

## **Green Ash**

## Fraxinus pennsylvanica

Our magnificent specimen of Green Ash on the cover is more than 150 years old. It was living and present before the Central Branch of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers began. The Green Ash is found throughout the eastern two thirds of the United States from the Canadian border to the northern part of Florida and eastern Texas.

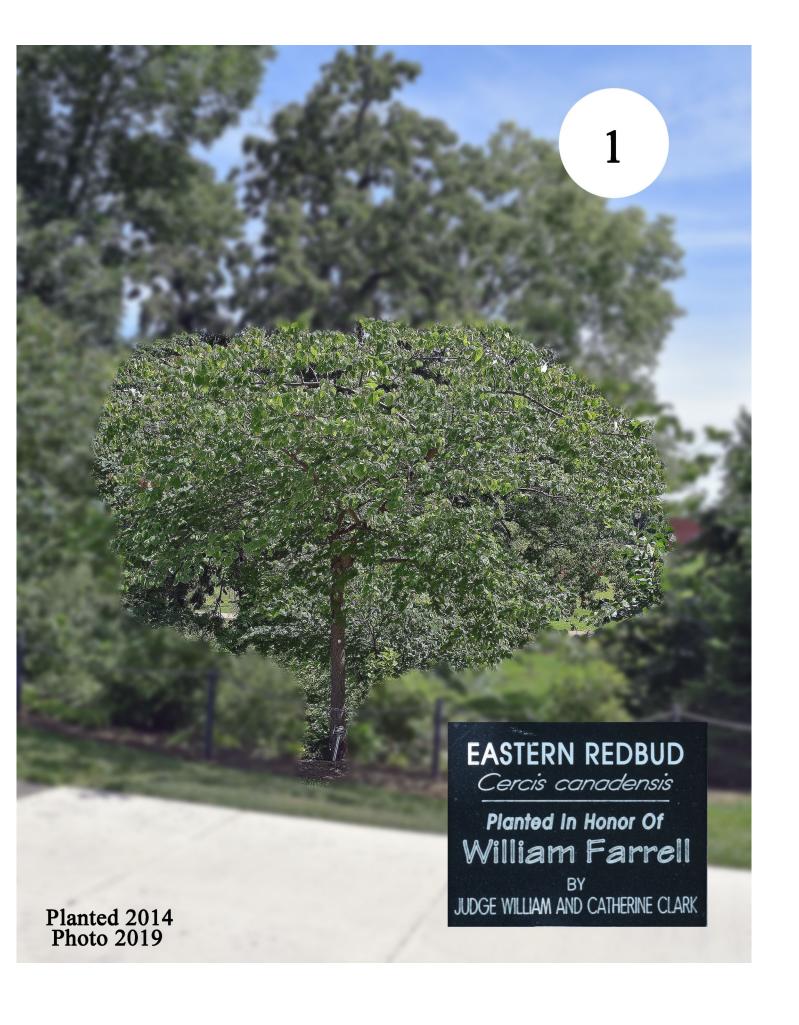
The Green Ash is a relatively fast grower and can reach its maximum height of 40-80 feet in 25 years. They can live 150+ years and can reach 125 feet tall. They grow naturally in moist bottomland along streams and river banks. The dense resilient wood is used for baseball bats, oars, canoe paddles, tool handles (hammers and shovels), and furniture. The Emerald Ash Borer arrived in 2002 and the green ash for urban landscaping is no longer recommended. Only one percent of untreated green ash trees survive the E.A.B. Our Green Ash is treated biennially by a certified arborist with imadicloprid injections to enhance its longevity.

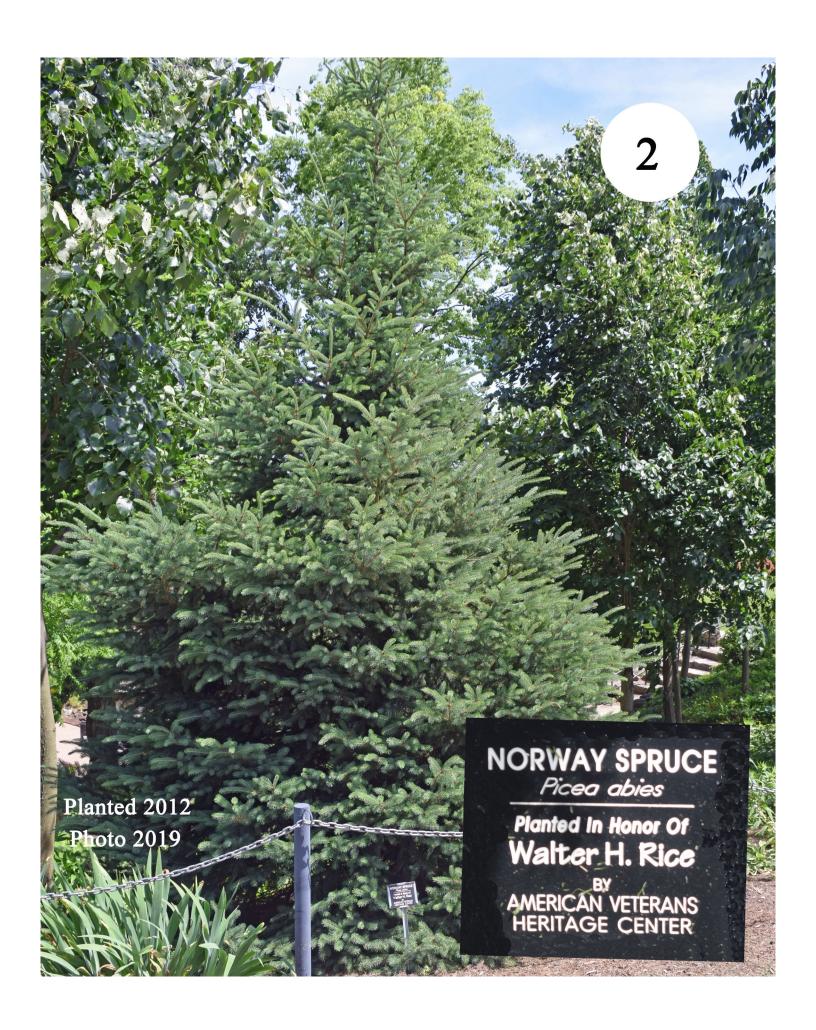
Until 1930, a large white oak grew in the southbound curb lane of Gettysburg Avenue in front of the nearby Anderson Gate. Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and Warren G. Harding all campaigned for the veteran resident's votes beneath its shade. This was just outside the Soldiers Home property where voter solicitation was and is illegal.

Our tree is a significant part of the rich history of the current Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center. It is both fitting and proper that it stands as a sentinel over the Grotto Gardens and Arboretum. The Honor trees are sponsored in dedication to those individuals both living and deceased, who have faithfully and generously served our nation and its communities.

