



*Grand Trees  
of Chatham*

*Grand Tree Awards 2018*

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The mission. . .

to increase public understanding and appreciation of Chatham County's valuable and irreplaceable trees.

- Education & Outreach
- Awareness Campaigns
- Awards Program

# Awards Program

- Citizen nominated trees
  - Champion
  - Historic
  - Landmark
  - Meritorious
- Trees are judged by board members, arborists and Foresters.
- Trees meeting criteria are awarded Grand Tree Status



# Meritorious Trees

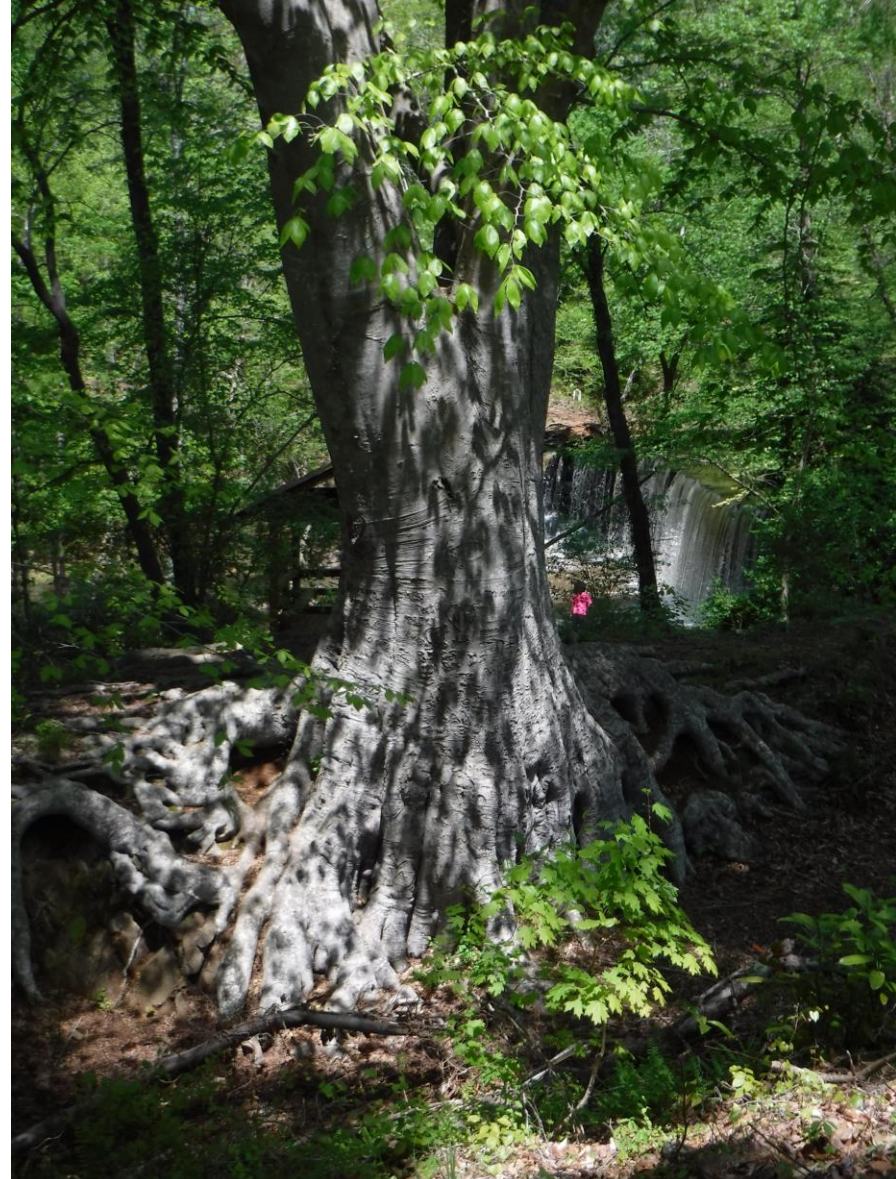
This category accommodates special trees in a variety of situations. Trees in this category may be potential future Champion, Historic, or Landmark Trees.

