



Dundas Valley Tree Keepers' HERITAGE TREE HUNT Nomination Form



PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH TREE THAT YOU ARE NOMINATING

Your name *(Please print all information clearly)*: _____

Your address (house #, street name, town/City):

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

PLEASE TELL US AS MUCH AS YOU CAN ABOUT THE TREE THAT YOU ARE NOMINATING:

Location: my property park, school, cemetery, roadside conservation area
 another property *(Please let the owner know that you are nominating their tree.)*

Address or location of nominated tree:

front yard back/side yard street tree

other location *(Please provide details below if the tree is not on your own property. For example, give the house # & street name; name of park, school or cemetery; name of conservation area & trail name; creek name; GPS coordinates):*

Complete the information below as best you can. Don't worry if you can't provide all of this information. A DVTK volunteer may contact you to examine the tree and complete the information.

Category *(from the list on page 2 of this form)* or state why this is your favourite tree:

I am attaching a story about the tree. ← Age group: child adult

I am attaching a photograph of the tree

Type of tree: _____

Measurement around the trunk at chest height: _____ cm or _____ inches

Approximate age of the tree: _____

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The Heritage Tree Hunt is being organized by the Dundas Valley Tree Keepers (DVTK), with support from Environment Hamilton. The DVTK is a group of community volunteers who are passionate about the trees of the Dundas Valley, an area endowed with a large number and variety of trees in both urban and rural settings.

The Heritage Tree Hunt aims to identify important local trees and to make us all more aware of these community treasures. A heritage tree can be any tree that you treasure for its beauty, form, colour, place in history, flower, fruit, ecological importance, association with special memories, or because it provides a special spot to relax or play.

Nominations

Entry deadline: September 15th, 2009. To nominate a tree, please complete the form on the other side of this page and drop it at the Carnegie Gallery (10 King St. West, Dundas) or The Dundas Museum & Archives (139 Park St. West, Dundas) or mail it to Heritage Tree Hunt, PO Box 89002, 991 King St. West, Hamilton, ON, L8S 4R5 or send it by Fax to 905-628-6101. There are no limits on the number of trees that an individual may nominate and no cost to enter the contest.

Nominations, supporting documents and photos received become the property of the DVTK and will not be returned to the nominator.

Nominated trees may be examined by volunteers from the DVTK to record detailed information about the tree (species, height, trunk diameter, canopy width, condition).

Judging

A panel of experts will judge entries. The property owner may be required give the DVTK permission to enter the property for the purpose of measuring, judging or photographing the tree.

Categories

Trees will be categorized as:

- Native tree (e.g., American basswood, silver maple, red maple, sugar maple, white pine, hickory, black walnut, oak, tulip tree, American beech)
- Rare tree (e.g., cucumber magnolia, Kentucky coffee tree, American elm, chinquapin oak)
- Large tree (wide &/or tall)
- Tree with distinct form
- Group of trees (pair, row, grove or collection of trees)
- Flowering tree
- Tree with outstanding fall colour } *Include a photograph of the blossom or fall colour if you have one.*
- Historical landmark *
- Tree with a story (related to you, your family, the neighbourhood or local history) *
- Kid-friendly tree (a tree that is good to play in, under or around) *

** Please tell us about the tree. Did something historical happen around it? Does it fit prominently into your family history? Did it survive unusual odds? Is it a great climbing tree?*

Awards

Prizes will be awarded for the best trees in each category and overall. Winning entries will be announced at a public celebration in October 2009. Names of winners and pictures of the winning trees may be published, with permission.

To learn more about the DVTK and the Heritage Tree Hunt, or to obtain more nomination forms, visit our web site at www.dundastrees.ca or call the co-ordinator at 905-628-3707.