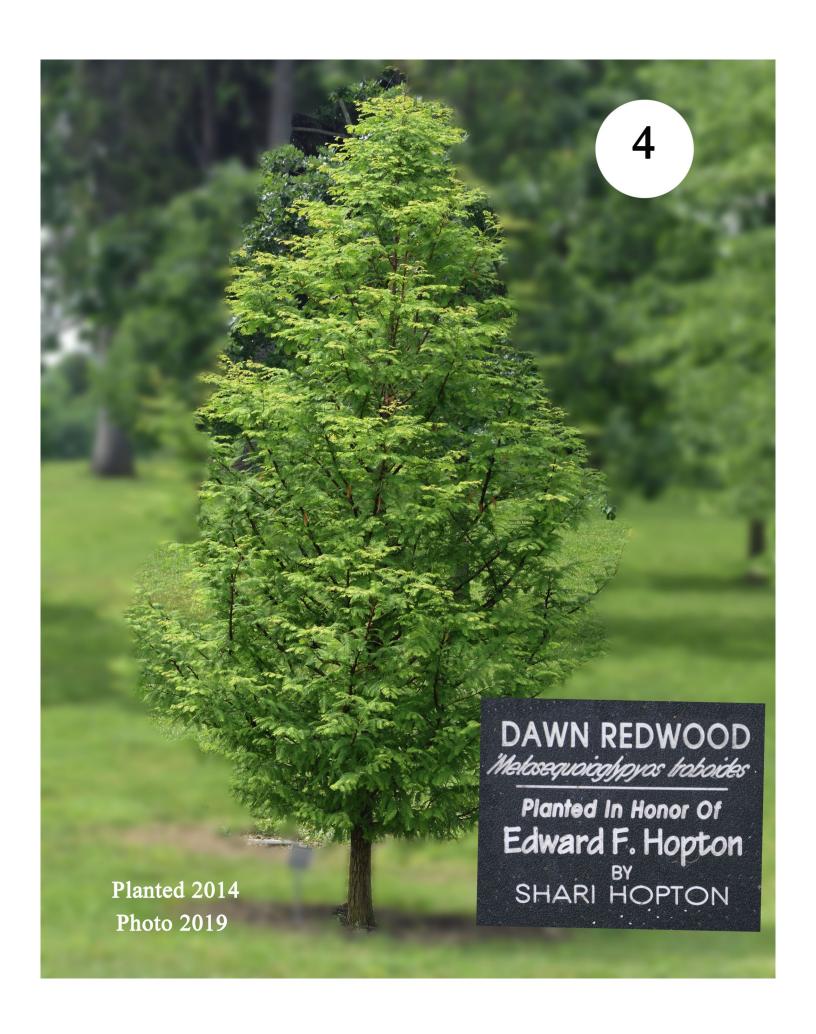


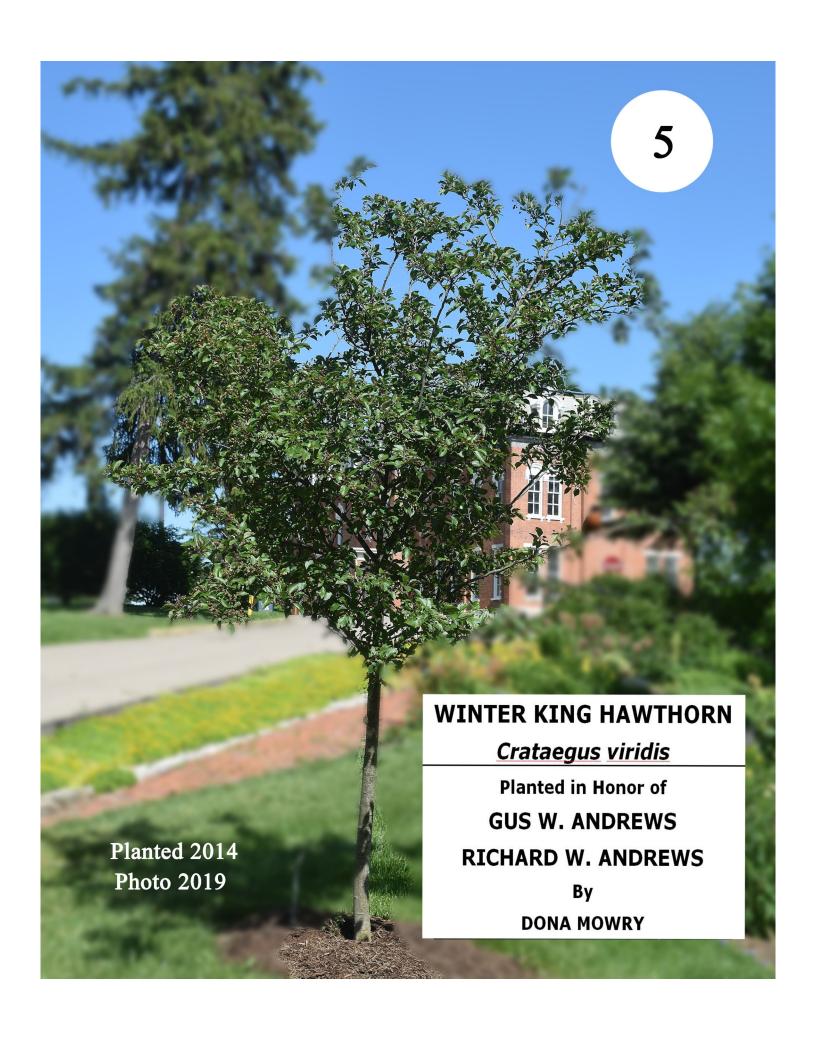


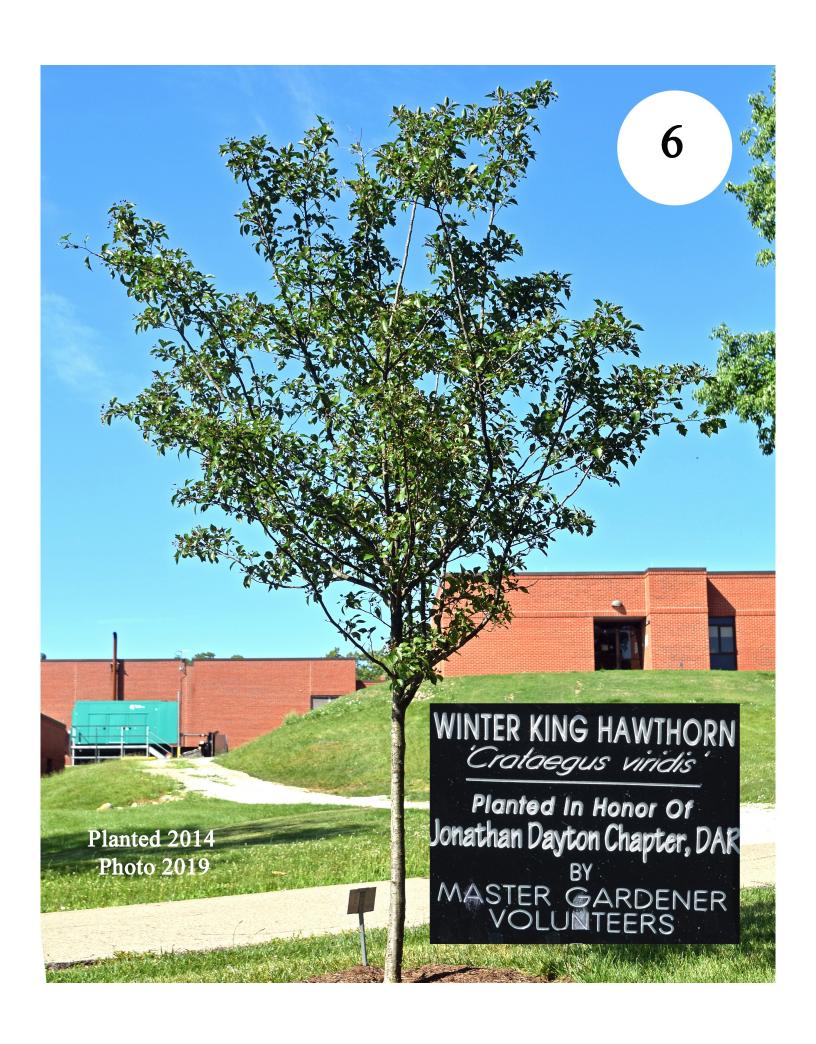