- Recently planted trees tied to a special place or event
- Plantings that illustrate exemplary selection of species, taxa, or cultivar suited to the site, proper planting techniques, or good maintenance practice
- Outstanding trees with exceptional shape, color or form
- Developer saved trees of excellent quality
- Special trees that have particular significance to our community.



# Historic Trees

- This category is for trees that are verifiably associated with some significant historical event or location.
- To be nominated, trees must be at least 50 years old.



# Landmark Trees

- Emphasis is on natural groupings or communities rather than individual trees. For example, a mature stand of maples or white pines may qualify for this category.



# St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Landmark Trees











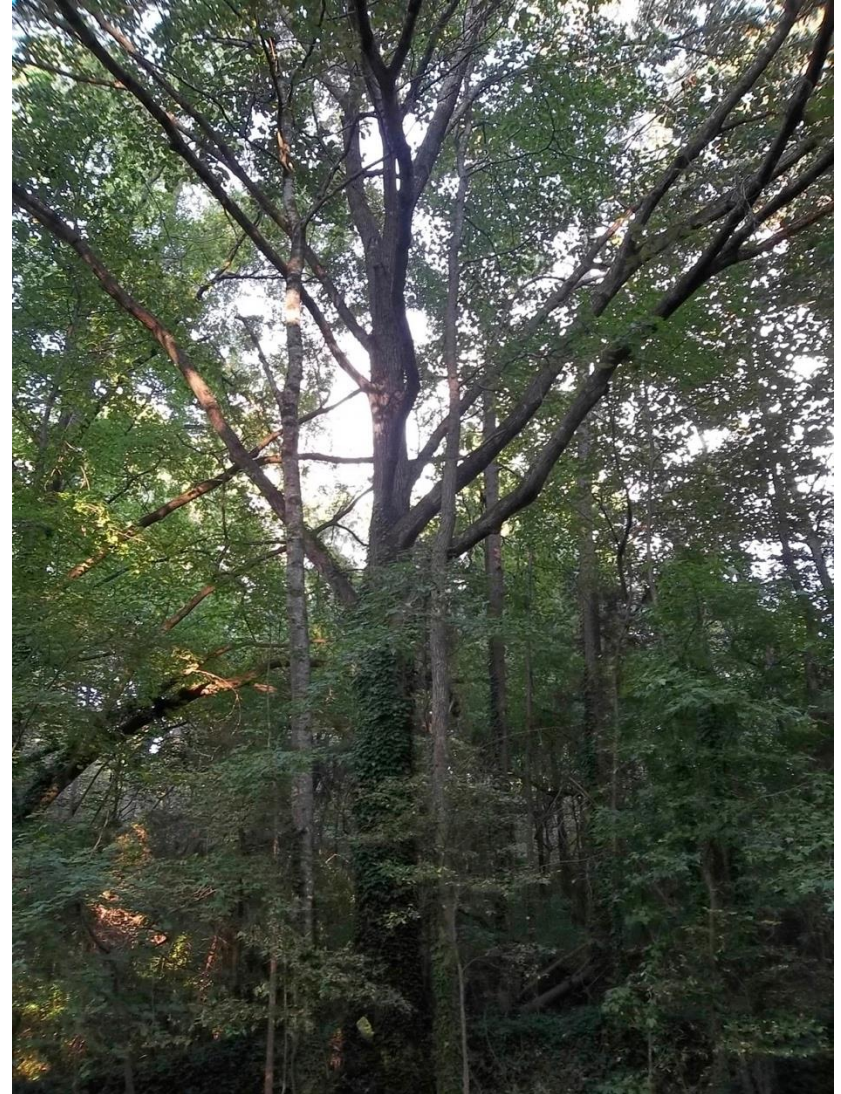






# County Champions

- County Champions are determined using the same methods as State Champions.
- County Champions must be more than 75% of a State Champion tree to be considered a County Champion.



