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## **MINERAL AND FOSSIL GALLERY INTRODUCES NEW ONYX EXHIBIT**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (February 18, 2010) – Mineral and Fossil Gallery at el Pedregal introduces a new natural banded Onyx showcase throughout the months of March and April in a selection of trays, charger plates, coasters and vases, among others. Found in Southern Asia, this banded Onyx is a result of the precipitation of calcite crystals and is a member of the carbonate group of minerals. The Iron is oxidized and presents a red coloring and then, in a reduced state, a green color. The distinctive coloring showcases the true colors of the Southwest in orange, brown, yellow and green.

Onyx is a cryptocrystalline form of quartz and dependent upon the precipitation, onyx can be found in almost every color. Historically, Onyx was known to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Use of sardonyx appears in the art of Minoan Crete, notably from the archaeological recoveries at Knossos. Onyx was used in Egypt as early as the Second Dynasty to make bowls and other pottery items.

### **ABOUT MINERAL AND FOSSIL GALLERY**

Mineral and Fossil Gallery is known as a gallery of Mother Nature's art -- specializing in natural, mineral-related products to enhance the home or person. The gallery presents the largest selection of quality merchandise in the southwest. Products include crystalline cluster of various forms and color, fossil preservation of past life in stone, functional and decorative carvings, and unique jewelry incorporating semiprecious stones. The gallery provides the wonder and

education of a museum. Mineral and Fossil Gallery is located at 34505 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85266. For more information please call 480-488-3953.

### **ABOUT EL PEDREGAL**

El Pedregal encompasses 80,000 square feet of space filled with fascinating boutiques, Southwestern apparel, intriguing art galleries, and fun and casual dining. Over 15 shops surround an enticing courtyard and amphitheater, which features a variety of entertainment offerings. For more information please call 480-488-1072 or visit the website [www.elpedregal.com](http://www.elpedregal.com).