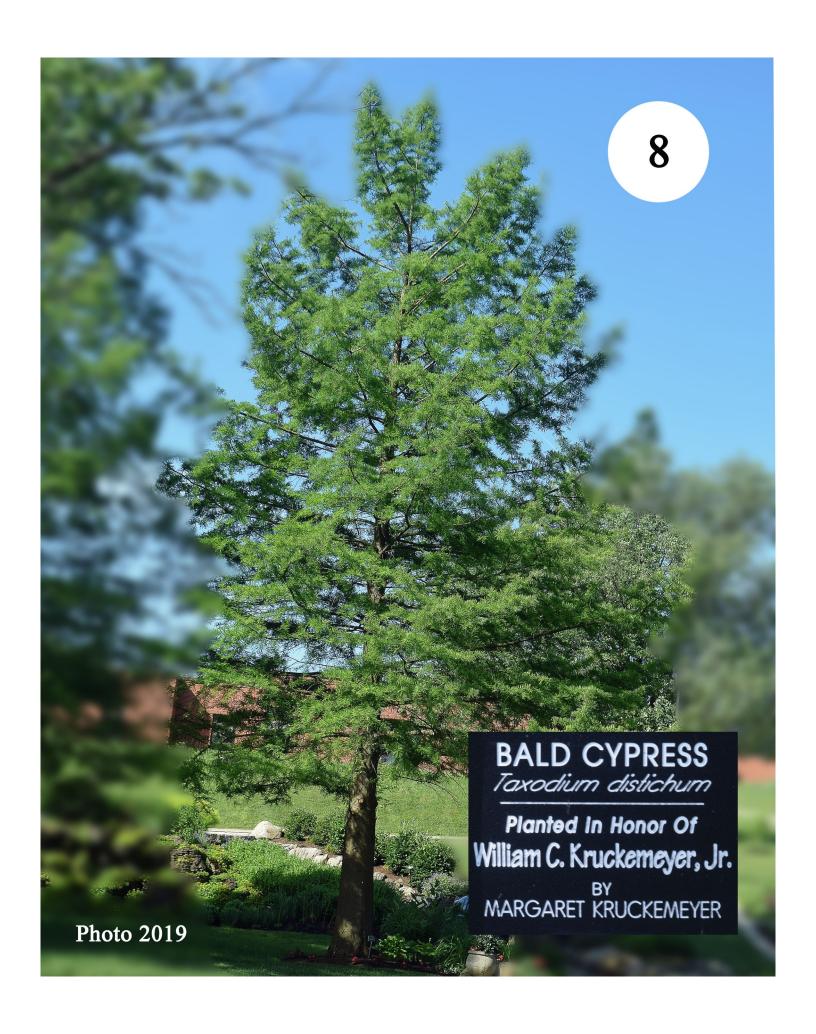




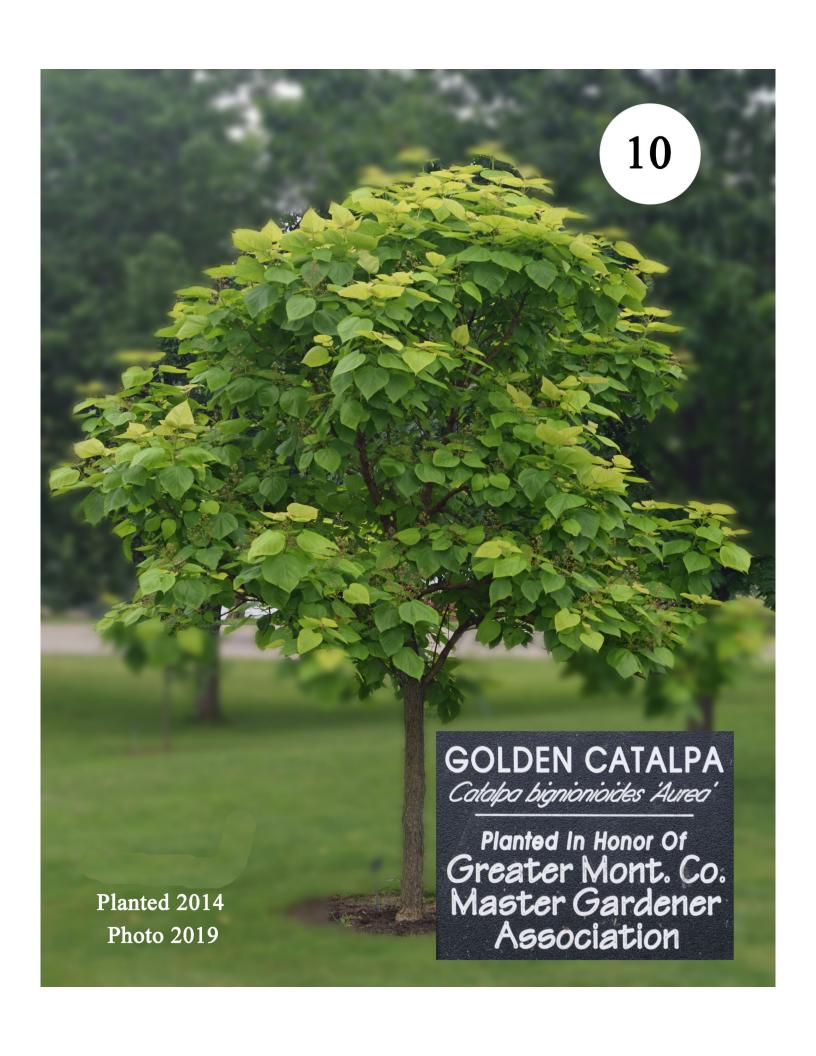




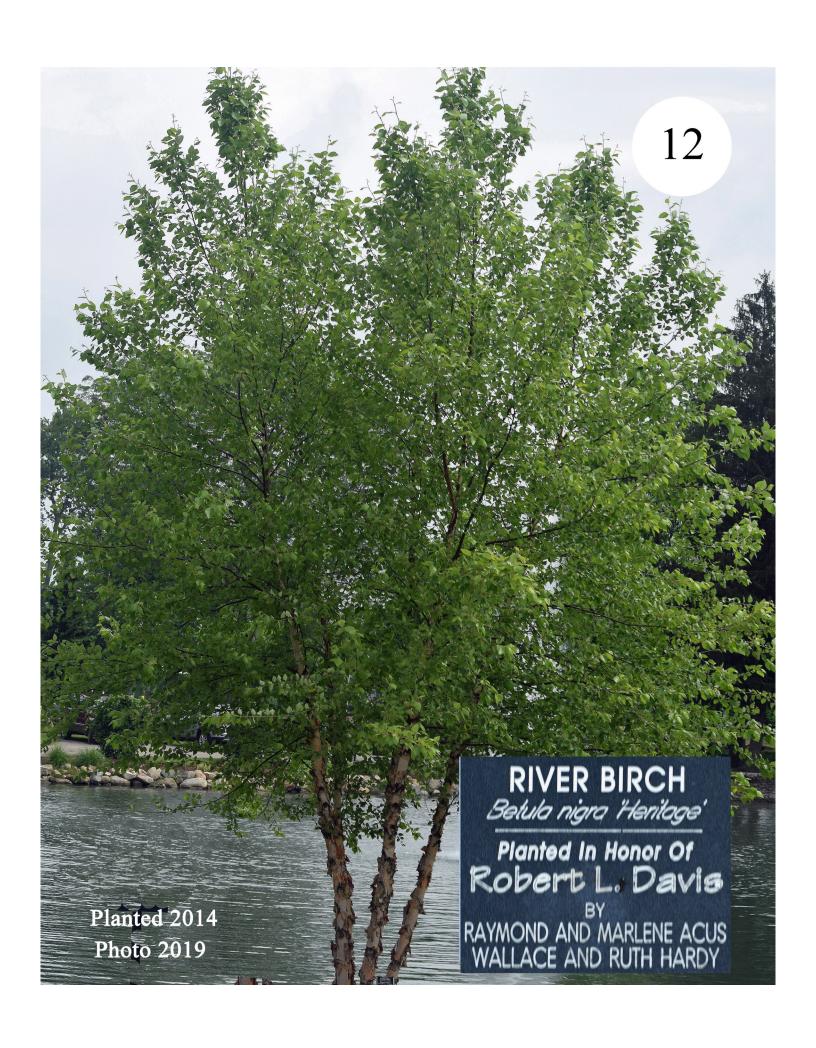