# Post Oak (*Quercus stellata*)

243 points

Ms. Rachel J. Johnson



# Shortleaf Pine (*Pinus echinata*)

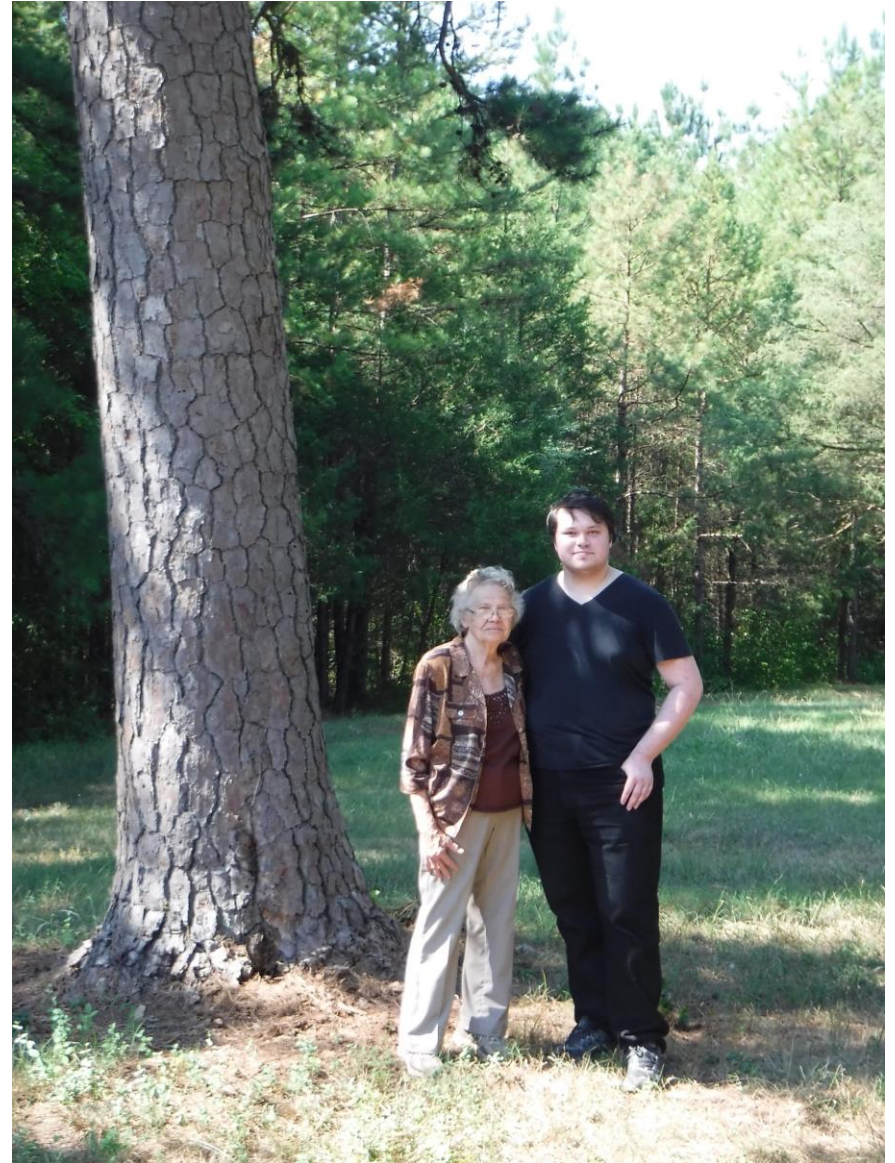
- The “Elder”
- 198 points: 86% of the State Champion
- Ms. Rachel J. Johnson





# Shortleaf Pine (*Pinus echinata*)

- The “Younger”
- 173 points: 77% of the State Champion
- Ms. Rachel J. Johnson



# Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*)

290 points

Ms. Shirley Lindley

The Grand Loblolly of Chatham County





# Thank You!



- Chatham County Board of Commissioners
- Chatham County Cooperative Extension (special thanks to Charlotte Glen, Brenda Talton, Tiffany Hancock, Matt Jones, Ginger Cunningham and Sam Groce)
- Chatham County Staff (special thanks to Debra Henzey and Lindsay Ray)
- GTOC Board Members and Volunteers
- Gary Simpson, photographer
- Tami McGraw, our Facebook Master
- Chatham County Libraries
- Triangle Land Conservancy
- Pittsboro Toys (Samantha Birchard)
- Starbucks Coffee (Chatham Downs)
- Chatham News and Record
- All the people who buy our yearly calendar
- NC Division of Forest Resources and NC Urban & Community Forestry Program
- And especially those people who nominate their trees!



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**Tell us about your favorite tree!**

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