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MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE BENCHES AND TREES

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UNC CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

A memorial or tribute gift is a thoughtful way to remember a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or honor a person's life and accomplishments. Your gift to UNC Charlotte, made in honor of or in memory of this special person, extends the impact of their legacy.

When making your gift, please mention the name of the person you are honoring with your gift. If you would like UNC Charlotte to notify the honoree or a family member, please also indicate the name and address of the individual to be notified when making your gift.

A portion of your gift will be used to support the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Donor Relations.

Memorial Opportunities at UNC Charlotte

If you are interested in dedicating a memorial or tribute on campus, please see the options below:

- Botanical Garden Memorials:
 - To dedicate a memorial bench, picnic table, or tree within the UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens, please contact Jeff Gillman at jgillman@charlotte.edu. Jeff will assist you in selecting a meaningful location within the Gardens. Information specific to Botanical Garden Memorials can be found on the last page of this document.
- Campus Memorials (outside the Botanical Gardens):
 - For memorial benches or trees elsewhere on campus, please reach out to the Office of Donor Relations at donorrelations@charlotte.edu. Our team will collaborate with you and our landscape architect to identify a special location on campus for your memorial or tribute.

Campus Memorial and Tribute Benches

Both useful and graceful, benches are built to endure and provide perpetual campus tributes and memorials for members of the Niner Nation family. A plaque with a personalized inscription is included for display on each bench. Site selection is conducted in consultation with the donor, the family, and the University.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Pricing Information:
 - Bench (plaque included): \$5,000.00
 - Some bench locations will require the installation of a brick paver. Depending on location, it will cost an additional \$5,000-\$6,500 to install the paver.
- Plaque Inscription Information:
 - Maximum of 4 lines
 - Maximum of 24 characters on each line (includes symbols and spaces)



Campus Memorial and Tribute Trees

Memorial and tribute trees are a wonderful way to remember family and friends who hold a special place in your life. Memorial and tribute gifts also provide a meaningful way to celebrate special occasions and anniversaries. A plaque with a personalized inscription is available for display near each tree. Site selection is conducted in consultation with the donor, the family, and the University.

UNC Charlotte offers several species of trees for locations on campus, which can be found on the following pages.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Pricing Information:**
 - Trees: \$300
 - Shrubs: \$60
 - Plaque: \$450
- **Plaque Inscription Information:**
 - Plaque Size: 4" x 6"
 - Maximum of 4 lines
 - Maximum of 24 characters on each line (includes symbols and spaces)



Campus Tree Species

There are several species of trees available to select from to honor your loved one. These species include: Bald Cypress, Carolina Silverbell, Flowering Dogwood, Saucer Magnolia, Sourwood, Sugar Maple, White Oak, Kousa Dogwood, Eastern Redbud, Shumard Oak, and Nutall Oak. In addition, we are able to accommodate most shrub varieties.

UNC Charlotte sources its trees from local nurseries in North Carolina. While trees may be purchased at any time, they can only be planted during their dormant phase, which is typically between November and March.

Please note, all tree varieties are subject to availability and chosen location. Pricing is subject to change based on local nurseries.

Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)

Bald Cypress is a long-lived, pyramidal conifer (cone-bearing tree), which grows 100-120 feet tall. It is one of the longest living trees in the world and its rings hold years of climate data.

The roots grow knobby, conical "knees" that rise up from the ground. Wood ducks eat the seeds, as well as wild turkey, evening grosbeak, squirrels, waterfowl, and wading birds. Cypress domes provide cover for frogs, toads, and salamanders. Spanish moss is often found hanging on the branches and provides food for yellow-throated warblers.

This tree has inspired much poetry and prose over the centuries due to its melancholy and mysterious appearance. Longfellow refers to its "towering and tenebrous boughs" that "waved like banners that hang on the walls of ancient cathedrals" in his 1847 poem, *Evangeline*. It is the state tree of Louisiana.



Carolina Silverbell (*Halesia carolina*)



The Carolina Silverbell's genus name honors the Reverend Stephen Hales (1677-1761), an English physiologist, chemist, and inventor. *Halesia carolina*, or Carolina Silverbell, is a native North Carolina flowering tree in the Styracaceae family that is most commonly found in the Great Smoky Mountains, but extends throughout the mountain regions and into the upper Piedmont.



The tree rarely reaches more than 80 feet in height with a trunk diameter of two feet. Large trees can have dramatic, leaning, twisting trunks. The tree will bloom when it is only a few years old and its life expectancy is up to 100 years.

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

Flowering Dogwood is known and admired for its display of large, white or pink bracts that emerge before the leaves in early spring and surround small, inconspicuous, clusters of green flowers. The Dogwood flower is the state flower of North Carolina.

The tree's fruits are eaten by songbirds, ruffed grouse, quail, wild turkey, chipmunks, foxes, white-tailed deer, and squirrels. This plant was used for medicinal purposes by Native Americans, as well as for carvings, looms, and disinfectants.



Saucer Magnolia (*Magnolia soulangeana*)

Bred by Soulange-Bodin in the 1820s, by 1840 the Saucer Magnolia was coveted by gardeners around the world. Today, the Saucer Magnolia is still one of the most popular trees in the U.S. and Europe.

Wildlife uses larger branches of the tree as nesting sites, and seeds are eaten by a variety of birds. The Saucer Magnolia produces honeydew that bees love.



Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboretum*)

A native tree of North America, the Sourwood is one of the few endemic trees that is not found in other continents unless planted and has no related species. The name Sourwood is derived from the acrid taste of its leaves, but tea made from these leaves is widely used by mountain climbers as a thirst-quencher. The best-known by-product of the Sourwood tree is the hard-to-find and extremely delicious honey that bees produce from its fragrant blossoms.



Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

The Sugar Maple is a large tree with a rounded, dense crown and striking, multicolored foliage in autumn. Sugar maple's landscape size is 60-75 ft. The bark is smooth in youth, becoming quite shaggy with age. Its straight, central trunk, wide-spreading branches, and pointed crown are all attractive landscape characteristics but are less noted than the species' brilliant red, yellow, and orange fall foliage. One of the best of the larger shade trees, the Sugar Maple is Canada's national tree, as represented by the "maple leaf" on its flag.



White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

Oaks are slow-growing and long-lived, with exceptionally hard wood. White Oaks are known for their horizontal limbs and magnificent spread. The acorns are one of the best sources of food for wildlife and are gathered, hoarded, and eaten by birds, deer, and rodents. Its leaf buds are also eaten by several bird species, and all parts of the tree are a favorite food for deer. The White Oak forever earned its place in history books when it was combined with other oak lumber to build the famous USS Constitution.



Kousa Dogwood (*Cornus kousa*)



The Kousa Dogwood is a small-to-medium sized tree, reaching a mature height of 30 feet. This tree is a cousin to the flowering dogwood, varying in bloom time, fruit structure, and bark texture. Depending on the age of the tree, the Kousa takes on a different appearance. While vase-shaped in their youth, as the Kousa matures it develops horizontal branching, a rounded form, and becomes more wide-spreading.

The Kousa Dogwood flowers in May. It has berries that resemble raspberry fruit in autumn. The fall leaf color is reddish-purple to scarlet and lasts 3 to 5 weeks. In the winter, the peeling bark on mature tree trunks has an attractive mottled appearance. These trees have a slow growth rate and prefer a sunny location; however, they are also tolerant to moderate shade.



Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

The Eastern Redbud is a deciduous, ornamental tree that is native to eastern North America. It can grow up to 20-30 feet tall and 25-35 feet wide. The Eastern Redbud is a flowering tree that blooms before its leaves appear. In early spring, clusters of beautiful rose-pink to light purple flowers mature and attract many pollinators including butterflies and bees. In the winter, the Eastern Redbud's leaves fall below the branches, maintaining their shape and transitioning to a light orange-brown color. The tree is alternately branched with slender, zig-zagging branches. This tree can tolerate full sun or part shade and grows perfectly on our campus.



Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*)

The Shumard Oak is a large deciduous tree in the red oak group. When young, this beautiful tree has a pyramidal shape and develops a more open and rounded crown at maturity. This tree can reach 70 feet in height and 40 feet wide. The Shumard Oak is a relatively fast growing and adaptable plant.

In the spring, the tree blooms green flowers and has green leaves. In the fall, the leaves turn a red-burgundy color. At about 25 years of age, the tree produces oblong-ovoid acorns. The bark is characterized as thick, grayish, and smooth and becomes a darker gray and furrowed with age.



Nuttall Oak (*Quercus texana*)

The Nuttall Oak is a beautiful, large shade tree of the oak family. It is a deciduous tree that can grow up to 80 feet tall and 50-60 feet wide. At maturity, the tree is stately with a narrow, rounded canopy.

The leaves are a lovely dark green color most of the year and transition to a brilliant red to red-orange color in the fall. In the winter, the bare tree provides intricate branching patterns. At two years of age, the Nuttall Oak produces oval acorns that attract birds and small mammals.



Shrub Varieties

We can accommodate most shrub varieties on our campus. We've included a few of these options below. Please share your preferences with our team and we will assist you in determining a variety that is most suitable for your chosen location.

Camellia Sasanqua

The Camellia Sasanqua's bloom color can be white, shell pink, rose, or cherry red. This camellia blooms during the late fall and winter, making it the focal point of a landscape at a time when many other plants enter dormancy.



Camellia Japonica

The Camellia Japonica's bloom color ranges from white to all shades of pink and red. Flower size ranges from 2-5 inches in diameter. Depending upon the variety, flowering may start as early as October and finish as late as mid-March.



Hydrangeas

The Hydrangea is a genus of more than 70 species of flowering plants native to Asia and the Americas. We are able to accommodate most color and size preferences on our campus.



Azaleas

Azaleas have an upright, open spreading habit. Large showy flower trusses explode in the spring with a wide variety of vibrant colors. We are able to accommodate most color and shape preferences on our campus.



Botanical Garden Memorials

The Botanical Gardens provide a serene and meaningful setting to honor loved ones. Several options are available for tribute and remembrance. Memorial benches and picnic tables may be dedicated in celebration of anyone—living or deceased—while memorial trees, located within the peaceful Van Landingham Glen, are reserved for honoring those who have passed.

MEMORIAL BENCHES

- Pricing Information:
 - Bench (plaque included): \$5,000.00
- Plaque Inscription Information:
 - Maximum of 4 lines
 - Maximum of 24 characters on each line (includes symbols and spaces)
 - Wording on the plaque will be at the discretion of the individual(s) dedicating the bench with memorial committee approval.

MEMORIAL PICNIC TABLE

- Pricing Information:
 - Picnic Table (plaque included): \$4,000.00
- Plaque Inscription Information:
 - Maximum of 4 lines
 - Maximum of 24 characters on each line (includes symbols and spaces)
 - Wording on the plaque will be at the discretion of the individual(s) dedicating the bench with memorial committee approval.

MEMORIAL TREES

- Pricing Information:
 - Tree: \$350.00
- Those wishing to honor a departed loved one will have the opportunity to select any non-labeled existing tree in the Van Landingham Glen for dedication. New trees will not be planted.
- The selected tree will receive an engraved black metal label, mounted on a treated wooden post. Labels will include the scientific name of the tree, the common name, and the person who the tree memorializes.
- A webpage will be created for each memorial and will include information about the tree and personal tributes from loved ones.