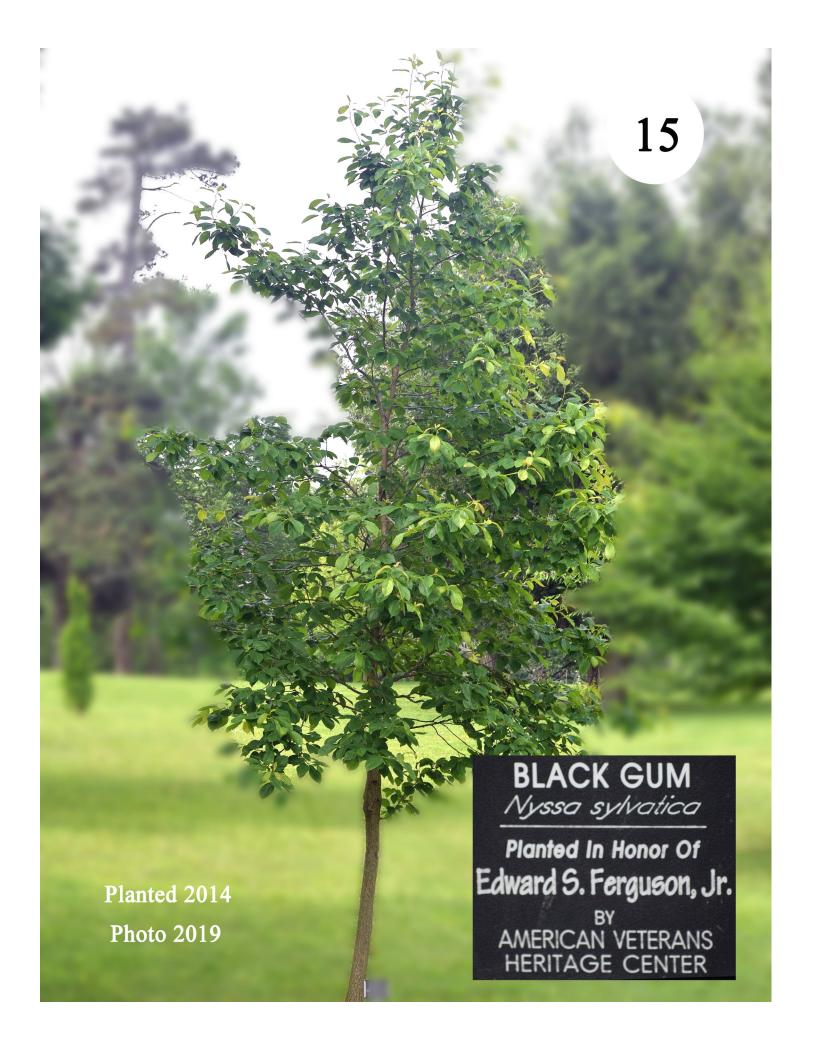




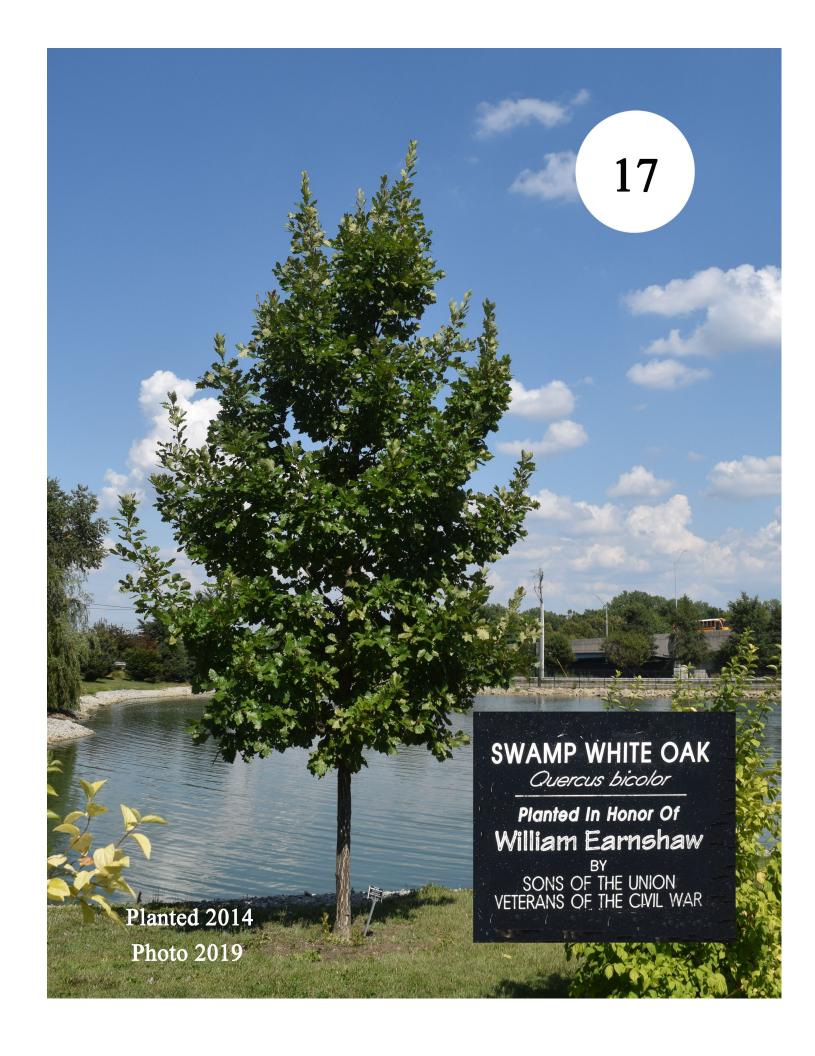


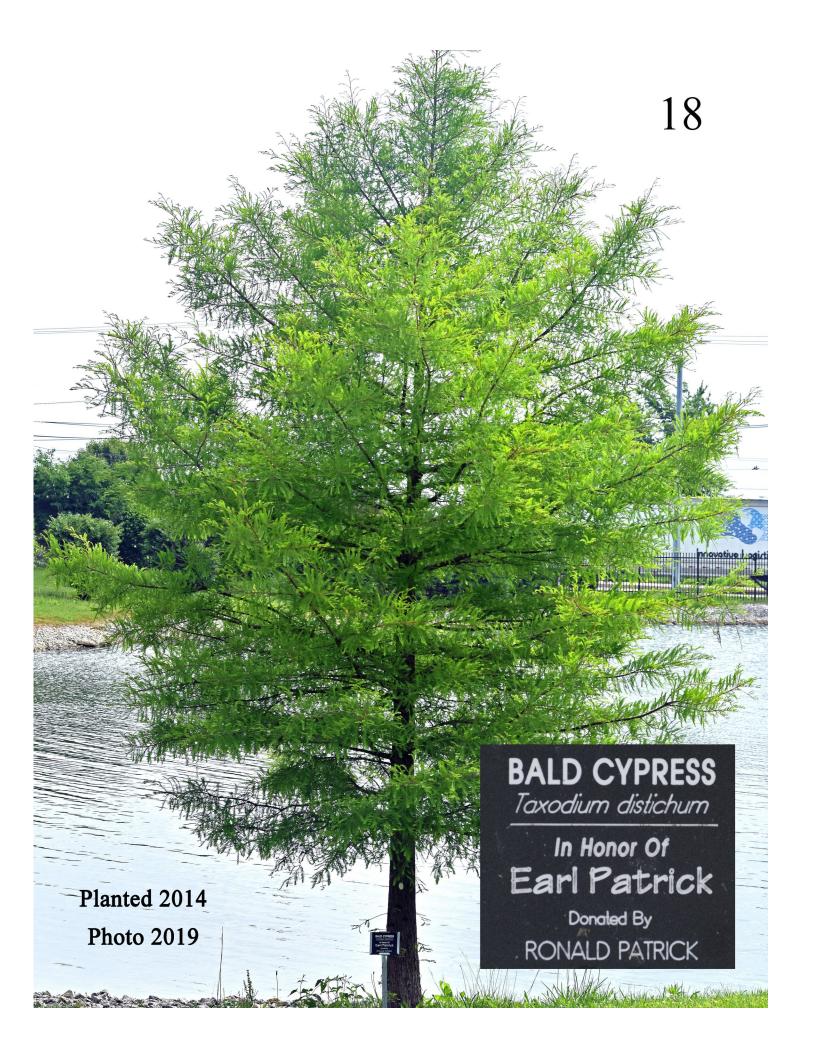


