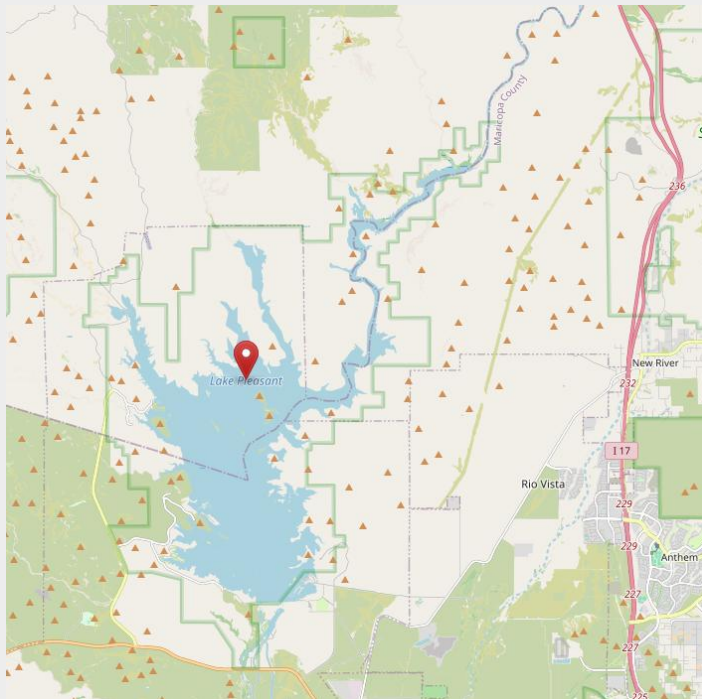


Lake Pleasant, Maricopa & Yavapai County, Arizona



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Nördlich von Phoenix im Bereich des Lake Pleasant, der 1927 durch das Aufstauen des Agua Fria River entstanden ist, gibt es einige Fundstellen für Achate. Vorwiegend liegen diese allerdings im Bereich des Lake Pleasant Regional Park, innerhalb dessen Grenzen ein striktes