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I am an explorer, researcher and published author/speaker on crystals, gems and minerals and my exploration into the giant crystal caves found in Naica, Chihuahua, Mexico.

My book that describes this exploration is “JOURNEY INTO THE GIANT SELENITE CRYSTAL CAVES OF MEXICO”.

I started to show the very first images of the crystal caves from our team’s exploration of the caves in January of 2001 to audiences all over the globe. People were genuinely interested and excited to learn about these mysterious giant pylons. In 2001, there were many questions still left to solve about them and it would take a great many years to find out some far out extra-terrestrial visitors were living in those caves.

Growing up in El Paso, Texas, in the Chihuahua desert of the American southwest of the United States, I have had a long history as an avid hiker/rock climber and adventure seeker. This is where rock hunting began for me when I collected my first fossils from the Permian Basin in west Texas.

In January of 2001, I became the first American woman to enter the astonishing giant Selenite crystal caves near the village of Naica, Chihuahua in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico. These colossal pylons of crystal are what are now known as the largest crystals on Earth ranging in size to 36 feet, and weighing as much as 60 tons. They were found 1,000 feet below the surface inside a silver mine. They are estimated to be 550,000 years old and that estimate has varied over the years between scientists who believed the crystals to be over 1 million years old. Now, with almost all in agreement, these crystals are not very old considering the age and growth rate of crystal quartz, which makes these crystals and their growth more intriguing.

Considered to be the most hostile environment on earth in which to work inside a mine, these deadly caves are challenging: extreme temperatures of 134 Fahrenheit when discovered in 2000 and 100% humidity making exploration difficult. A person may become unconscious from over-heating within 5-10 minutes without proper protective personal gear.

I feel intuitively there are still more of the colossal Selenite crystals yet to be discovered deep underground and have the agreement of Dr. Penelope Boston as well.

I have been gathering research suggesting the energy fields contained within these massive crystals affect a wider and greater range of geological terrain and possibly humanity. The research includes ongoing explorations linking these giant Selenite crystals to what appears to be interesting phenomena to what I call the Crystal Cross grid.

In mid-December, 2009, while boarding a plane in Los Angeles to west Texas, I had a conversation with New Mexico Tech associate professor of Cave and Karst Science, and Director of Cave and Karst Studies, Department of Earth and Environmental Science, Dr. Penelope Boston. She had recently returned from another expedition with the Naica Project team filming Part 2 of the Naica Project for National Geographic television. Part 1 of the Naica Project was filmed by NatGeoTV for their documentary in November of 2008. They had found another pocket of the Selenite crystals in the Naica mountain range. Although these crystals are not in the same giant formation as the first cave found, it is an indication of a mass amount of material found in this area.

As of May 31, 2016, Dr. Boston is now the Director of NASA Astrobiology Institute and I had a rare opportunity to meet with Dr. Boston in Mountain View, California on March 28, 2017, to discuss her research. Her latest paper published in February of 2017 now reveals the water inside the crystals to be up to 60,000 years old and may contain the most ancient and bizarre alien microbes found on earth today. So far testing for the DNA reveals these microbes are so weird, their nearest relatives are still 10 percent different genetically.

My latest research is included under the title: Mysteries into the Chihuahuan Desert and includes a collaborative effort with Ruben Uriarte - NorCal Director of MUFON.

I have had the good fortune to present my research to the Institute of Noetic Sciences, IONS, MUFON - San Jose/Marin/Sonoma in California and has been interviewed on several radio shows including Shirley MacLaine on Independent Expressions, April 9th, 2017. On April 25th of 2017, I was interviewed by the top late night radio talk show host: George Noory of Coast-to-Coast AM Radio. Coast is a program of Premiere Networks and I-Heart Radio. Other radio interviews included Caravan to Midnight with Heather Wade, Spaced Out Radio and XZone.

Most recently, my presentations included Museums of Natural History in Los Angeles and Dallas, and to the Mineralogical Club of the Smithsonian Institute.

In 2020-2021, I was interviewed for two episodes for History Channel's Ancient Aliens, and UnXplained with William Shatner entitled "The Underground World".