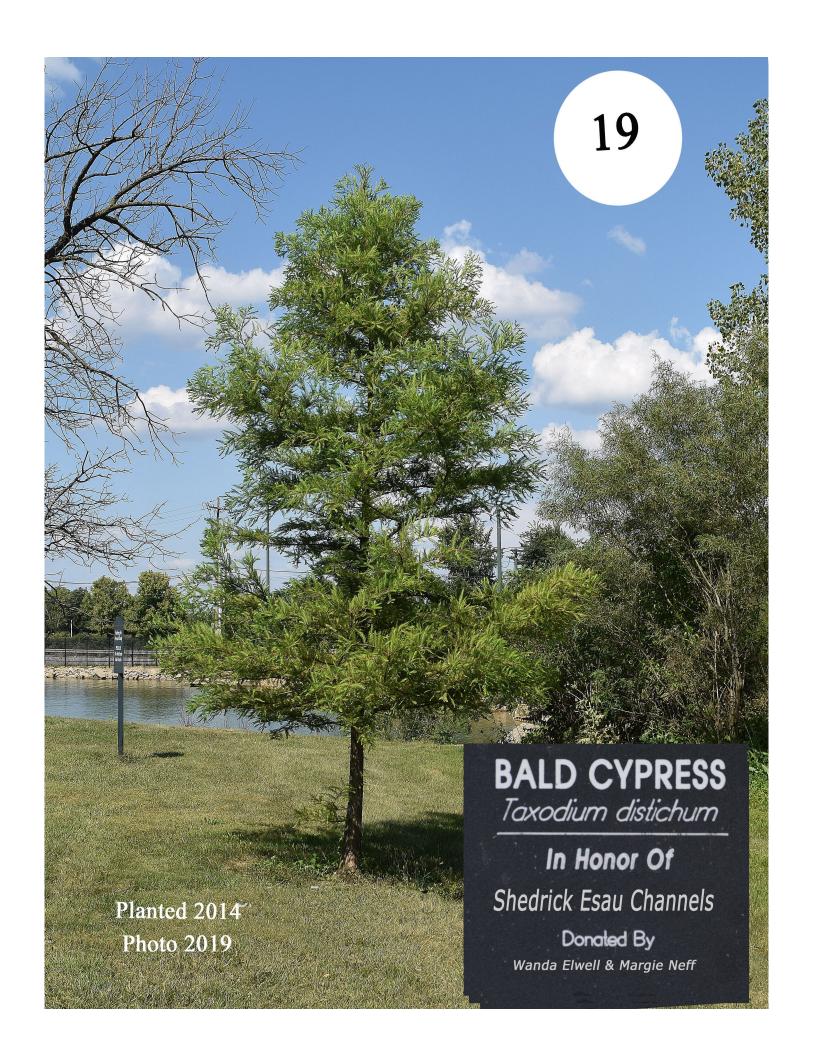


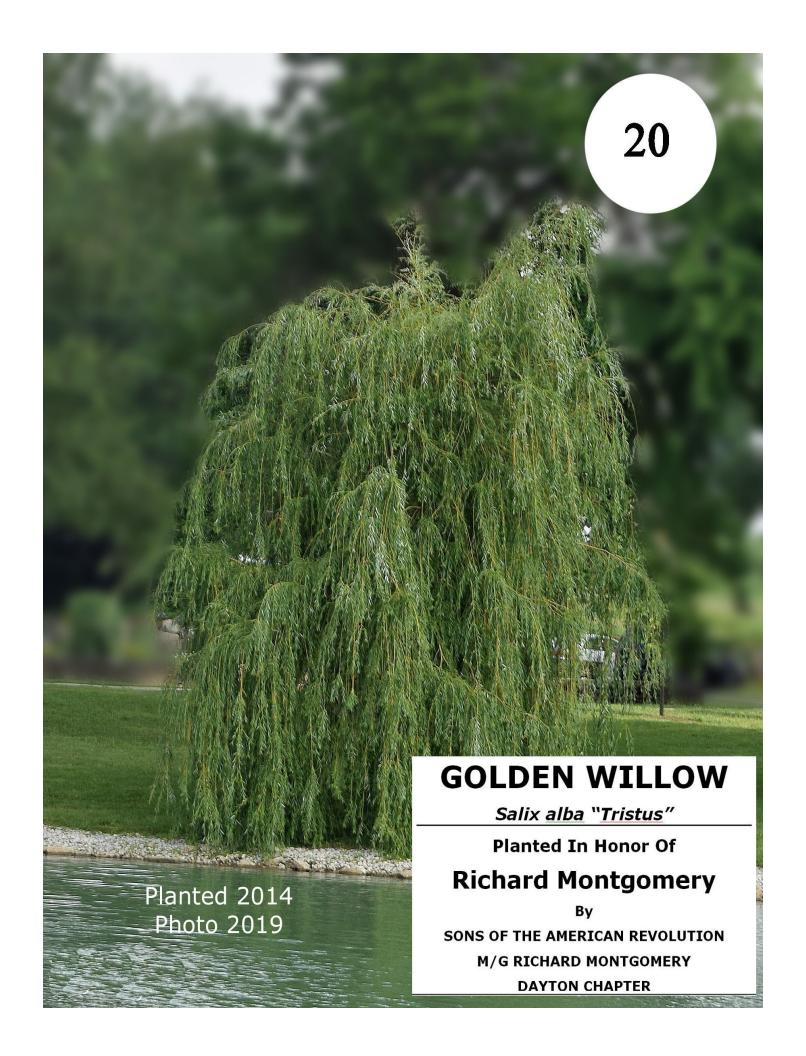




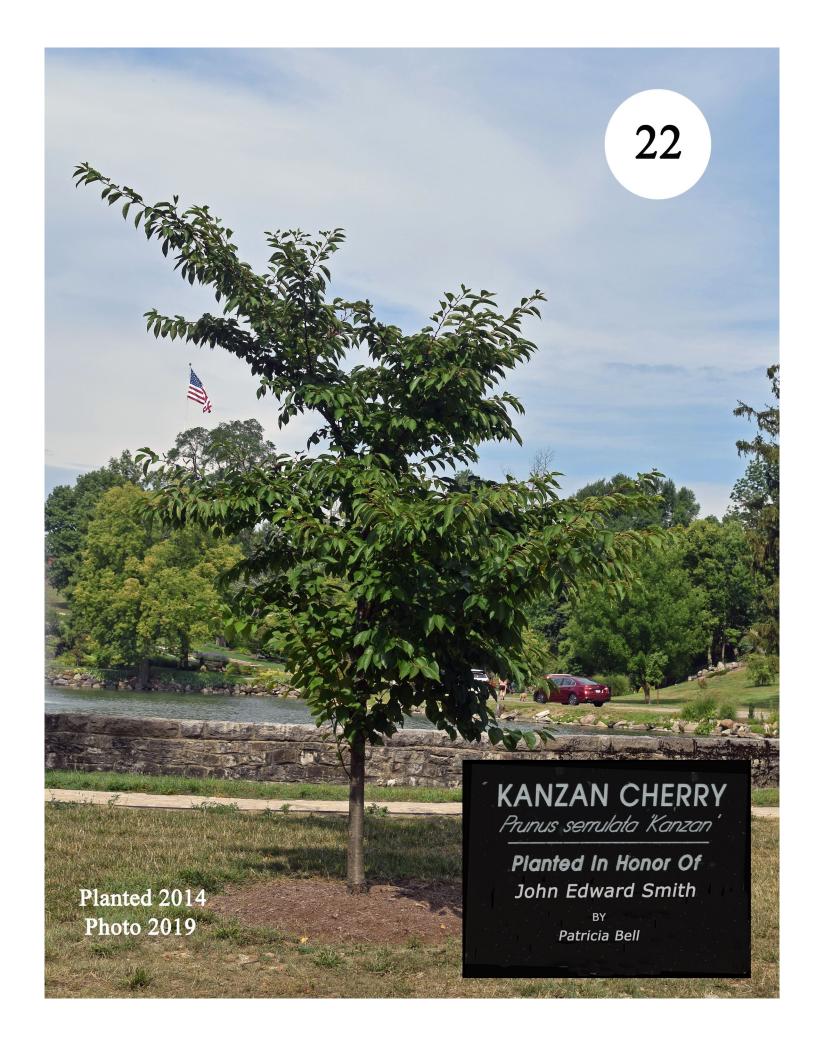


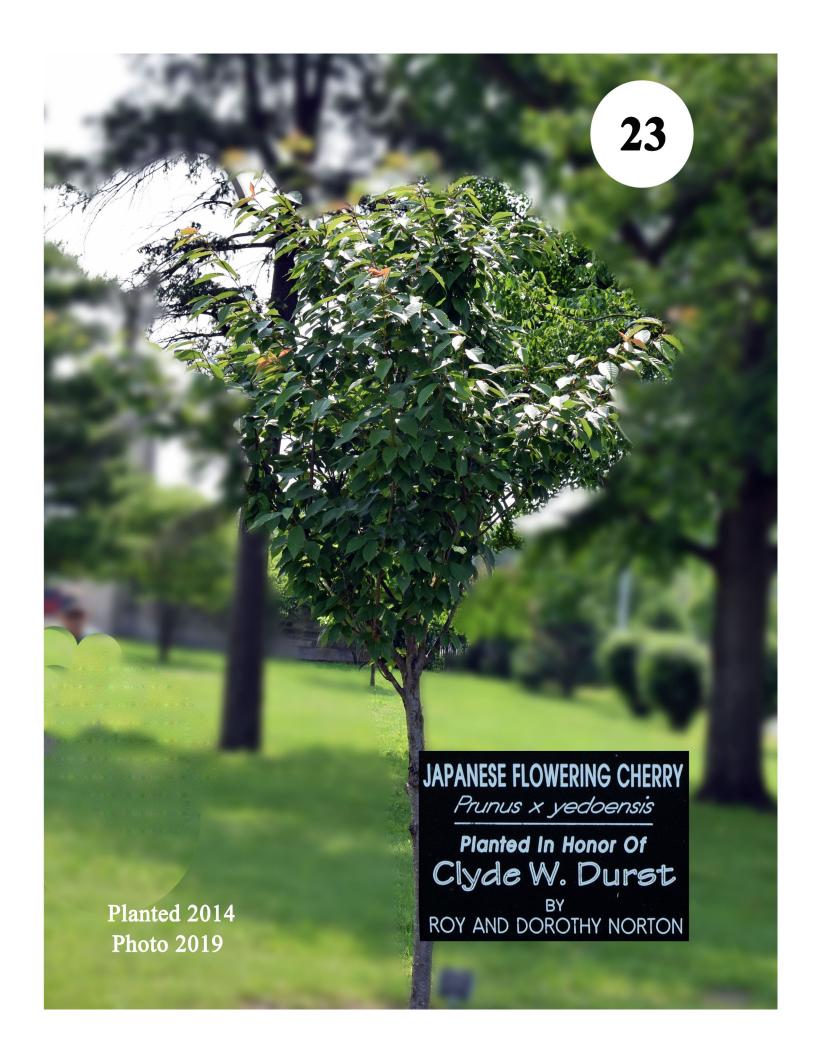