Sammelverbot gilt, das auch streng überwacht wird. Die in den Sammlungen vertretenen Achate stammen daher meist aus alten Funden vor 1965. Dies könnte auch ein Grund dafür sein, dass die Fundstelle unter dem Namen Bard Ranch oder Agua Fria River bekannt ist. Es treten vorwiegend Mandelachate bis zu beachtlichen Größen von 50 cm auf, viele davon sind im Zentrum hohl und beinhalten phanerokristallinen Quarz. Die Farben der Achate reichen von Weiß über Graublau bis Schwarz. Besonders interessant sind wunderschöne, oft recht große und meist schwarze, selten goldgelbe Plumes sowie bunte opalartige Einschlüsse in gelben, braunen und grünen Farben.

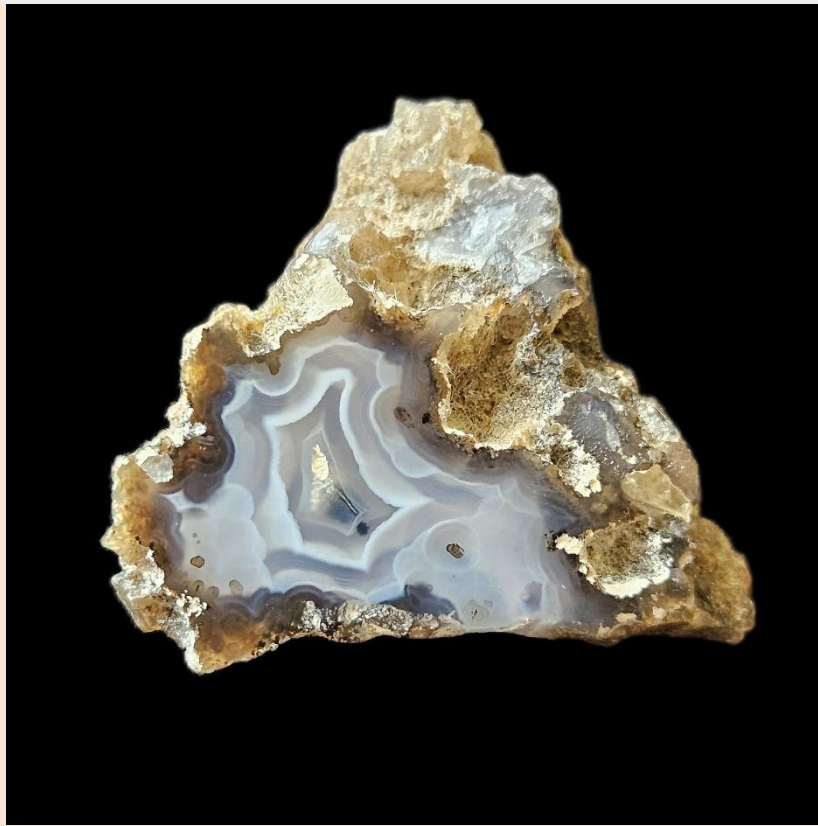
North of Phoenix in the Lake Pleasant area, which was created in 1927 by damming the Agua Fria River, there are several agate sites. However, these are