In 2015, with the help of $180,000 in support from Friends of Saguaro National Park, Saguaro National Park replaced the 55-year old interpretive exhibits in the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center with new, bilingual exhibits to help visitors understand the story of Saguaro National Park and appreciate the connection between people and place. Unlike the (newer) Red Hills Visitor Center in the Tucson Mountain District, the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center has no outdoor interpretive space where rangers can provide interpretive talks to visitors and school groups.

In 2017, with the help of $65,000 in support from Friends of Saguaro National Park, Saguaro National Park began designing the 2,500 square foot, year-round, fully accessible, outdoor program space next to the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center. The space will include a hardened surface, accessible benches, a shade structure, A/V equipment for assistive listening technology and an educational donor mural created by local artist Gail T. Roberts.

Now completed, the outdoor space will be used for daily interpretive programs, special events, demonstrations, hiking clubs and educational programs. The “outdoor classroom” will also provide the park’s one million annual visitors with spectacular views of the Rincon Mountains, which are not visible from any other location within the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center building.

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Superintendent’s Report

On behalf of the National Park Service and Saguaro National Park, thank you for your generous support of our fundraising partner, Friends of Saguaro. This year, the impact of your support has been truly amazing and funded; the innovative Next Generation Ranger Corps, teacher rangers, hiking clubs, improvement of recreational trails, buffelgrass control, ongoing high-elevation resource conservation projects, and environmental education programs for over 15,000 youth throughout southern Arizona.

Saguaro National Park is truly grateful of the partnership we have with Friends of Saguaro. They are transparent, accountable and careful stewards of your gifts. For the past ten years, they have been recognized as a “Top-Rated” nonprofit by GreatNonprofits.org and have maintained GuideStar Exchange Gold Participation recognition- distinctions achieved by less than 1% of all nonprofits nationwide. Our successful and truly impactful partnership is being used as a model for how other national parks and nonprofit fundraising groups can effectively collaborate.

The impact of your philanthropic support is evident every day and it allows the park to deliver a first-class experience for all visitors. Your commitment to help preserve, protect and enhance the fragile environment and unique cultural heritage of the Sonoran Desert at Saguaro National Park is truly appreciated.

Leah McGinnis

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Executive Director’s Report

Since 2015, Friends of Saguaro and Saguaro National Park have been working to complete a major renovation of the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center and upgrade the visitor experience at the park. I am happy to announce that with the completion of the Educational Patio in August, this four year project is now complete. This upgraded experience for the park’s one million annual visitors would not have been possible without the support and commitment from our donors.

In 2020, Saguaro National Park will begin work on the high-profile Saguaro Census. This study is conducted every ten years with the goal of providing a count of how many saguaros are in the park and information on their long-term health and vitality. The data from 2010 showed that Saguaro National Park has about 1.9 million saguaros. Please consider making a donation to Friends to support the 2020 Saguaro Census. Please visit www.nps.gov/sagu for more information.

The ability of Friends to help the Park depends on you – our donors, volunteers and advocates – and we are grateful for your support. Without your efforts, the park wouldn’t exist as we know it today. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to contact me directly at (520) 733-8610 or fosnp@friendsofsaguaro.org.

Thank you!

Fred Stula
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I want to purchase ____ raffle tickets (at $25/ticket or 5 tix for $100).
I understand that my contribution to Friends of Saguaro for the purchase of raffle tickets is NOT tax-deductible.

- Enclosed is my check payable to Friends of Saguaro National Park.
- Please charge my credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express)

Card # ___________________________________________________________ Exp Date ___________

Please provide your name, address and phone number below. Your raffle ticket(s) will be entered in the drawing, with the receipt(s) mailed back to you. Persons must be 21 years of age or older to win. The winner will be responsible for all taxes, registration, and travel to claim the vehicle. Purchase of tickets is NOT limited to Arizona residents and businesses. A maximum of 100,000 tickets will be sold. All raffle ticket entries must be received by December 6, 2019; the drawing will be held on December 13, 2019 and the winner need not be present to win.

Name _______________________________________________________________________________________
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Your phone number will NOT be added to any telemarketing list; it will ONLY be used for contacting you if you win.
The 21st Annual Dinner & Auction to benefit Saguaro National Park raised $64,000 to support our mission to help protect wildlife and habitat, preserve cultural resources, promote environmental education, improve recreational trails, enhance visitor experiences and build environmental stewardship at Saguaro National Park.

275 friends attended as we recognized and celebrated the amazing contributions of our loyal donors, committed volunteers and support from our community partners. This year we recognized; the Educational Patio donors (Tucson Electric Power, Diamond Ventures, Southwest Gas, Richard Schoen, Virginia Van Der Veer, The Spears Family, Friends of Volunteer Al Solomon, and Western National Parks Association), past Executive Director Bob Newtson, the seven Teacher Rangers who lead hikes for schools every month, the 736 individuals who volunteered at Saguaro National Park in 2018, the Cote Family and Tanque Verde Ranch, the individuals who volunteered to help keep Saguaro National Park clean during the longest government shutdown in history and our founding members; Chuck Conrad, Dottie Davis and Mort Tuller.

Remarks were made by Fred Stula, Executive Director for Friends, Lisa Harris, Board Chair.

**Patio** (continued from page 1)

The ground breaking ceremony took place on May 16th, construction was completed on August 26th, and the grand opening took place on October 14th to coincide with Saguaro National Park's 25th Anniversary (as a national park).

This project would not have been possible without the support from our donors, notably; Tucson Electric Power, Diamond Ventures, Southwest Gas, Richard Schoen, Virginia Van Der Veer, The Spears Family, Friends of Volunteer Al Solomon and Western National Parks Association.
for Friends and Leah McGinnis, Superintendent at Saguaro National Park. A local student band, the Mariachi Rayos del Sol from Tucson High School performed and Christine Sullivan served as the auctioneer.

This event was a success thanks to the generous support and commitment from our board members, donors, volunteers and community partners. Please visit our website to view the full list of gift donors.

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All adoption proceeds are placed in restricted accounts whose revenues are used exclusively to support wildlife and habitat research at the park. Utilizing our Adopt a Saguaro revenues, we’ve provided the park with more than $75,000 in the past several years to assist with the decennial saguaro census, support the PIT tag identification project, and protect native habitat by removing invasive buffelgrass. Utilizing our wildlife adoption revenues, we’ve provided the park with more than $65,000 in recent years to support Gila monster research, desert tortoise monitoring, bat surveys, and mountain lion and bobcat research.

Yes! I want to support the park with a tax-deductible donation by adopting a:

- Saguaro
- Mountain Lion
- Bobcat
- Black Bear
- Desert Tortoise
- Gila Monster
- Coyote
- Javelina

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2. **Make a donation** to FOSNP to support the projects and programs at SNP [www.friendsofsaguaro.org](http://www.friendsofsaguaro.org)

3. **Advocate** to protect and preserve Saguaro National Park [www.npca.org](http://www.npca.org)

4. **Sign-up** for the FOSNP e-newsletter

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