A few examples of the beautiful trees available for sponsorship
Why Sponsor a Tree?
A Sponsored tree:
Is a living memorial or celebratory tribute. Trees live longer than we do. They reflect qualities humanity aspires to achieve. Trees are resilient to stress, adaptable to change and majestic in form. They are fundamentally important to all life on earth, contributing in magnificent ways to our environmental, social and emotional health and often do so in ways that are humble, quiet and not always adorned with the bold or showy appearance we might expect for such a grand contributor. Celebrate and remember! Sponsor a tree today!

It is difficult to realize how great a part of all that is cheerful and delightful in the recollections of our own life is associated with trees.
~Wilson Flagg

A sponsored tree also provides the means for continuing arboretum programs including tree planting, student educational projects and research. These funds promote ongoing environmental conservation research for urban landscapes and also perpetuate the distribution of educational resources in support of tree care and environmental stewardship. Planting a tree is a truly a gift that keeps on giving and a grand gesture of altruism.

The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.
~Nelson Henderson

Which Trees Can Be Sponsored?
Any tree growing on the main UA campus that is not already sponsored is eligible to be sponsored. As of 2011, all trees and some shrubs are accessioned. Most existing trees are sponsored at $500 but special collections trees can be sponsored for $1000 - $5000. Special collections trees include the Citrus Allee ($1000), the Historic Olive trees on Olive Walk ($2000) and the Stately Palms on the UA Mall ($3000). Trees classified as Heritage Trees are also available for sponsorship ($5000). See the website for a complete list of Heritage trees [http://arboretum.arizona.edu](http://arboretum.arizona.edu)

Official policies for donations and sponsorship are outlined in the Donations Policies and accompanying documents for donors. This document is intended to introduce tree sponsorship opportunities and describe sample tree sponsorship opportunities available within the UA Campus Arboretum.
Brahea armata
Mexican blue fan palm

**Location:**

Nestled in a quiet courtyard on the eastern side of the Forbes Agriculture building.

**Notes and characteristics:**

Breathtaking 30ft tall palms with silvery blue fronds from Baja, California. The pendulous inflorescence produces creamy yellow and brightly fragrant flowers which hang from the tree’s crown almost to the ground. The blue fan palm creates the appearance of the tropics in the desert by tolerating the sometimes brutal extremes of heat, drought and even freezing conditions.
**Pinus halepensis**  
Allepo pine

**Location:**

One of a group of magnificent Allepo pines on the Western lawn of Old Main overlooking the U of A fountain

**Notes and characteristics:**

You might not guess that this Mediterranean evergreen tree is believed to be the species used as the first Christmas tree as its young pyramidal crown becomes open and rounded with age with massive lateral branches. Growing to a height of 60’, Allepo pines quickly become overstory trees, towering over the usual low growing vegetation in our urban desert and providing wonderful shade year round.
**Location:**

One of two trees flanking the entrance to the Arizona State Museum inside the University’s main gate.

**Notes and characteristics:**

The calamondin lime is a small cultivated tree growing to a Mature size of up to 25’ tall. It is a hybrid resulting from a cross Between a kumquat and a mandarin orange. As a result, it is one of the most cold-hardy citrus. It’s delicate size, wonderfully fragrant blossoms and large, green foliage make this an appealing landscape selection for populated areas where visitors can enjoy this tree’s attributes up close.
**Location:**

One of a few blue palo verde between the Main Gate and Old Main, a nod to the native vegetation originally planted here 27 years before Arizona gained statehood and later made this its state tree.

**Notes and characteristics:**

As it’s scientific name suggests, this tree is notable for its breathtaking display of flowers! The first to bloom among the palo verdes, the entire canopy is showered with yellow pea-like blossoms in the late spring. The bark is normally green and the foliage has a bluish cast in striking contrast to the yellow blooms. Further, as a desert native it is very cold hardy and drought tolerant. We appreciate it as a striking specimen plant alone or in groves and the filtered shade they provide.
**Location:**

This Afghan pine is located in the center of The Women’s Plaza of Honor adjacent fragrant citrus, eucalyptus and pomegranate trees.

**Notes and characteristics:**

This pine has a true central leader which gives it a more symmetrical and formal, pyramidal form that becomes only slightly more rounded and open when mature. It is one of the best pines for the desert as it tolerates heat and freezing temperatures into the single digits and requires little water.
**Prunus caroliniana**
Carolina cherry

**Location:**
This recently planted young tree graces the small garden in front of the Arizona State Museum South.

**Notes and characteristics:**
The Carolina cherry is a beautiful, medium sized ornamental tree that grows up to 40’ tall and 20’ wide. Although it is often used as a hedge in Europe, ours is trained as a single-trunk tree. The glossy green leaves, upright form and creamy, white flowers borne on pendulous racemes, are the most visible assets for this tree. However, we also recognize its impressive tolerance to environmental conditions and ability to vigorously resprout when damaged or cut back to the ground. Both the twigs and the fruit have the wonderful fragrance of Marachino cherries or almond extract. The fruit, which persists on the stems throughout the winter, also makes this tree a friend to the avian residents of Tucson.
**Quercus virginiana**
Live oak

**Location:**

In front of the Communications Building in the Historic Preservation District on the Original 40 acres of the University of Arizona campus.

**Notes and characteristics:**

A majestic specimen with a broad rounded canopy, the live oak suggests longevity and provides a stately grace in the landscape. This large tree grows to 60’ tall and equally wide. Broadleaf evergreens are rare in the Southwest so the glossy, dark green leaves are a welcome addition in the desert. The stems, when mature reveal a lovely pale grey color through cracks in the dark bark which some say looks like exotic “Alligator skin”.
**Location:**

On the lawn in front of the beautiful and historic Arizona State Museum
Just inside the University’s Main Gate

**Notes and characteristics:**

One of the first of its kind to be introduced to the American Southwest from North Pretoria, South Africa by former UA President Homer Shantz.

Known for its twisted sculptural trunk, attractive fissured orange, and grey bark and striking dark green glossy foliage. It’s resistance to the environmental stresses characteristic of the Sonoran desert creates a tendency to “naturalize” in this species. In its current location it has provided a low maintenance and impressive stately form to its prominent location in the historic district of campus. It has been so well behaved we prefer to think of it as “determined” not “weedy”.