



LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM FOUNDATION
TREE DEDICATIONS



Whether celebrating the life of someone special, commemorating an event, or just wanting to support in a special way, the Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation offers tree dedications for all occasions.

A donation of \$2,500 will provide for the dedication of a tree from our existing collections and ensure the Arboretum's continued growth for future generations.

Your tree dedication includes a personalized recognition plaque for the natural life of the tree.



THE PROCESS

Contact our team to request information on tree dedications. (You've already completed this step and are on your way to dedicating your very own tree!)

Step 1

Step 2

Once you have reviewed the information in this packet, should you wish to continue with a dedication, contact LeAnn Kubiak, Donor Relations Manager, and request a tour.

leann.kubiak@arboretum.org
(626)821-3237

Tours are available Monday-Friday
9:00am-4:00pm*

*Subject to availability

Step 3

You and up to 3 guests will join us at the Arboretum to view available trees.

During this 45-minute session, you will have the opportunity to view our extensive tree collection over 127 acres of gardens.

Areas of dedication worthy trees and popular species will be pointed out along the way.

Once the tour has concluded you and your guests are free to enjoy the grounds and make 3-5 tree selections.



A TOUR SIDE NOTE

There are a few questions you should consider before arriving for your tree tour.

Is there a specific area of the Arboretum you would like to consider?

Are you interested in flowering trees?

Are there any specific species you would like to see?

Would you like a tree in a secluded area or somewhere easily accessible from a road or trail?



When selecting your trees, take photos of the tree and surrounding area and make note of any distinguishing characteristics or surrounding items, such as benches or landmarks.

Send your complete list along with photos and locations via email.

Step 4

Your selections will be sent to the Curator of Living Collections and resident arborist.

Step 5

Each tree will go through a physical inspection to determine its physical health. An additional archival search will be done to assess the history and records pertaining to the tree.

Step 6

A list of approved trees from your original selection will be sent back to you.

You may select your tree from this list or can do another round of tree selections if needed.

Once you have selected your tree,
it is now time to work on your
dedication.

We have two plaque templates to
choose from.

Step 7



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Tabebuia impetiginosa
Pink trumpet tree

In Honor/Memory of
[Honoree's Name]

Bignoniaceae

Argentina

Plaque Option 1

Option 1 allows for the choice of either 'Honor' or 'Memory' and the addition of the Honorees' preferred name.

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Tabebuia impetiginosa
Pink trumpet tree

[Honoree's Name]

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Plaque Option 2

Option 2 includes the Honoree's preferred name and a 20-character maximum dedication of your choosing.*

*Subject to Approval

Step 8

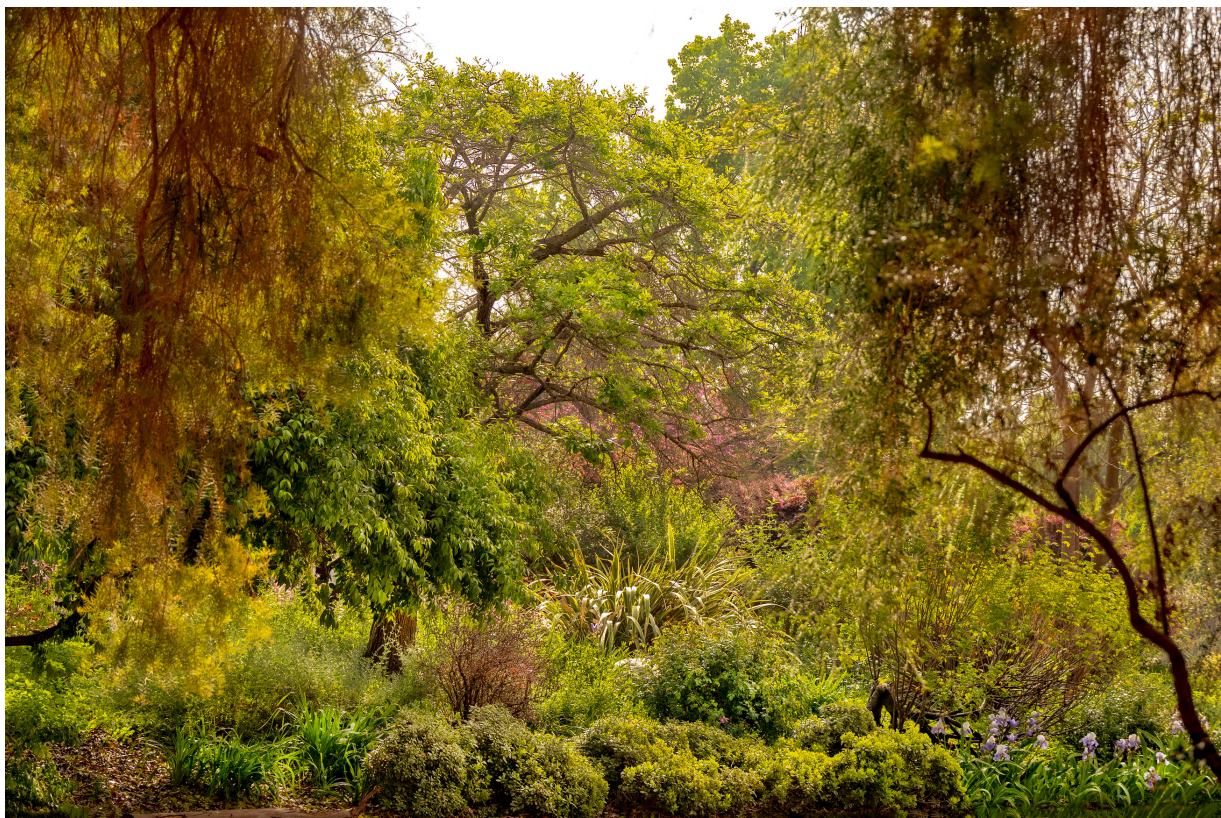
Once we have received your proposed dedication, we will draft a plaque. At this point you will submit your \$2,500 donation via one of the options below:

