



Chrysanthemum Stone



This striking stone has the appearance of a painted flower on black rock but it is in fact entirely nature's own work.

Chrysanthemum stone was formed many millions of years ago when a deposition of a thick strata of mud that was rich in organic materials occurred at the bottom of a sea. Calcium Carbonate (Calcite) and abundant Strontium Sulphate (Celestite) precipitated in the ooze at the bottom. As the layers were compressed, these sediments were buried by continuous deposition of more mud. At these lower depths it allowed the spectacular radial growth of

celestite formations that remain as the flower patterns in the solidified limestone.

The white "flower" on Chrysanthemum stone consists of Andalusite, Celestite, Feldspar or Calcite while the black base rock is Dolomite, Limestone, Porphyry or Clay Gypsum.

Called the "Stone of Wealth & Honor" by the Chinese people for centuries, Chrysanthemum stone took shape due to geological changes in the Permian age of the Paleozoic era, 248 to 290 million years ago. After millions of years of high temperature and high pressure, silt from the Sea bottom and marine organisms sank deeply into the earth and, formed chrysanthemum stone. Chrysanthemum stone is found mainly in the Hunan area of China, but also in Canada, USA and Japan. The stone is often carved by artisans into incredibly complex shapes to depict trees or sprays of flowers, and is revered by many people in China.

Chrysanthemum stone is also the official symbol of the Chinese imperial family.

Many people believe that Chrysanthemum Stone is of harmony and change. They say that it enhances compatibility, is excellent for renewal of relationships, and helps to progress toward unity. It is also believed to help one to bloom and to progress on the path toward the perfect self. The Chrysanthemum stone inspires, enlivens and enkindles and it helps to eliminate jealousy, animosity, and resentment from one's character. Some say that this stone provides new opportunities of luck, once one has moved forward on a new path. The stone is often chosen as a gift for a person starting out on any new path, such as a relationship or career.

