



The Crown Tree Awards celebrate Charlotte's amazing urban forest and the citizens who preserve, grow and advocate for it. Winners receive a beautiful, locally sourced wood plaque and certificate. Members of the Charlotte Tree Advisory Commission will announce the winners at their April business meeting. Winners will also be acknowledged by the Mayor and City Council.

Nominations are open to all and must include an award category and a description on why the nominee should win! Nominations must be related to Charlotte area trees, partners, and efforts to qualify.

2024 Winners

Mayor's Tree of the Year –

Deodar Cedar

Nominated by: Heather Ruckterstuhl

- **Address:** Park Road Montessori Campus at 3701 Haven Drive
- **Nominated by:** Heather Ruckterstuhl
- **Nomination information:** This beloved tree has watched students grow up. For many generations kids have played around this tree, loved this tree and taken it into their own hands and heart becoming a part of their family. This tree has been a space for memorializing the lost, a peaceful place to take a break. But once they build a new school, this tree will be ripped out of our lives.



Spirit of the Tree –3 winners

Winner: Brad's Baby Willow Oak Tree

- **Address:** 701E Tremont Ave
- **Nominated by:** Leslie Bivens
- **Nomination information:** Brad developed a special connection with a large oak tree in his yard. One day he came home from work and noticed it was cut down-due to disease. Months later he noticed baby seedlings coming up from the mother tree. HE dug them up and planted it in their front yard.



Winner: Albert the Ash

- **Address:** Laurie's back yard
- **Nominated by:** Laurie Reid
- **Nomination information:** Largest shade tree in our backyard with the perfect location. It provides shade to our home and deck during the summer. Its massive branches serve as support for our swing which is enjoyed by children and adults. Albert is the show piece of our backyard and he provides habitat for numerous wildlife including the young fawn we found this summer resting in his shade.



Winner: The Spring Tree

- **Address:** Colonial Village, 28209
- **Nominated by:** Taylor Stetson
- **Nomination information:** We just call this "the spring tree" and every year we get so excited to see it bloom. Each year my neighbor and I that I met when I moved in take a picture of her daughter and my dog with the tree. It has been fun to watch them grow.



Proud Partner of the Canopy

Nomination: Charlotte Wildlife

- **Address:** Tuckaseegee Arboretum and Gardens
- **Nominated by:** Laurie Reid
- **Nomination information:** Charlotte Wildlife Steward, a chapter of the NC Wildlife Federation, has been a partner of the City of Charlotte for many ears. They have assisted with many educational outreach events: Charlotte's Bee City Committee, hosting a bee house building workshop during the 2023 Pollinator Week celebration, assisting with 2023 Monarch Festival, co-hosting a Tree-by-Tree volunteer tree inventory event, providing plants & volunteers to establish the pollinator garden at the Tuckaseegee Arboretum and Gardens and donating a birdhouse. Charlotte Wildlife Stewards' mission to raise awareness of Charlotte's wildlife as well as their habitats compliment the City's goals to protect, steward, and grown our glorious tree canopy.



Corporate Friend of the Urban Forest:

Nomination: The Wallace Dell

- **Address:** 5100 Sharon Rd.
- **Nominated by:** Milton McGowian
- **Nomination information:** Take a look at our beautiful tree save area throughout our campus. The Wallace Dell nature area is at the hub of our community, combining outdoor event space with the green space. The wooded stream provides a serene nature experience for all residents. The main activity and dining areas of our health care center overlook the stream and green area from our outdoor terrace, providing critical nature experience for our residents with mobility limitations. at The Sharon at SouthPark

