

AGATIZED CORAL

NAME: *Montastrea*, *Siderastrea*, and others

AGE: Oligocene Epoch, 34 million years

UNIT: Suwanee Limestone

SITE: Lowndes County, Georgia



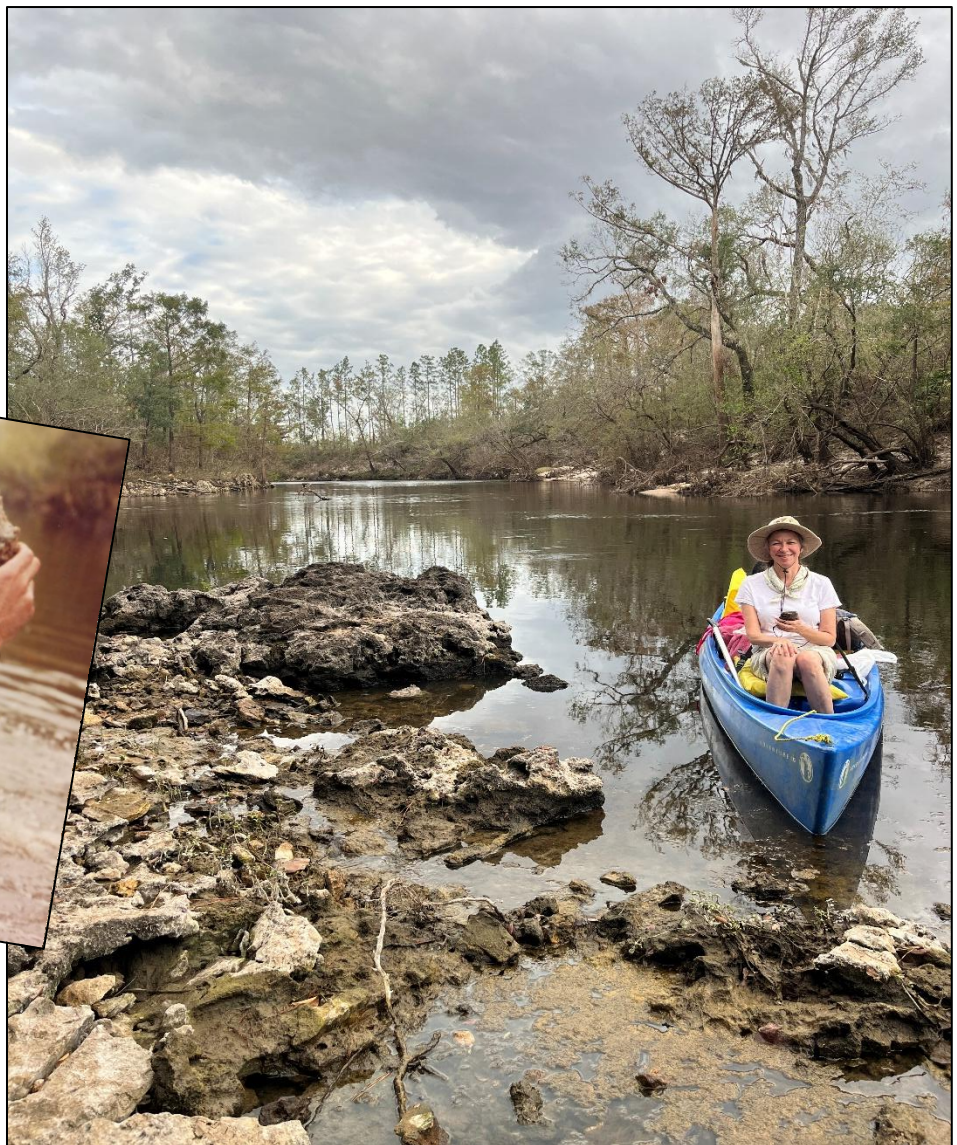
A rare and beautiful gem, these exquisite specimens are found in the dark depths of a tannin-colored river in the wilds of south Georgia. We have been exploring, diving and collecting this material since the 1970s.

