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Quarterly Newsletter

Friends Of Petrified Forest National Park

PARK BASICS

Petrified Forest National Park:
An Insiders Guide To Exploration

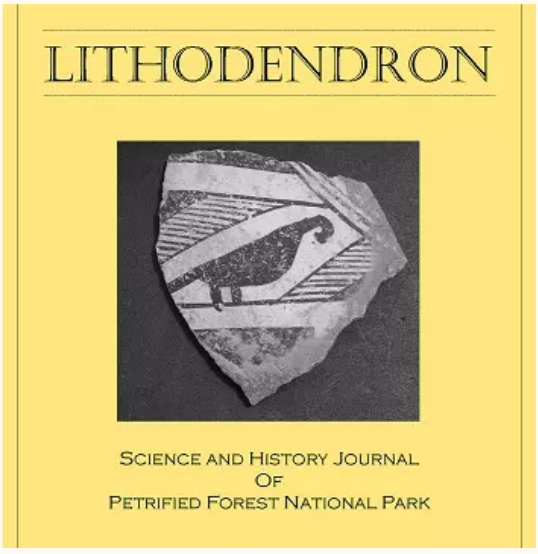


Are you looking to see Petrified Forest National Park in a different light? Try visiting the park during the late fall and winter months! As we prepare to face winter weather, the park will be blanketed with frost (and potentially snow) which enhances the colors displayed throughout the park.

This year's incoming winter weather may also bring more challenges for backcountry visitors. If you intend to hike during the winter months, be sure to come prepared for any weather, and be on the lookout for some of the park's wildlife!

Perhaps you are looking to explore the scientific advancements and discoveries made in the park? If so, check out the Lithodendron! The Lithodendron is the park's open-access, peer-reviewed scientific journal, sponsored by the park's Department of Science & Resource Stewardship. The journal was founded in 2023 and the inaugural volume was issued in 2024. Learn more by visiting this link:

https://www.nps.gov/pefo/learn/lithodendron-journal.htm



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PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Awe Inspiring Artwork

Petrified Forest National Park is renowned worldwide for its striking beauty and uniqueness. Artists have been collaborating with the park for years to express their connection, love and appreciation for such a beautiful place, and we are excited to have the opportunity to share these pieces with you!





Want to learn more about this artist? Visit his website here: https://www.photoguo.com/.
Are you interested in purchasing these pieces? Email us today!
info@friendsofpetrifiedforest.org

Left: These pieces were created by Beihua Guo, a previous an artist in residence at Petrified Forest National Park. These are being sold for $50 each.

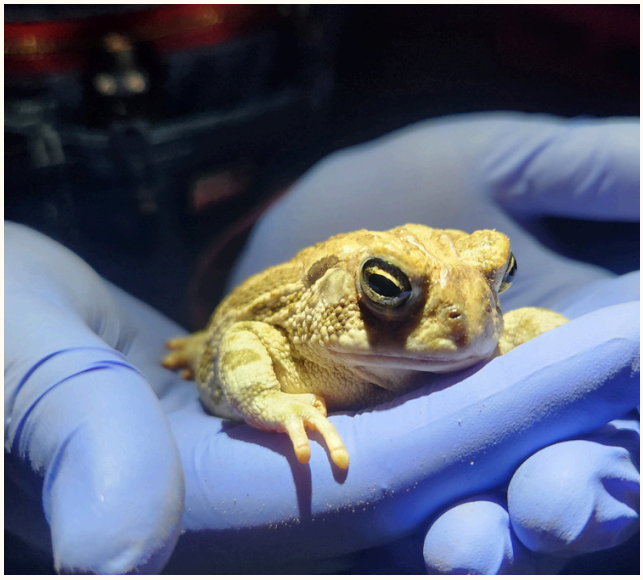
About the artist: Beihua Guo is a visual artist working in photography, video, and installation. He was born in Shanghai, China. Guo holds a BA in Studio Art and Environmental Analysis from Pitzer College and is currently pursuing an MFA in Studio Art (Photography, Video and Imaging) at the University of Arizona. Guo works across traditional and contemporary photographic processes to uncover histories of colonialism, extraction, and displacement embedded in the landscape. Other parts of his practice are quieter and more intuitive, drawing from Chinese philosophical traditions to explore solitude and perception.

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What Do We Stand For?

We are a small, dedicated non-profit group that supports the education and research at Petrified Forest National Park. How do we do this? By acquiring new equipment (like the microscope and 3D scanner we purchased) for the park's scientists as they discover and interpret previously unknown species of ancient forms of life, discoveries of global significance. We have also funded park interns in the sciences and education departments. We are told by park staff that these interns do invaluable work in advancing the scientific and educational mission of the park, and often these interns go on to have meaningful careers within their own science and education disciplines.





Our Mission:

To support Petrified Forest National Park as a natural and cultural resource for education, recreation, science and research; to help educate the public concerning ways to use and enjoy the Park while preserving its many wonders; and to promote science and research in the Park.

Would you like to support us and our cause, or directly contact us?

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