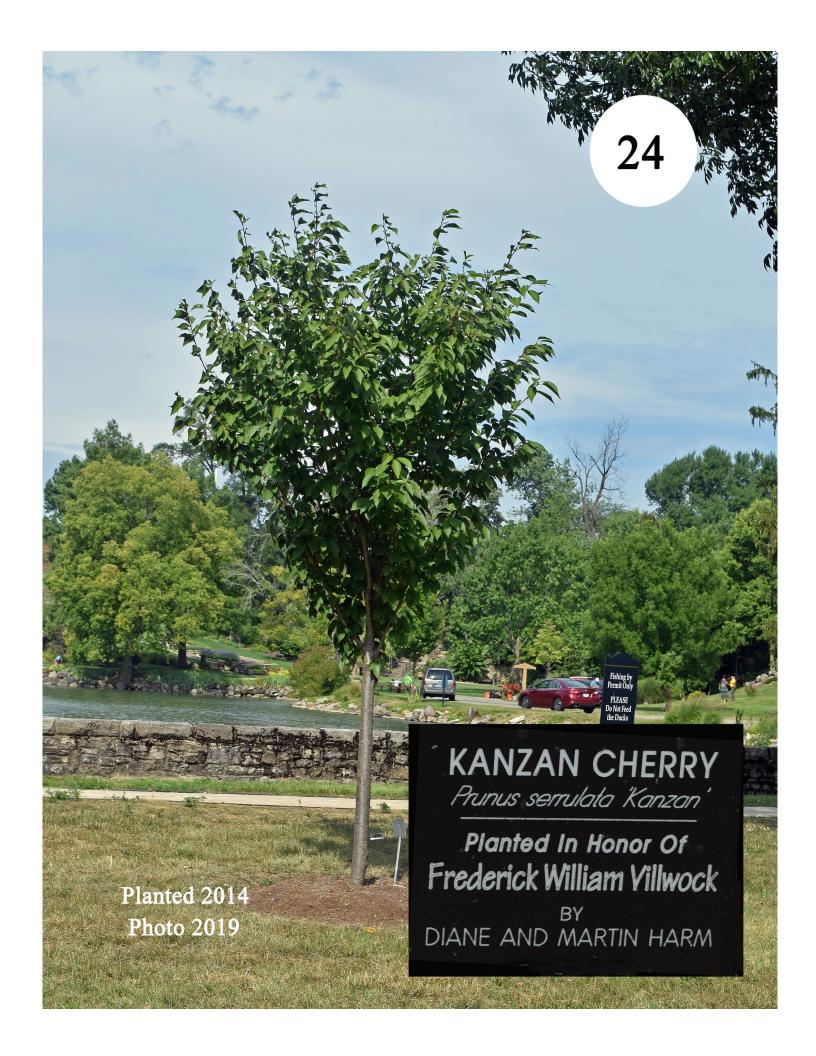


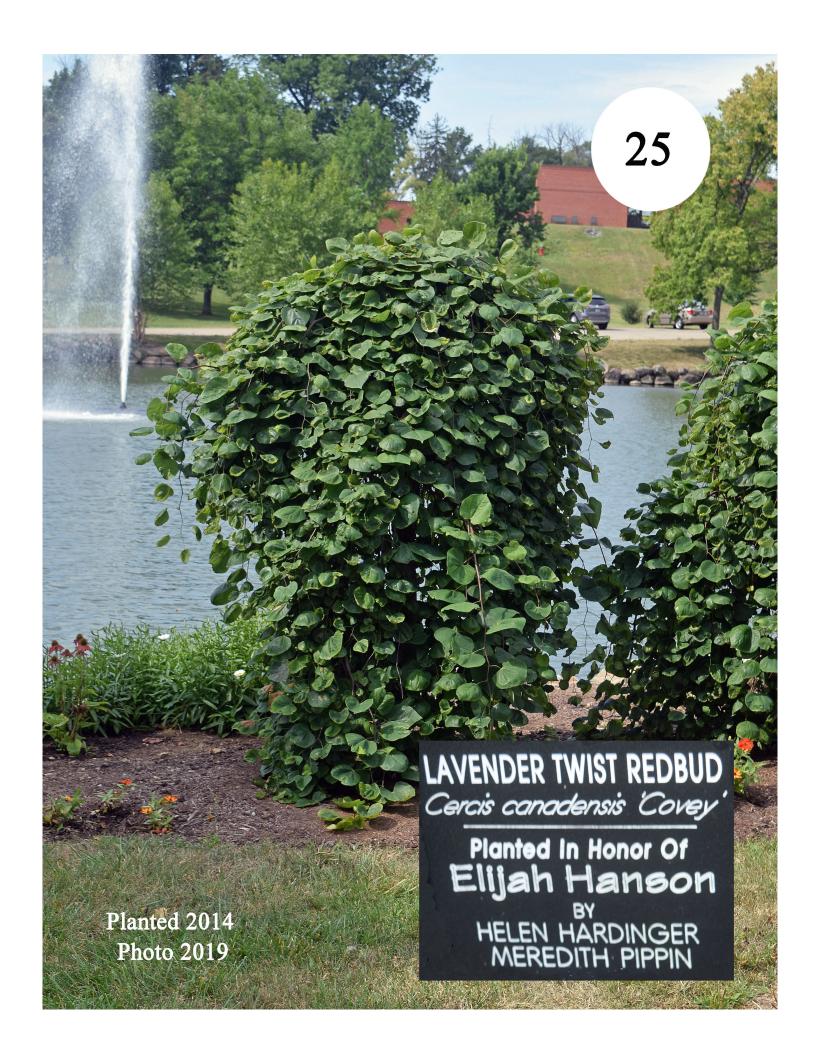


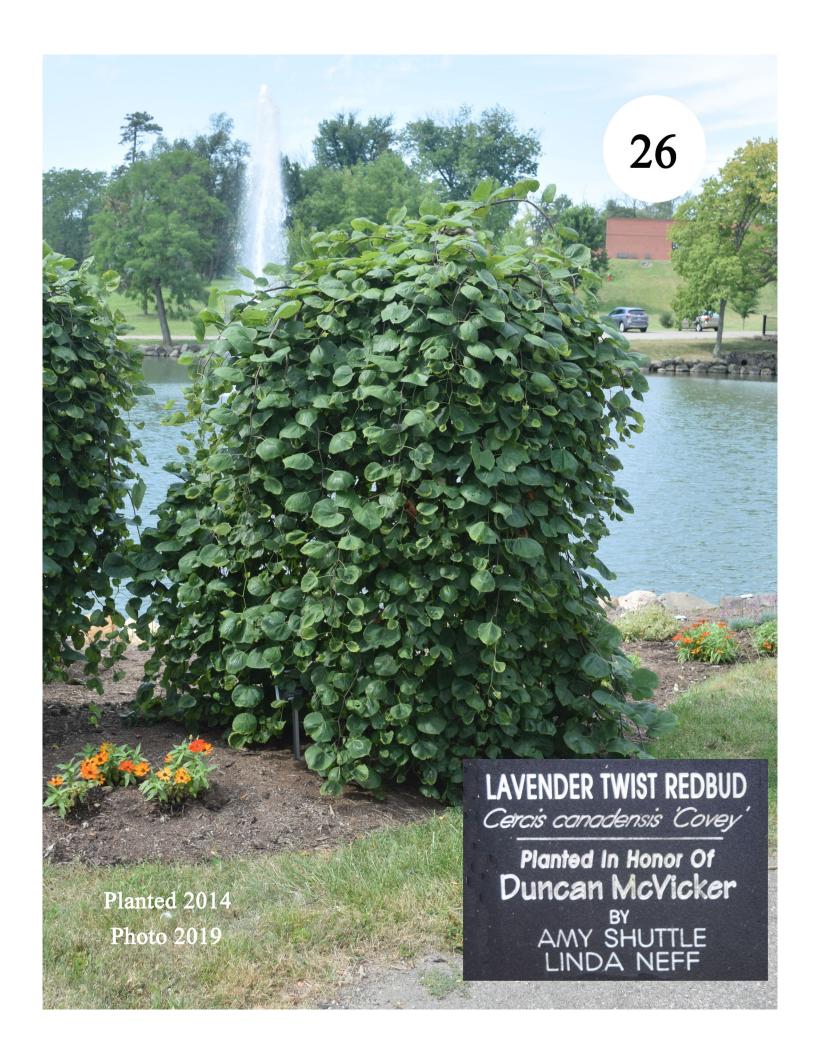