NOTE: All unusual or scientifically important specimens are donated to the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville.

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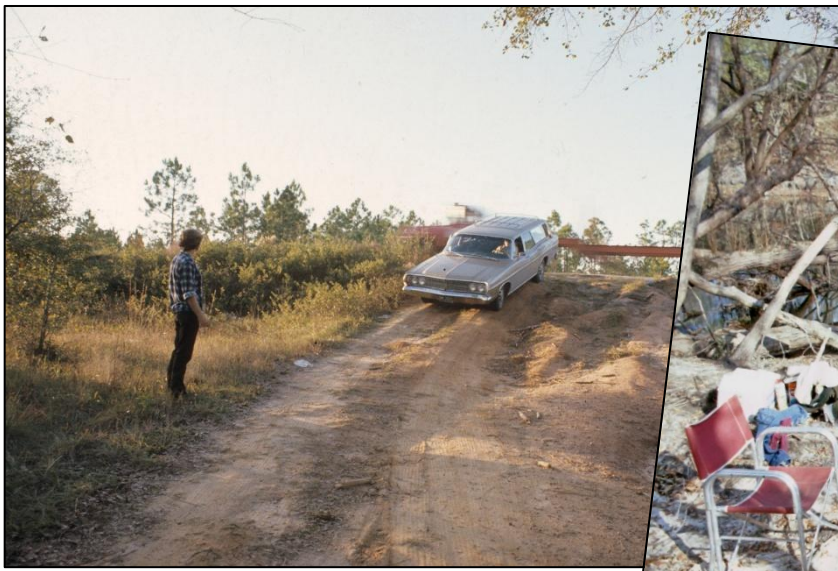
This unusual type of fossilization starts when coral heads become buried deep in sediments. Under heat and pressure, the original coral dissolves away, leaving a mold that often fills completely with quartz. In some rare cases, the dissolving process stopped before the all the coral colonies had disappeared. In these instances, there are hollow areas inside the old coral heads that became lined with agate, often preserving relic structures in beautiful carnelian geodes.



