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LARGEST NORTH AMERICAN METEORITE WITH NATURALLY OCCURRING GEMSTONES TO BE UNVEILED IN TUCSON ON JANUARY 28th

**Recently discovered in Kansas, 1500-pound meteorite embedded with
peridot to debut at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show**

NEW YORK, NY Jan. 11—In October 2005 on a stretch of Kansas farmland, meteorite hunter and Kansas native Steve Arnold made one of the greatest meteorite discoveries of all time. As a result, the largest North American meteorite with naturally occurring gemstones will be on display at the Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show from January 27th through February 6th and at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show from February 9 through 12.

Meteorites—fragments of stone and metal from outer space that impact Earth—typically originate from the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. Less than 1% of all such meteorites are pallasites, an exotic subtype that contains crystals of olivine and peridot. When cut and polished, pallasites are among the most beautiful naturally occurring substances known.

At nearly 1,500 pounds, Mr. Arnold's discovery is the largest pallasite ever recovered in North America—and that's not all. This extraterrestrial rarity is also a member of another unlikely class of meteorites: it's oriented—it did not tumble during its descent to Earth, as evidenced by its dramatic parabolic contours. This meteorite, recovered seven feet below a wheat field, is the largest oriented pallasite known to exist.

Mr. Arnold has recovered additional meteorites in the same area, and, in the effort to bring all such specimens—including cut and polished partial specimens—to market, the Brenham Meteorite Company was formed by Mr. Arnold and Philip C. Mani, a former geologist and today a prominent attorney in oil and gas exploration law.

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WEBSITE LAUNCH JANUARY 21
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ON DISPLAY: Jan. 27 – Feb. 06 ARIZONA MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW 10:00am – 6:00pm
INNSUITES 475 N. Granada Avenue (at St. Marys) (520) 622-3000

ON DISPLAY: Feb. 09 – Feb. 12 TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW 10:00am – 6:00pm [5:00pm on 2/12]
TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER 260 S. Church Avenue (at Granada) (520) 322-5773