primarily located within Lake Pleasant Regional Park, where a strict ban on collecting applies and is rigorously enforced. The agates in the collections therefore originate from old finds made before 1965. This could also be one reason why the site is known as Bard Ranch or the Agua Fria River. Nodular agates are the most common, reaching quite impressive sizes of around 50 cm; many of them are hollow in the center and contain phanerocrystalline quartz. The colors of the agates range from white to gray-blue to black. Of particular interest are beautiful, often quite large, and mostly black—rarely golden-yellow—plumes, as well as colorful opal-like inclusions in shades of yellow, brown and green.



Lake Pleasant. Johann Zenz photos.



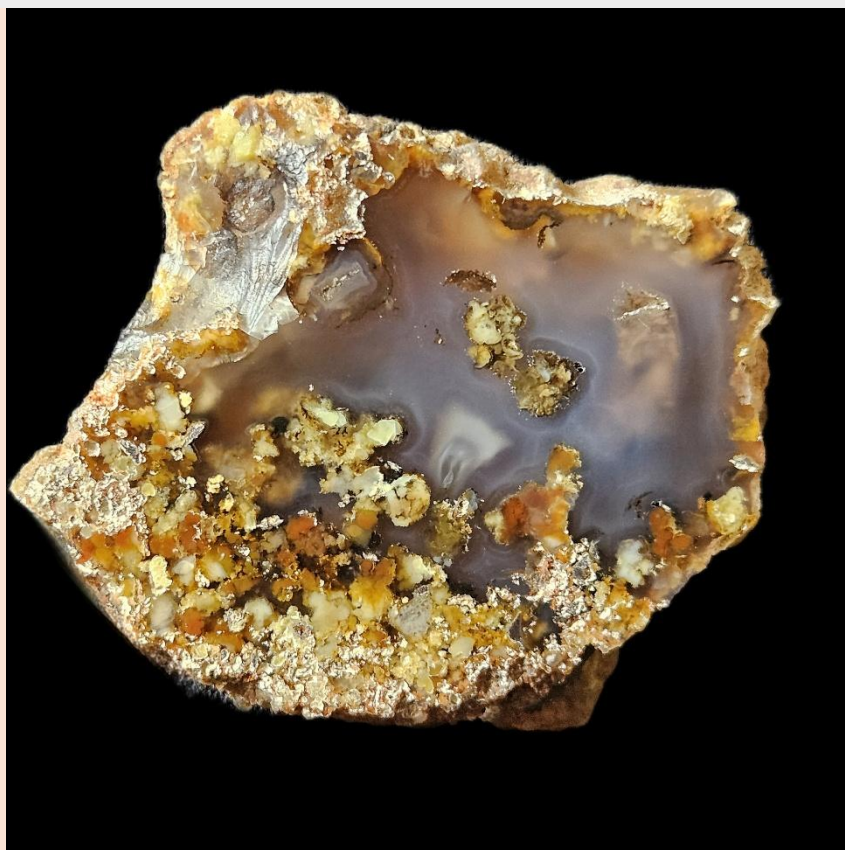
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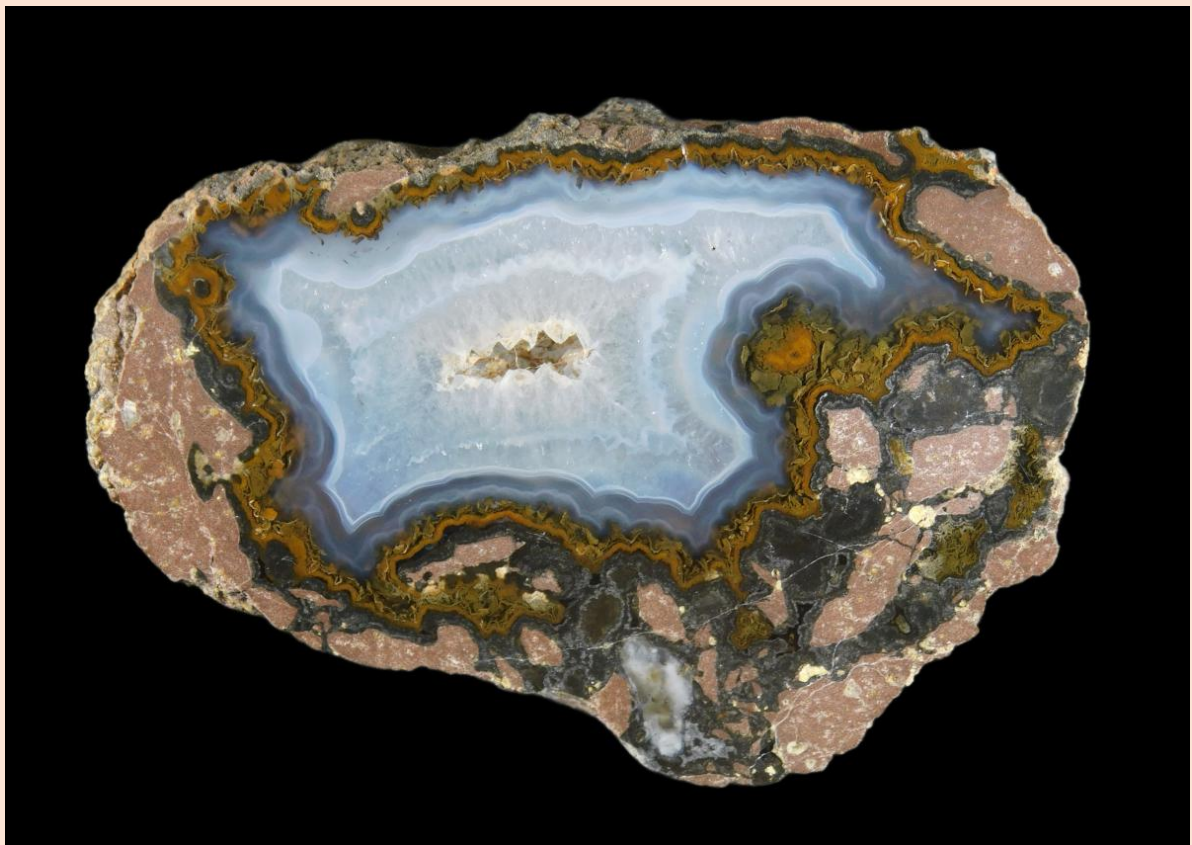
