Le Bois Pétrifié

Manufacture of small furniture and decorative items from petrified wood

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For over 20 years, the company has been specialised in working with petrified wood, i.e. trees aged 225 million years entirely transformed into multi-coloured quartz, from the Arizona desert or from Madagascar.

Pieces of wood are first expertly selected from the source. Using this raw material, the company makes objects for interior decoration, tables, wall decorations or monumental items. It also carries out restoration work. The company is also specialised in fine-cutting (up to 2mm), to obtain a translucent effect.

The company's know-how is rare. Techniques for working with petrified wood are not formally taught. The work can be likened to working with stone. It is a very hard stone, namely quartz, which is harder than granite (only diamond can scratch it). The activity also requires training in working with resins to polish the item to perfection.

It takes around six hours to saw one square metre of fossilised
wood and a lot more to polish it and reveal the beauty of the picture hidden within for millions of years.

Each new trunk produces a unique result, depending on the porosity of the wood at the time it went into the soil and the circulation of oxides (iron gives red, copper gives blue, etc.).

The clientele consists mainly of private customers, along with companies and national museums. In parallel, the company works with designers and observes the artistic elements in its field.

The company exports to Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and Switzerland.

Mr Guillon holds the Master Craftsman title.