

Disappearing Frogs at FRANK Gallery



The Pine Barrens Treefrog, considered by many to be the most beautiful frog in the United States, became North Carolina's Official State Frog in 2013. Photo by Todd Pusser.

The world's frog population is disappearing and yet many of us know little about these amphibians' risk for extinction. A traveling art exhibition at FRANK Gallery in Chapel Hill, NC aims to change that, using art to illuminate this environmental issue.

Beginning February 7 through March 4 the [FRANK Gallery](#) hosts the [Disappearing Frogs Project](#), a regional effort that uses art as a vehicle to communicate to the public this important message: *Amphibians are critical to the health of our planet and ultimately to the health of humankind.*

Frogs are a visible and audible link to the well-being of our environment, and North Carolina's amphibian diversity is among the highest in the world. A recent study highlighted in the [Washington Post](#) cited the disappearance of about 200 frog species — mostly since 1970 — with the possibility of losing nearly 7 percent of frogs in the next century. Among the causes for the surge is the vulnerability of frogs to environmental factors, such as disease, invasive species and habitat loss.

Local and regional artwork will fill the exhibition space with distinctive pieces displayed from around the country and Canada. Mediums will include works on paper, photography, clay, jewelry, and more. All works will be available for sale with proceeds benefiting the [Amphibian Survival Alliance](#), (ASA).

Friday, February 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. you are invited to join us in the Community Outreach Gallery. Meet Terry Thirion, Artist and Founder of the Disappearing Frogs Project and learn more about what we're doing to illuminate the issues facing amphibians. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, February 18 beginning at 11:00 a.m. the gallery will host a unique children's art class featuring Durham native, [Bob Palmatier](#). Bob is a 30-year certified NC Environmental Educator/Naturalist/field researcher of NC native reptiles and amphibians and their habitats. He'll be bringing live frogs, toads and salamanders for the students to draw or paint. Two 60 minute classes will be offered. Advanced registration required. Nominal fee.

Thursday, February 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m. the gallery will host a special science talk with [Dustin Smith](#), Curator -Reptiles, Amphibians, Fish, & Invertebrates from the North Carolina Zoo. The NC Zoo is increasing its conservation efforts in support of critically endangered species. Dustin will discuss the North Carolina Zoo's amphibian conservation projects in North Carolina and Puerto Rico.

We look forward to seeing you in February at the [FRANK Gallery](#), 109 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Phone: 919.636.4135

Art. Awareness. Action – working together to make a change for amphibians worldwide.



In 2015 the Disappearing Frogs Project partnered with the [Amphibian Survival Alliance](#) (ASA). The goal of the partnership is to raise awareness of global amphibian declines, inspire people to take personal action to protect these incredible species, while also providing a unique opportunity for artists to support amphibian conservation, education, and research.

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