

## **Fairhope Tree Committee & Wisteria Garden Club Treasured Tree Program**

The Fairhope Tree Committee and the Wisteria Garden Club invite Fairhope property owners to nominate their trees for inclusion in Fairhope's Treasured Trees Program. The program aims to recognize private property owners in the city who protect the large trees, which contribute greatly to Fairhope's beautiful landscape. Trees recognized as a Treasured Tree are still the responsibility of the homeowner and are not regulated in anyway by the City of Fairhope or the Wisteria Garden Club. The sponsors will record pertinent information and supply a program certificate to the owners for each tree meeting the criteria listed below. Additionally, the sponsors will provide a plaque or sign identifying the largest specimen of each tree species nominated and will be recognized on Arbor Day.

### **Criteria for Fairhope's Treasured Trees are as follows:**

A person may nominate only trees on their own property.

\*Oak trees must have trunks at 125 inches in circumference or to 40 inches in diameter, at 4 ½ feet above the ground . Other tree species must have 70% of the point value of the current Alabama State Champion. Point values are determined by using the National Big Tree formula of "circumference in inches at 4 ½ feet, height in feet, one quarter of the crown spread in feet". Example: "A tree is 60" in circumference, 50" in height and 40' in crown spread" ---  $60 + 50 + 10 = 120$  pts.---- Estimates of measurements are welcome. Current list of state champions may be viewed on the Alabama Forestry Commission website.

\*Trees must be in reasonably good healthy and expected to survive 10 years or longer to be nominated.

\*Representatives from the Fairhope Tree Committee will examine and measure each tree nominated to make sure the tree meets all the criteria.

For more information on the program, call Harriet Gutknecht with the Wisteria Garden Club at 990-7968. Forms may be mailed to Harriet Gutknecht, 109 Echo Lane, Fairhope, AL 36532

## FAIRHOPE'S Treasured Trees Nomination Form

Owner's name, address & telephone number:

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Physical address where tree is located:

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Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_

(Give common name & scientific name if known to nominator)

Circumference in inches \_\_\_\_\_

Height in feet (only for non-oaks) \_\_\_\_\_

Crown spread in feet (only for non-oaks):

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(Measure to the nearest inch at 4 1/2 feet above the ground)

**NOTE:** *Oak trees must be at least 125 inches in circumference and trees of other species must have 70% of the point value of the current Alabama State Champion. The trees also must be in good enough health to be expected to live for at least another 10 years.*

Verification: (to be completed by a representative of the Fairhope Tree Committee)

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Circumference (inches): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Height (feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Crown spread (feet): longest \_\_\_\_\_ shortest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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Examiner's Signature:

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**The Treasured Trees Program is sponsored by the Fairhope Tree  
Committee and the Wisteria Garden Club**