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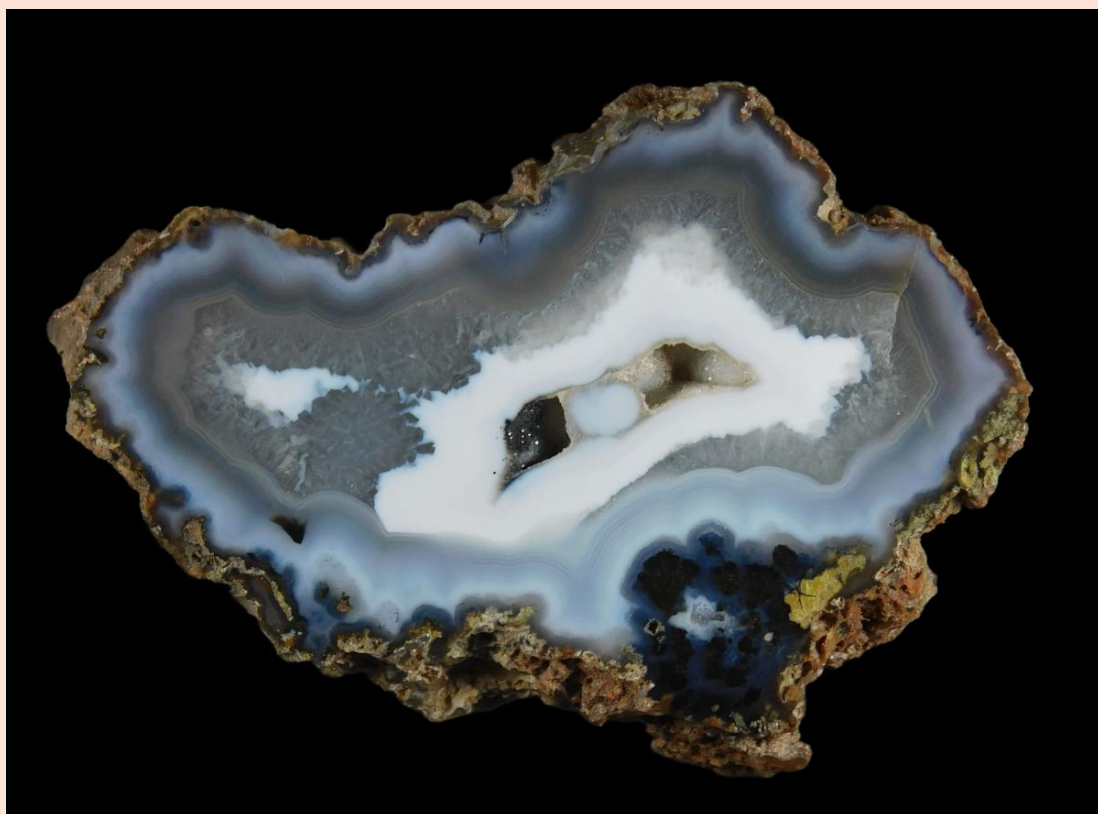
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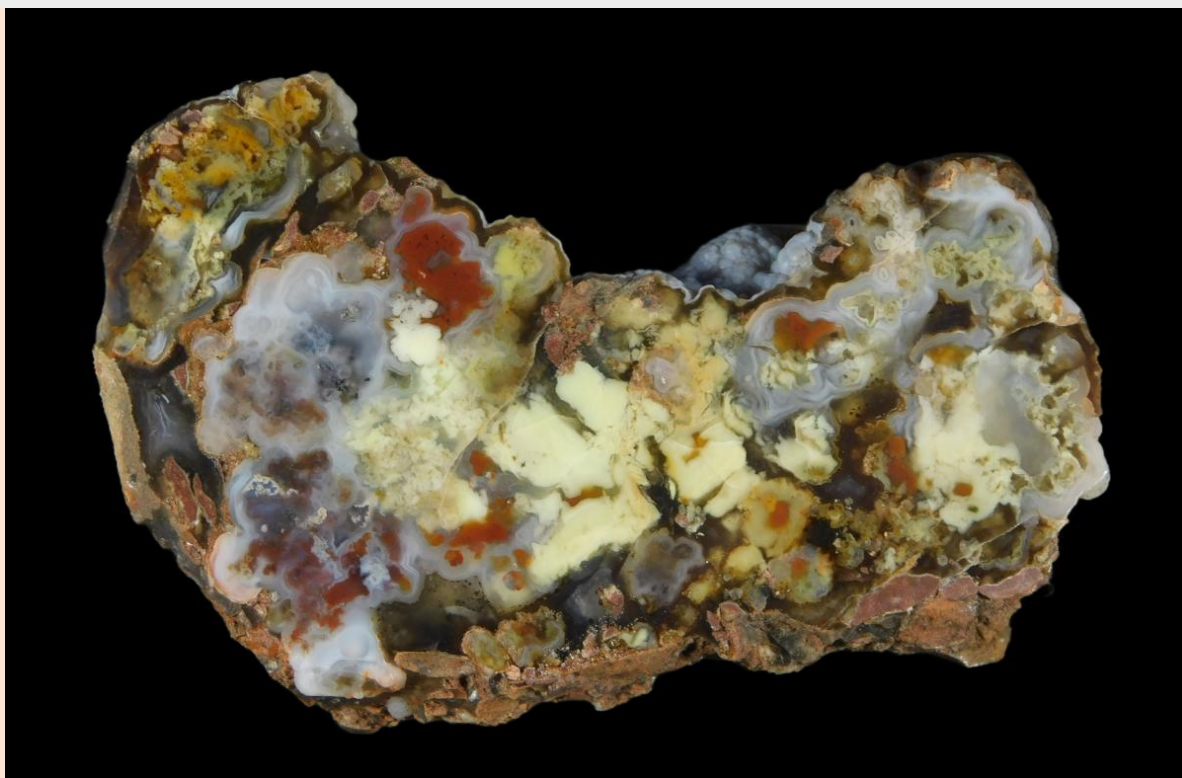
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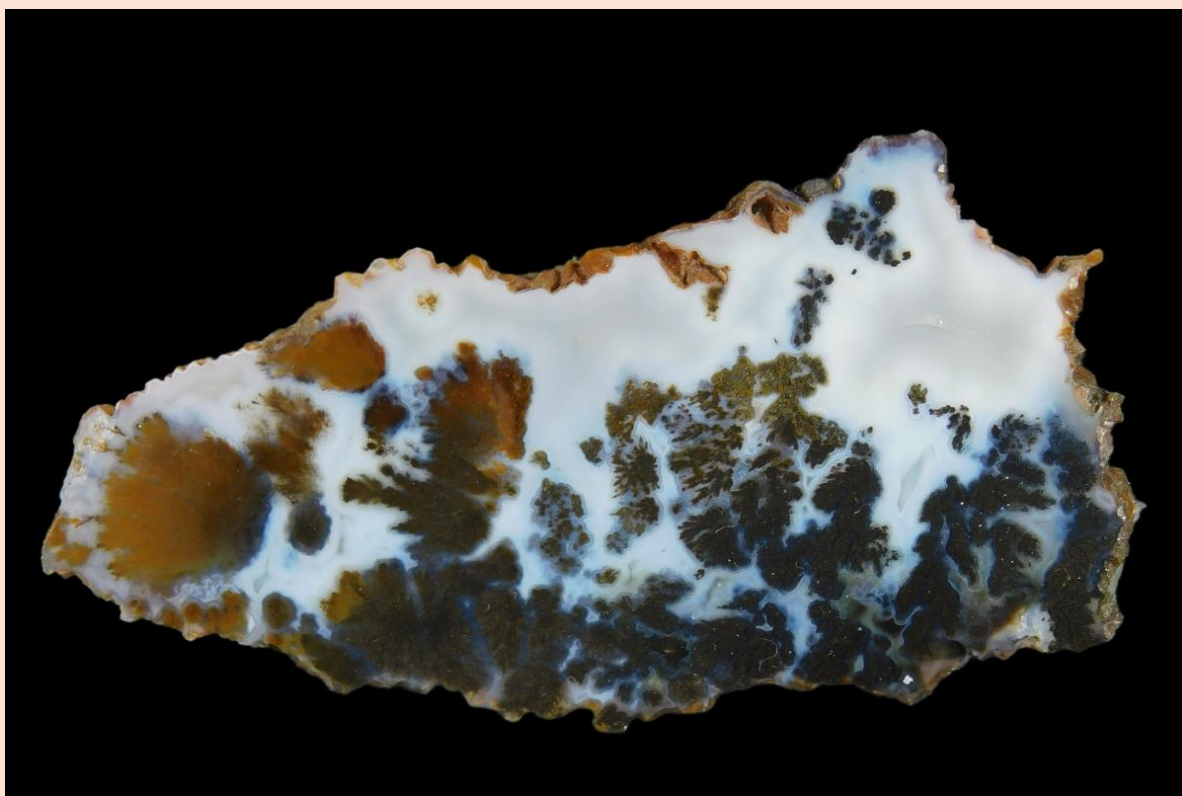
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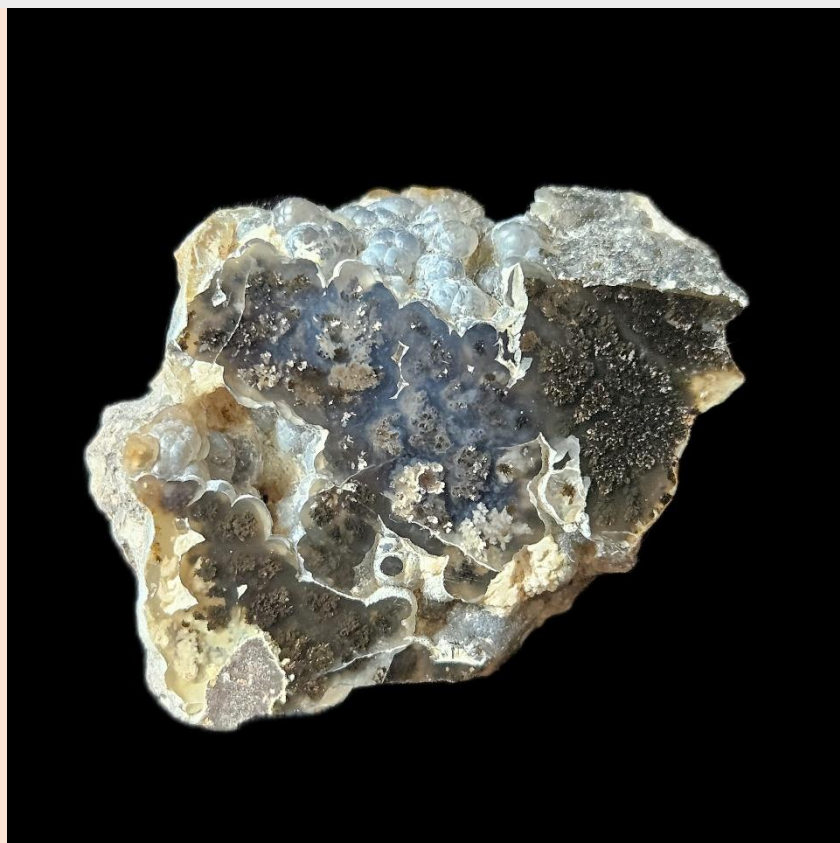
