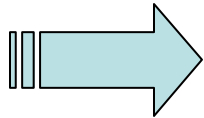


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The web site for this collection has extensive pictures of their specimens. Go to the website below to check it out!



<http://mineralsciences.si.edu/collections.htm>

The following pictures submitted by Mark Kaiser

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Beryl

This blue beryl crystal is about 8 inches tall and 2.5 inches wide!



Amethyst

The gem on the right is over 1,300 carats!



Artistic
Arrangement
of mineral
specimens.



This fluorite sample is almost 2 feet across!



This gold nugget
weighs 1.98
pounds.

(Can we still call it
a nugget?)

Citrine
One of the
many forms
of quartz.

