



## HOW TO DEDICATE A MEMORIAL TREE

One creates a living memorial by dedicating a tree within the Arboretum. You are invited to make your dedication by either adopting an existing tree or purchasing and planting a tree from the approved list. If you choose to plant a tree you must pledge to maintain the tree and ground around it. This is most important in the first few years when the tree is getting established. In addition, the cost and mounting of the memorial plaque is the responsibility of the person adopting or planting a tree. Guidelines will be provided to assure a uniform appearance and if needed a Master Gardener volunteer can assist you. The current vender for plaques is Olde Town Awards and Engraving located on 912 Center Street NW, Conyers. The cost is under \$30.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-20 take exit #82 and head east on Hwy 138 (~ 3.7 miles.) Turn right on Olympic Parkway (~ 2 miles.) Then right on Gee's Mill Rd. Take the next left onto Mane St. Watch for sign on right after an open green space.

SAMPLE LIST OF APPROVED TREES	
<u>LATIN NAME</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>
Acer rubrum	Red Maple
Acer buergeranum	Trident Maple
Acer palmatum	Japanese Maple
Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry
Quercus michauxii	Swamp Chestnut Oak
Quercus acutissima	Sawtooth Oak
Quercus nigra	Water Oak
Quercus stellata	Post Oak
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak
Cercis canadensis	Redbud
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech
Ginkgo biloba	Maidenhair Tree
Carya glabra	Pignut Hickory
Liriodendron tulipifera	Yellow Poplar
Cornus kousa	Kousa Dogwood
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood
Sambucus canadensis	Elderberry
Aesculus glabra	Ohio Buckeye
Thuja occidentalis	Emerald Green Arborvitae
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar
Pinus taeda	Loblolly Pine
Pinus palustris	Long Needle Pine
Taxodium distichum	Bald Cypress
Morus rubra	Red Mulberry
Sassafras albidum	Sassafras Tree
Betula nigra	River Birch
Halesia carolina	Carolina Silver Bell
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon Tree
Ulmus americana	American Elm
Zelkova serrata	Japanese Zelkova
Cryptomeria japonica	Japanese Cryptomeria
Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore Tree
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern Magnolia
Magnolia soulangiana	Saucer Magnolia
Magnolia ashei	Ash Magnolia
Carya cordiformis	Bitternut Hickory
Myrica cerifera	Wax Myrtle

## RCMGEV Memorial Arboretum

### Tree Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Tree \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle: **Adopt** or **Plant**

Dedicated to: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ARBORETUM STANDARDS AGREEMENT

- I/we commit to general clean-up and maintenance around the tree/bush, (approximately a 20 foot radius.)
- I/we agree to use the type of plaque and mounting established by guidelines.
- I/we agree to plant only approved trees.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact the Rockdale Co. Extension Office 770-278-7373 or Cesare Matrundola 770-918-0833 for Assistance and Application Approval.

Committee approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# VISITING THE MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Arboretum is Latin for “garden of trees,” a serene retreat where the sounds of nature replace those of traffic and noise. Here we come to reflect and celebrate the lives of those we have known and loved.



Walk the trails which meander through the five plus acres of native trees.

Sit on a bench and meditate.



Read the plaques honoring loved ones. Signage also identifies the approximately 37 species of trees that make up the garden.



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GARDEN

The Rockdale County Master Gardeners' Memorial Arboretum was started in 2005 due to the inspiration and unwavering hard work of Master Gardener Cesare Matrundola.

The City of Conyers has generously given a long term lease on over five acres within the Georgia International Horse Park to the Rockdale Co. Master Gardener Association (RCMGA) with the understanding that member volunteers would clear underbrush, establish paths and manage the process under which memorial plaques are dedicated and maintained. Currently there are over 50 trees that stand with a memorial plaque of honor. This is an ongoing labor of love requiring monthly workdays throughout the year.

## WHAT DO MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS DO?

The mission of Georgia Master Gardener Program is to assist the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service to provide research based horticultural information to the community. All Master Gardeners are trained and VOLUNTEER to work on various community gardening projects. The Memorial Arboretum is only one of the many projects in the community the Master Gardeners Extension Volunteers (MGEV) in Rockdale are involved with.



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## WELCOME TO



## THE ROCKDALE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS' MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Located in the  
Georgia International Horse Park  
Conyers, Georgia

