18.3 cm high. Specimen: Bill & Will Larson.
 12. **Fluorite.** 5 cm high. Specimen: Jared Freiburg.
 13. **Fluorite.** 13.6 cm high. Huanggang mines, Chifeng, Hexigten Banner, Inner Mongolia, China. Specimen: Bill & Will Larson.
 14. **Fluorite.** 9.7 cm high. Hardin, Illinois, USA. Specimen: Ross Lillie.
 15. **Fluorite.** 13 cm high. Specimen: Jason Adams.
 16. **Fluorite with quartz.** 4.9 cm. Goscheralp, Gschenen Valley, Uri, Switzerland. Specimen: Jason Adams.
 17. **Fluorite.** 6.2 cm high. Yindu, Inner Mongolia, China. Specimen: Jason Adams.
 Photo 10, 12: Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Kray, Russia.
 Photo 11, 15: Minerva #1 mine, Hardin, Illinois, USA.



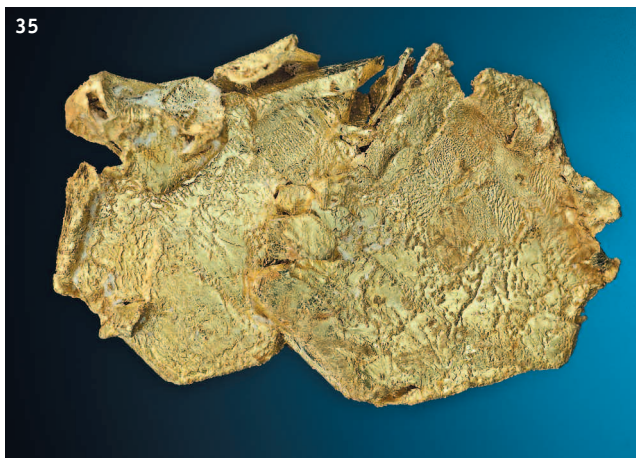
18. **Fluorite.** 9.8 cm high. Hardin, Illinois, USA. Specimen: Ross Lillie.
 19. **Fluorite with muscovite.** 1.1 cm high. Old Mine Park, Trumbull, Connecticut, USA. Specimen: Jeff Scovil.
 20. **Fluorite with calcite.** 3.7 cm high. Minerva #1 mine, Cave-in-Rock Dist., Hardin, Illinois, USA. Specimen: Harris Precht.
 21. **Fluorite with sphalerite.** 9.1 cm wide. Annabel Lee mine, Cave-in-Rock Dist., Hardin, Illinois, USA. Specimen: Harris Precht.
 22. **Fluorite.** 13.9 cm wide. Crystal mine complex, Cave in Rock, Hardin, Illinois, USA. Specimen: Ross Lillie.
 23. **Fluorite.** 7.1 cm wide. Minerva #1 mine, Hardin, Illinois, USA. Specimen: Jason Adams.





33–34. Central exposition of the HardRock Summit Show: the three best **rhodochrosite** specimens in the world from Sweet Home Mine (CO, USA) in one case. (33) general view; (34) visitors admire this display.

35. **Gold**. Specimen: Scott Werschky, *Miner's Lunchbox*. Photo: Jeff Scovil.



“*Alma King*” (Denver Museum of Nature & Science), the “*Alma Rose*” (Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals), and the “*Alma Queen*” (Houston Museum of Nature & Science) were together in one awe-inspiring exhibit. Not to be outdone, the **Maine Gem & Mineral Museum** had a (pardon the pun) out-of-this-world exhibit around the corner, featuring a huge meteorite said to be the **largest piece of Mars known on planet earth**. For those with an affinity for the “sparkly stuff”, the **Mineralogical & Geological Museum at Harvard University** brought the iconic **Hamlin Necklace**, a stunning necklace of large, multi-colored faceted Maine tourmaline gems, created in the 1900’s from rough collected at the iconic Mount Mica pegmatite. As one wandered amongst these impressive and professionally-designed exhibits, a row of mineral magazine publishers included our esteemed journal as well as representatives from the *Rocks & Minerals*, *Mineralogical Record*, *Mineralogical Almanac* of Russia and company “*Lithos*” greeted visitors entering the “Evolution Show”, with rows of glossy magazines and books for sale, and temptations to subscribe (or renew!). Kudos to Keilman, Mehring and their team for creating space for these important publications, as well as curating the exhibits section and pulling off the logistics to make it all happen. Inside the **Evolution Show**, one almost felt one had been transported to Munich, as large, chic booth with private partitions and even small private built-to-order rooms in some greeted visitors, arranged in a pleasant constellation across the spacious show floor. **Collector’s Edge**



36. **Copper**. Dzhzhkazgan mining district, Karaganda Region, Kazakhstan. Specimen: *Scott Rudolph Minerals*.



37. Bryan Lees, James and Gail Spann near main exposition.

38. Christoph Keilmann and Wolter Mehring, organizers of the Show.

39. Terry and Marie Huizings, *Rocks and Minerals* with Ludmila Cheshko, *Mineralogical Almanac*.

40. Julian Grey, *Rice Museum of Minerals and Rocks*, is working very hard on the exposition of *Gems*.

41. *Rocks and Minerals* booth is ready for the show.



Minerals occupied a large booth near the entrance, and had a choice array of colorful minerals from around the world, including a fine selection of gemmy elbaite tourmaline crystals from recent finds near Rubaya, DR Congo, some arrestingly-blue hemimorphite specimens from a new find in Pakistan, and their usual selection of mouth-watering rhodochrosites from finds both old and new at the Sweet Home deposit in Alma, Colorado. Marcus Budil, the globe-trotting Monaco-based dealer, had an outstanding selection of Alpine classics including smoky quartz and pink fluorite, as well as his usual selection of superlative gem crystals. A small but outstanding gemmy bastnasite crystal on matrix from Pakistan and a world-beater matlockite crystal from England caught the eye of this writer. Moving down the hall, Kevin and Hilda Downey of *Well-Arranged Molecules* had a spacious booth with wall-to-wall color and quality. Their offerings this year included a superb selection of the aforementioned new gem-quality tourmaline crystals from near Rubaya, DR Congo. Across the way, Ian & Diana Bruce of *Crystal Classics* occupied a large, tastefully-appointed booth featuring their usual selection of superb old classics from both the old world and the new, as well as several cases devoted to more contemporary (and colorful!) gem crystals and pegmatite minerals from around the world. Moving around the hall, younger dealers and collectors David Ziga (*Ziga Minerals*) and Jared Freiberg (*Saga Minerals*) were sharing a booth chock full of contemporary classics (Ziga’s focus), and superb Midwest minerals including southern Illinois fluorite and associated minerals and Linwood mine, Iowa speci-