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10 cm. Johann Zenz collection & photo.



Agua Fria River. 9.5 cm. Ex Hans Gamma collection. Johann Zenz collection & photo.



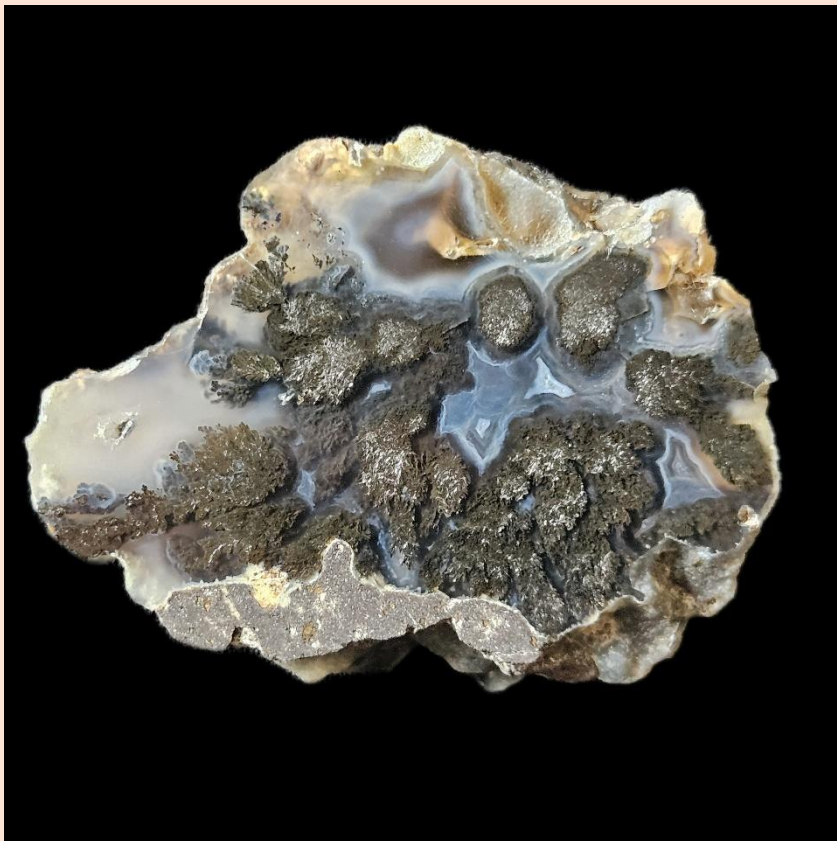
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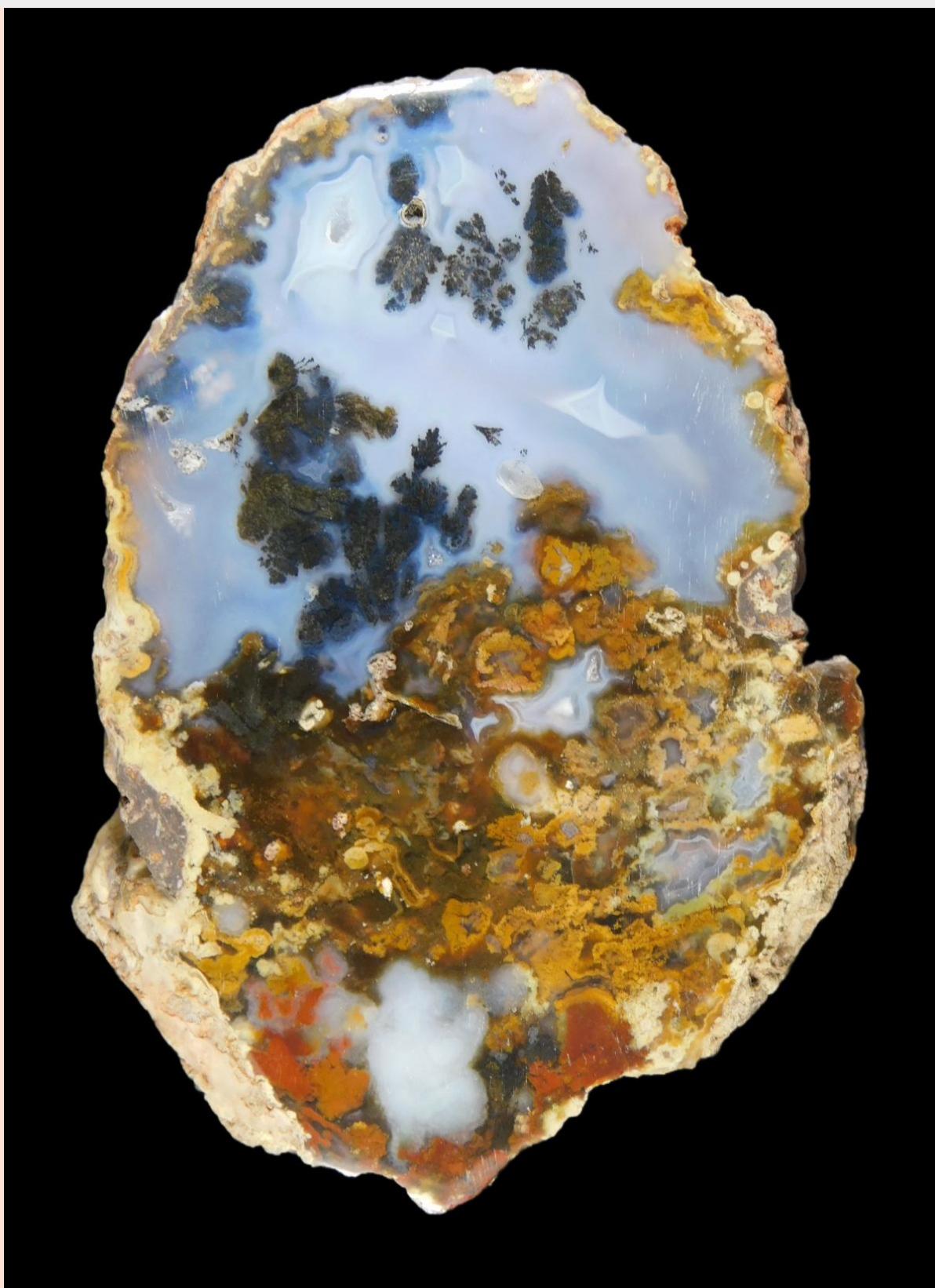
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Plume Achat / Plume agate. 5 cm. Klaus Günther collection & photo.