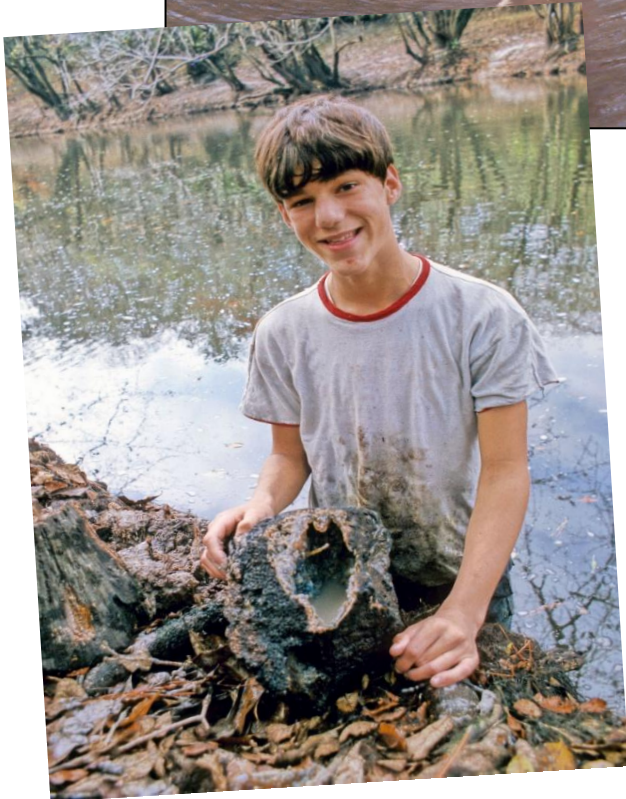
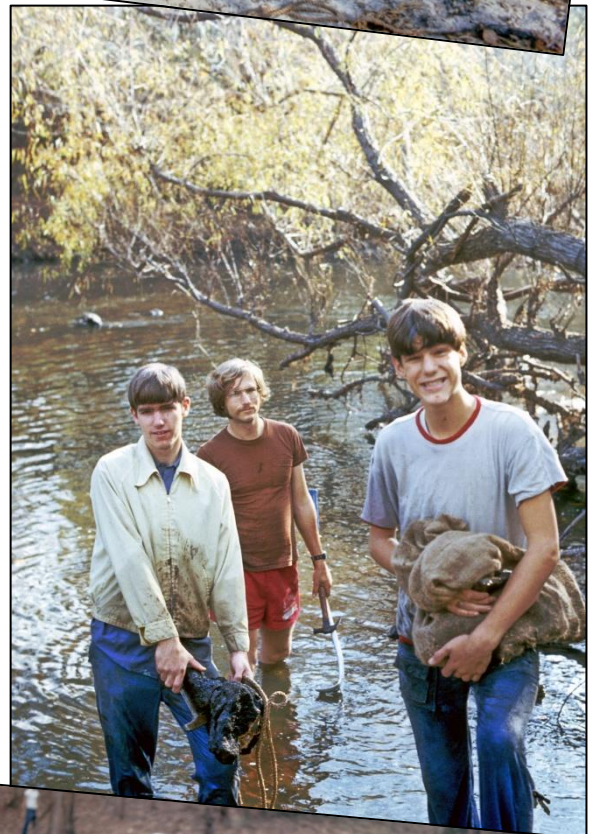
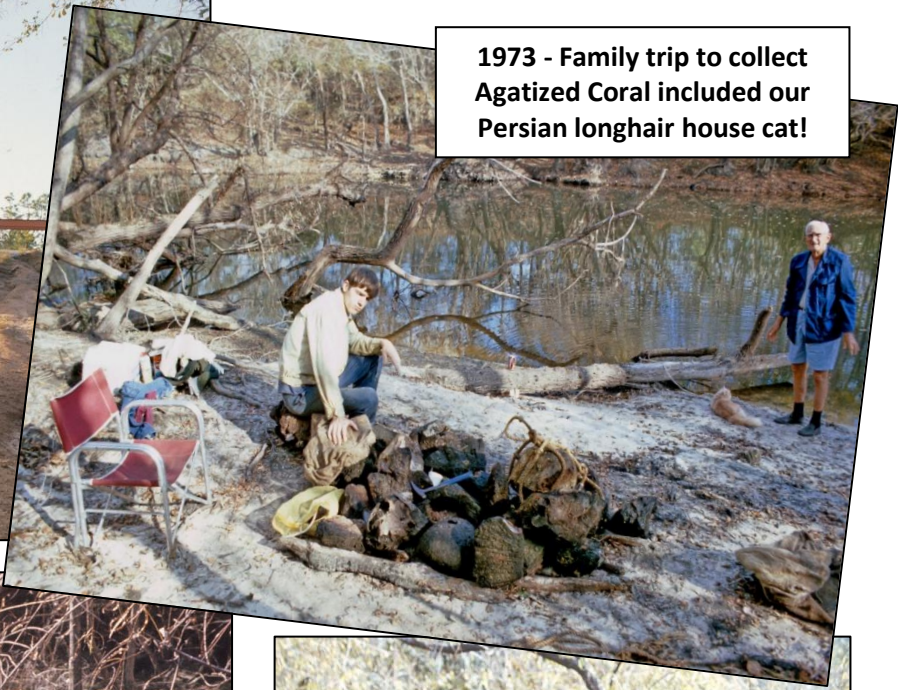


Some of the many forms, shapes, sizes, and colors of Agatized Coral.





1973 - Family trip to collect Agatized Coral included our Persian longhair house cat!



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