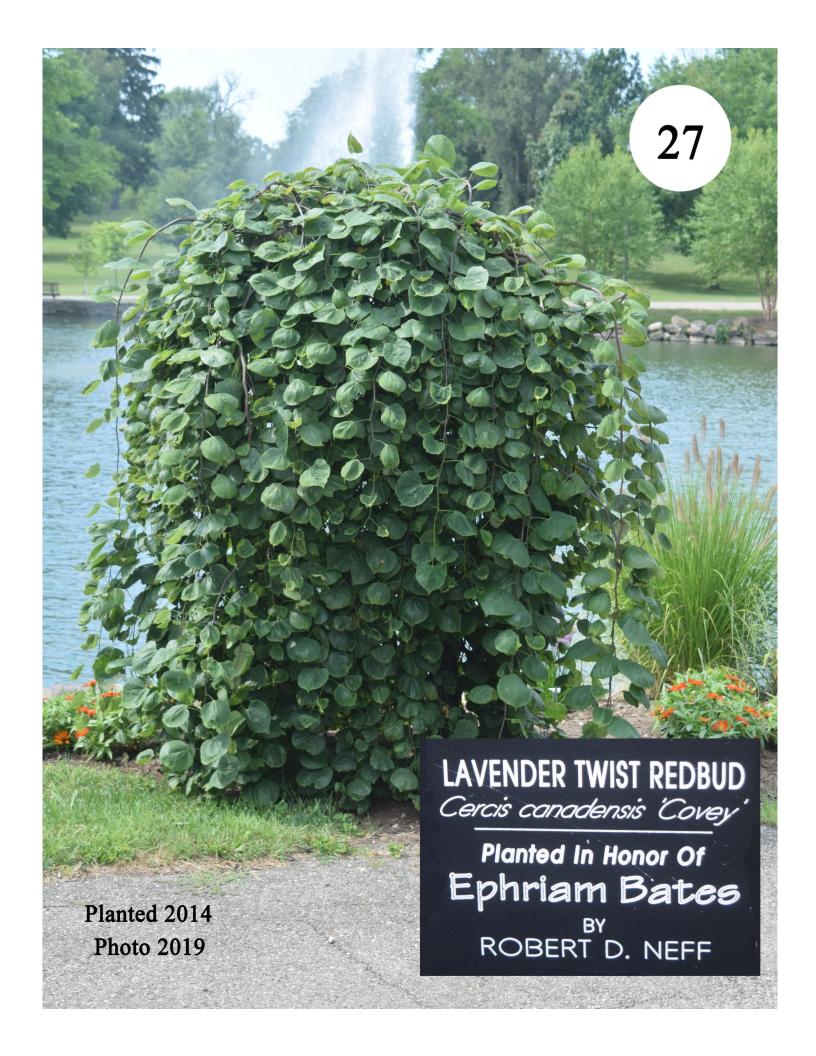


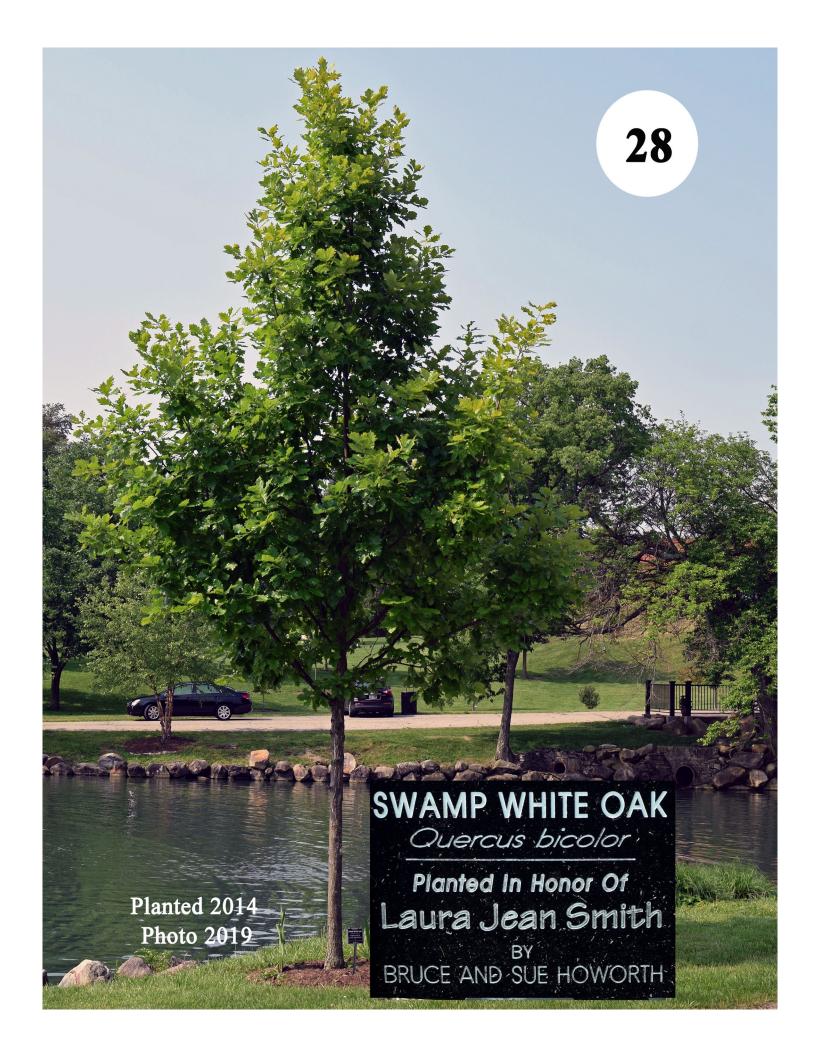


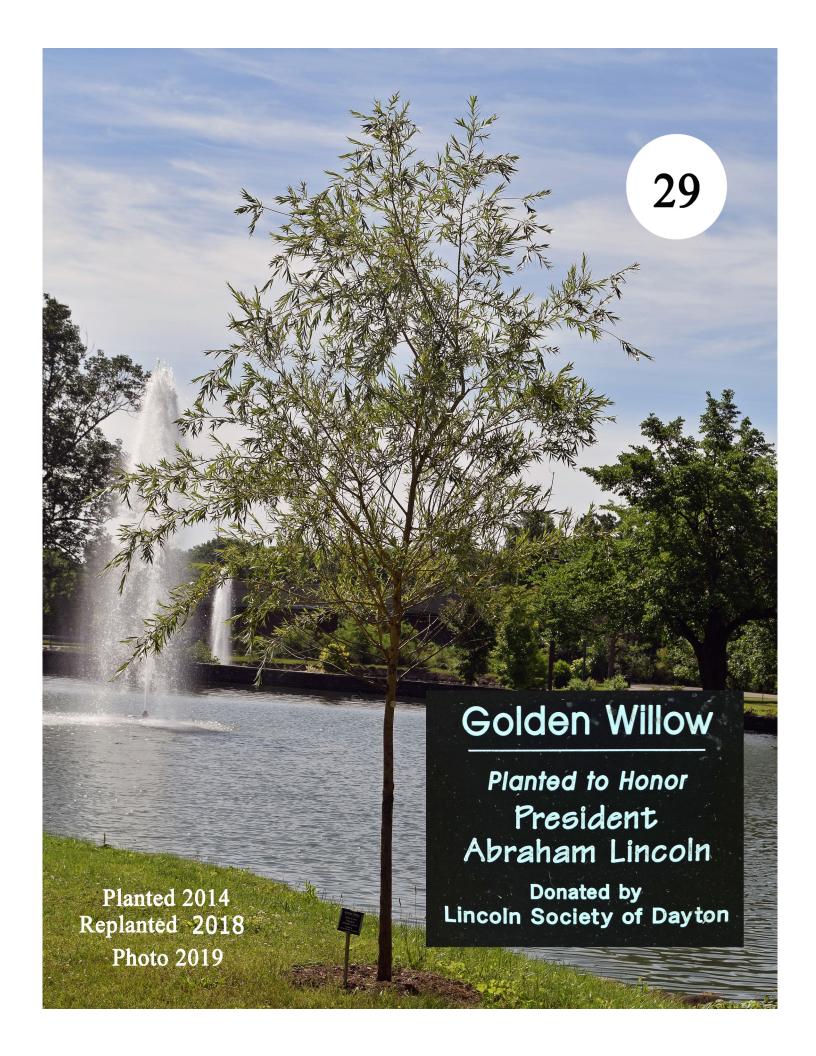