Check: Made out to LAAF and mailed to

Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation
ATTN: Tree Dedication
301 N. Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007

Phone: (626)821-3237

Online: arboretum.org/support



Step 9

When you receive the draft plaque, you may either revise and send proposed edits or sign and return the draft via email to approve the plaque's production.

Step 10

Once your approval of the draft is received, we will put the plaque into production and install it on your tree.

You will be notified when the installation is complete.



We also offer the option of holding a reception after the plaque has been installed.

Please contact LeAnn Kubiak, Donor Relations Manager, for more details.

FAQ

How long does the tree dedication process take?

2-3 months from the point of inquiry to installation.

How long will the plaque remain on the tree?

Your plaque will remain for the natural lifespan of the tree.

What happens if my tree is damaged, falls, or is removed?

If you are within 10 years of the dedication date, we will work with you to dedicate a replacement tree at no additional cost.

Outside of the 10 years, we would be happy to work with you on another dedication at the current rate.

Can I request to plant a new tree for dedication?

We only dedicate trees that have already been planted and in the ground for over 2 years and are well established.

Can I dedicate a newly planted tree?

To ensure your tree is well rooted and healthy, we will not dedicate any trees within their first 2 years in their current position.

Why are some plaques not placed directly on trees?

Some trees have wood and bark that is too difficult to penetrate without harming the tree, or the trunk is not fully developed, therefore we will place the plaque on a stake and secure it beneath the tree.

Can I decide where the plaque is placed?

Our arborist will have final say on plaque location, but we are open to suggestions.

Can I be present when the plaque is installed?

Due to the varying nature of our trees, some installations take more time than others. This unfortunately means that we cannot schedule you to be present when a plaque is being installed.

There are plaques with more than 2 lines and specialized dedications currently in the garden.

Why am I limited to the plaque templates?

Effective July 2023, in order to preserve the nature of the gardens and streamline the dedication process, we have implemented a template-only model for all new dedications.

Can my dedication be in any language?

We would be happy to include dedications in your language of choice for template Option 2. Any language that consists of characters will need to be submitted in .jpeg format.

Does my dedication include a membership or admission?

Tree dedications do not include membership or complimentary admission to the Arboretum. When you wish to visit your dedication, you will need to purchase tickets or a membership.

Do you offer payment plans for the dedication donation?

Dedication donations are due prior to plaque production and may be fulfilled in a number of ways. We offer Memorial Funds in which family and friends may submit donations to accumulate toward the \$2,500 total. You may also submit the donation in full. If you would like further payment options, we would be happy to discuss an automatic reoccurring payment plan, applicable only on a case-by-case basis.

Is my donation tax deductible?

The LA Arboretum Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Nonprofit Tax ID: #95-1582650.