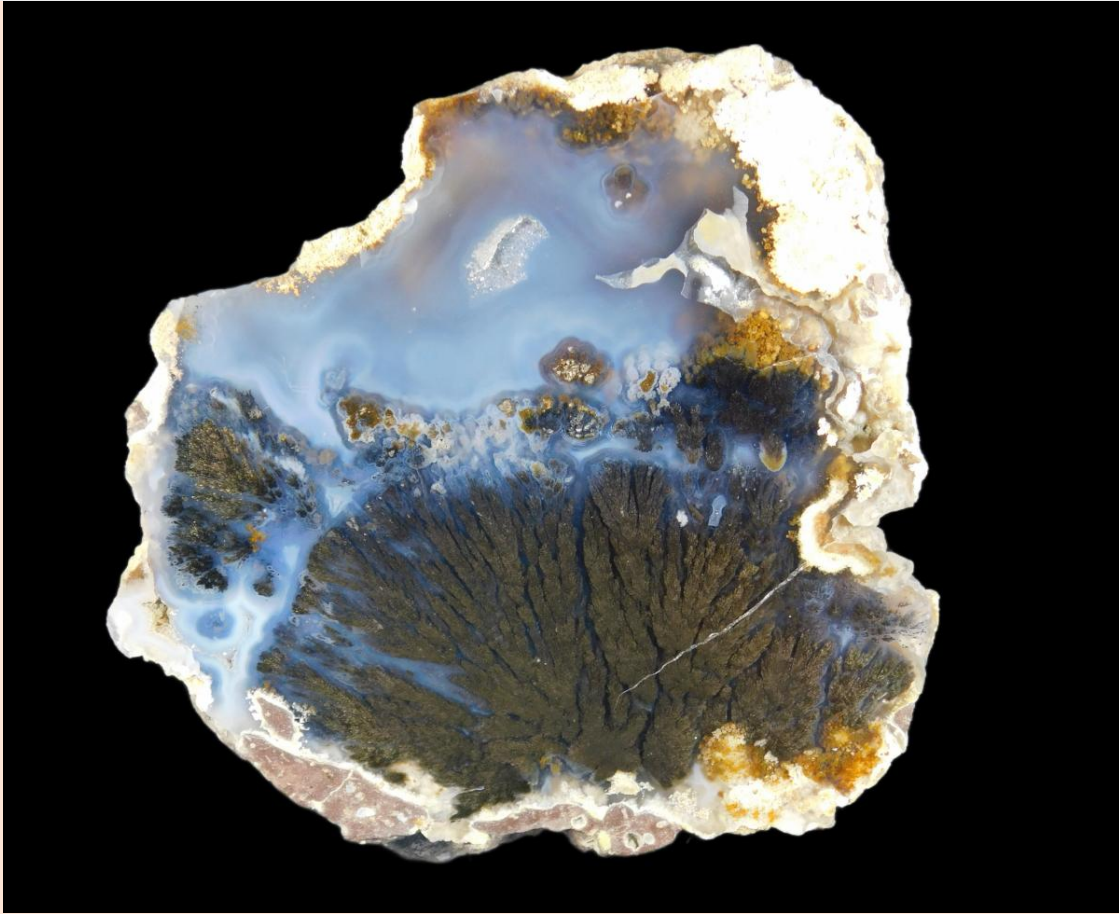
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Plume Achat / Plume agate. 6.5 cm. Johann Zenz collection & photo.



Plume Achat / Plume agate. 11 cm. Johann Zenz collection & photo.



8.5 cm. Johann Zenz collection & photo.

