

Marietta's Trees



Black Walnut



Butternut



Black Walnut



Pin Oaks



Black Walnuts



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Basswood



Pear



Paper Mulberry



Dogwood



R/C



Pecan



Pecan



Black Cherry



Holly

Boxwood Hedge

Pecans



County Champion Pecan



Holly



Pears



Osage Orange



Star Magnolia



Pin Oak

County Champ

Dawn Redwood

Weeping Cherry



Red Maple



Norway Maple



Silver Maple

Pitch Pine



White Oak



Parking

Black Walnut



Bamboo

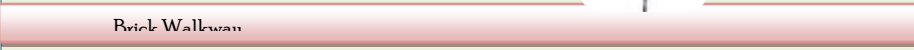


Black Walnut



Parking Lot

Black Walnut



Brick Walkway



Mansion



Wing



Driveway

History of the Champion Tree List

The nation's first big champion tree list was started in Maryland by the Maryland Forest Association in 1925. At that time, there were 450 trees nominated state-wide. Following Maryland's lead, several other states compiled their own champion tree list. Then, in 1940 the American Forestry Association began the "National Big Tree List" to identify the largest trees in the United States. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources

maintains a list of Maryland's state champion trees.



The Prince George's County champion tree contest began in 1986 in honor of Arbor Day by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Since that time, over

400 trees of many different species have been nominated for Prince George's County tree championship.

The formula for measuring champion trees is: Total Points = Circumference in inches + Height in feet + 25% of the average crown spread. To qualify as a champion, the specimen must have a single stem or trunk for at least four and one-half feet above the ground and a total height of at least fifteen feet.

There are two county tree champions on the grounds of Marietta;

Pecan (pictured at right)
Carya illinoensis
12' 6" 109' 110' 287
M-NCPPC Property - Marietta

Redwood, Dawn (front photo)
Metasequoia glyptostroboides
9' 97' 6" 48 218
MNCPPC Property - Marietta



Marietta's Bamboo Stand

The bamboo at Marietta was planted by the last private owners of the house, Paul and Margaret Scherer in the late 1940's or early 1950's. At that time, there was a community planting initiated by George Darrow who worked at the United States Department of Agriculture Plant Induction Station on Old Pond Road. The variety of bamboo is *Phyllostachys nuda* which was introduced into the United States from China in 1908.

Phyllostachys nuda is of the clumpier type of bamboo that does not spread rapidly and can be fairly easily controlled. This type of bamboo produces new tree shoots once a year in late Spring. It will grow to a full height of about 30 feet and can live for about four years.



Marietta, circa 1813, was constructed for Gabriel Duvall, an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Along with the handsome, Federal-style brick home, Justice Duvall's law office and the original root cellar remain..

The property now consists of 25 acres of lawn and woodlands, and the grounds

boast two County Champion trees and lovely old boxwood. The Society of Maren Duvall Descendants has relocated the family graveyard from its original location to the serene surroundings at Marietta.



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