Grand Trees of Chatham

Grand Tree Awards 2017

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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



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.



Triangle Land Conservancy

White Pines Nature Preserve





Lee Calhoun Heirloom Southern Apple Orchard



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

William E. Johnson Grand Southern Magnolia of Chatham County



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.



Southern Sugar Maple (Acer

saccharum)

- 258 points
- The Bair Family



Shagbark Hickory (Carya ovata)

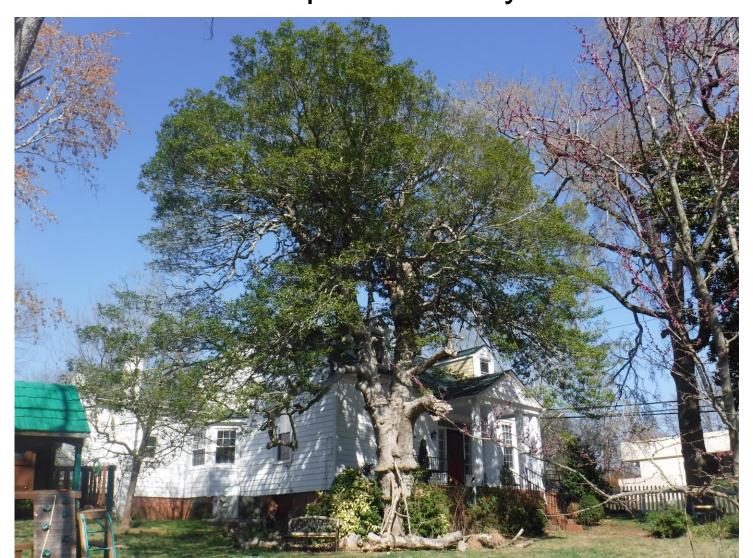
280 points Ron, Beau, Zeke and Finn Weathers





This tree is now recognized as a North Carolina State Champion Shagbark Hickory!

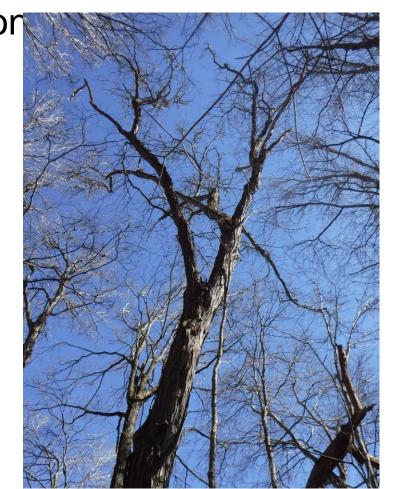
American Holly (Ilex opaca) 170 points
Champion Tree and Grand American Holly of Chatham
The Shepherd Family



Honey Locust

(Gleditsia triacanthos) 215 points

Triangle Land





American Hornbeam

(Carpinus caroliniana) 93 points

Triangle Land Conservancy



Thank You!

- NC Division of Forest Resources and NC Urban & Community Forestry Program
- Chatham Board of Commissioners
- Chatham County Cooperative Extension (special thanks to Sam Groce, Charlotte Glen, Al Cooke, Ms. Tripp and Brenda Talton)
- GTOC Board Members and Volunteers
- Gary Simpson, photographer
- Chatham County Libraries
- Triangle Land Conservancy
- Pittsboro Toys (Samantha Birchard)
- Starbucks Coffee (Chatham Downs)
- All the people who buy our yearly calendar
- And especially those people who nominate their trees!



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Tell us about your favorite tree!

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