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It would not be an exaggeration to say that the most remarkable thing about the Gemma Mineral Show, which was devoted to the Geologist's Day on April 3-4, 2022. It was important that the event took place under the circumstances.

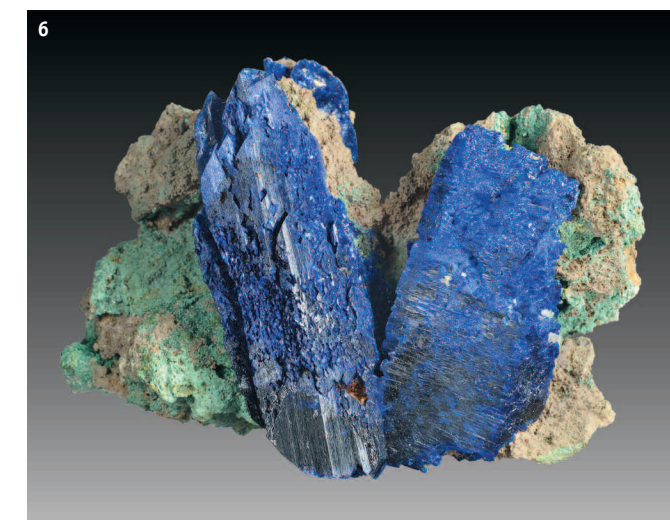
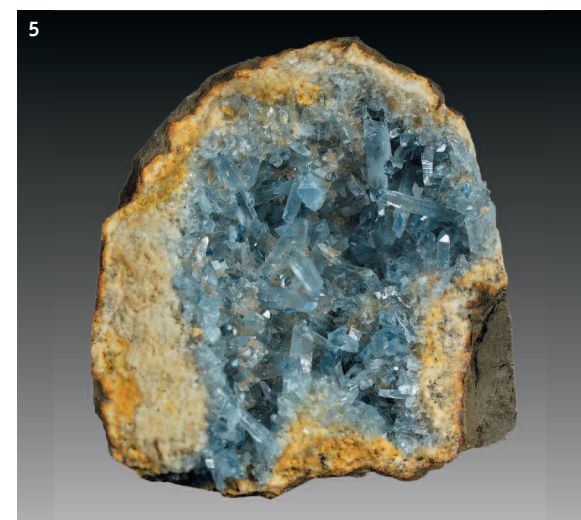
The global consequences of the COVID pandemic and the perturbations of public life could not help but affect such a complex organism as the All-Russian Mineral Show. The resulting objective restrictions reduced the activities and mobility of dealers and collectors, due to which there was markedly less new mineral specimens than usual at the show.

Against this background the booths of the "Russian Minerals" company looked great. As always, they were full of first-class specimens for every taste, whether you are a schoolboy who started his first collection or a seasoned mineral expert. Fans of rare minerals never miss the stand of Nikolai Belenkov from Yekaterinburg, and for specimens from Dalnegorsk go to Viktor Ponomarenko. Wonderful specimens from China, as always, could be seen at Dmitry Davydov's booth.

We managed to snapshot several excellent specimens from the show before they went to their new "homes" on the shelves of collectors or in museums. Among them is a



1. **Calcite**. 8 x 6 cm. Dalnegorsk, Primorsky Krai, Russia. Specimen: Oleg S. Bartenev.



4. **Quartz** (amethyst). 17 x 10 cm. Mexico. Specimen: "Russian Minerals" Company.

5. **Celestine**. 3.5 x 4.5 cm. Uza Bay, Krasnoturansky District, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia. Specimen: V. Levitsky.

6. **Azurite**. 7 x 5 cm. Touissit, Morocco. Specimen: "Russian Minerals" Company.

wonderful and beautiful specimen of calcite crystals from Dalnegorsk that reminds of a bouquet and an expressive druse of prase crystals from the Semirechenskoe deposit in Primorye. It was interesting to see a cluster of chrysoberyl crystals from the Krasnobolotnoe deposit (Ural Emerald Mines, Central Urals).

We also came across specimens from not very known localities, for example a small geode with celestine crystals of a bright blue color from the Krasnoyarsk Krai. Judging by the number of stands and the abundance of stone items and jewellery pieces on display, jewellers and stone cutters felt quite well.

So, the mineral show took place, and we pay tribute and admiration to the organizers of the show — "Gemma" Company and wish them **KEEP IT UP!**