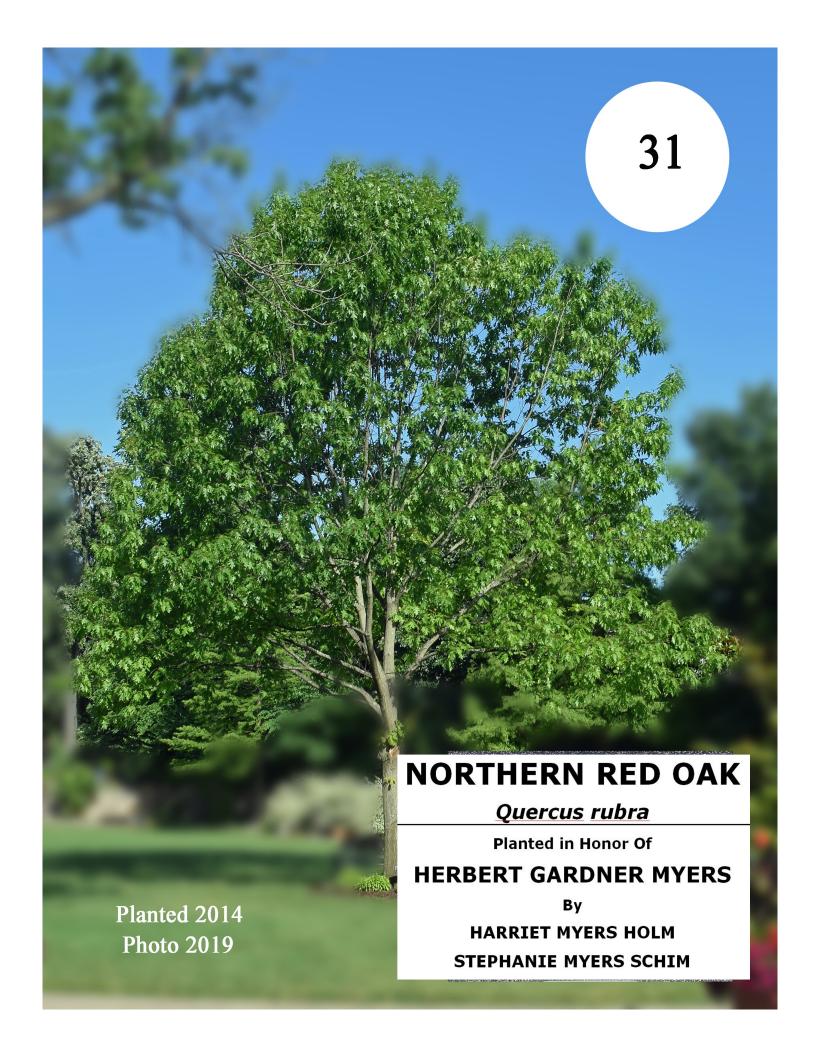


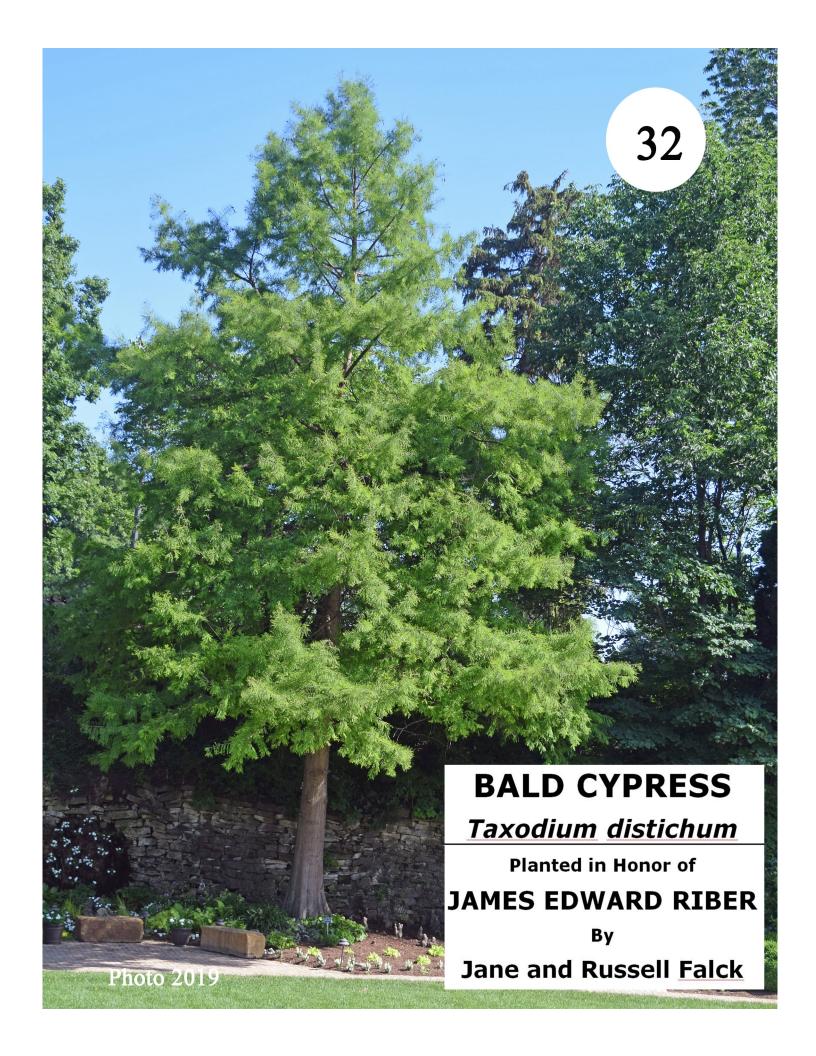














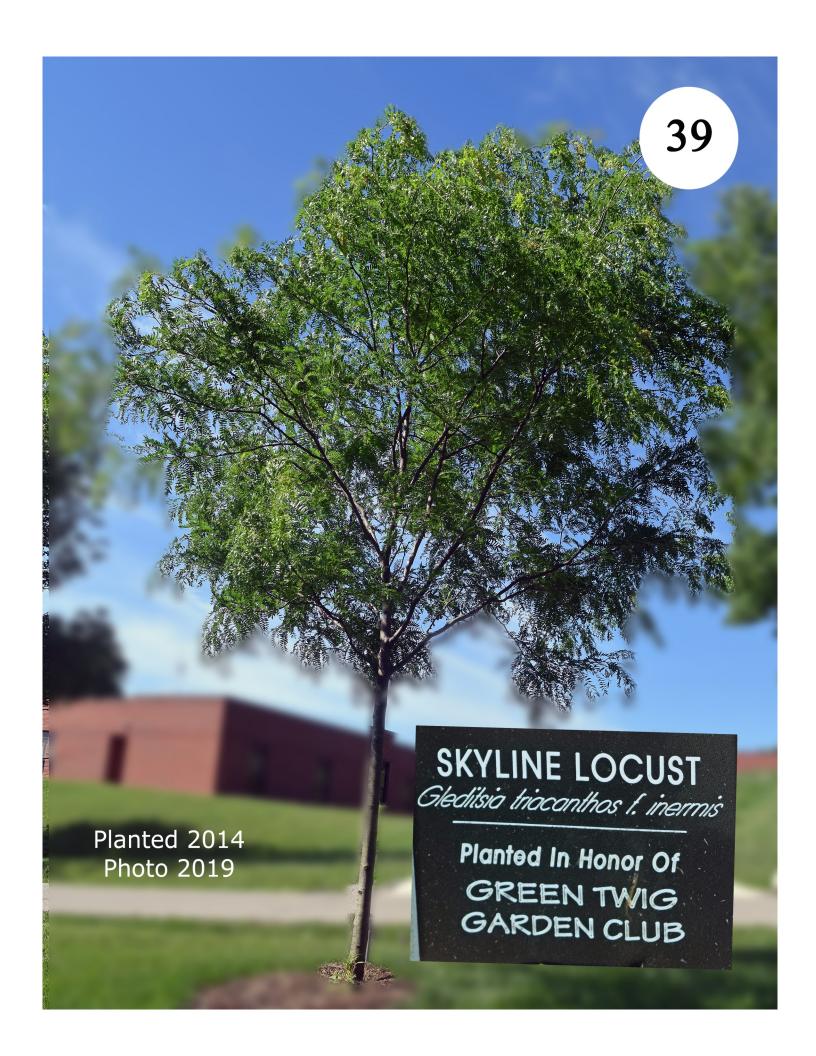


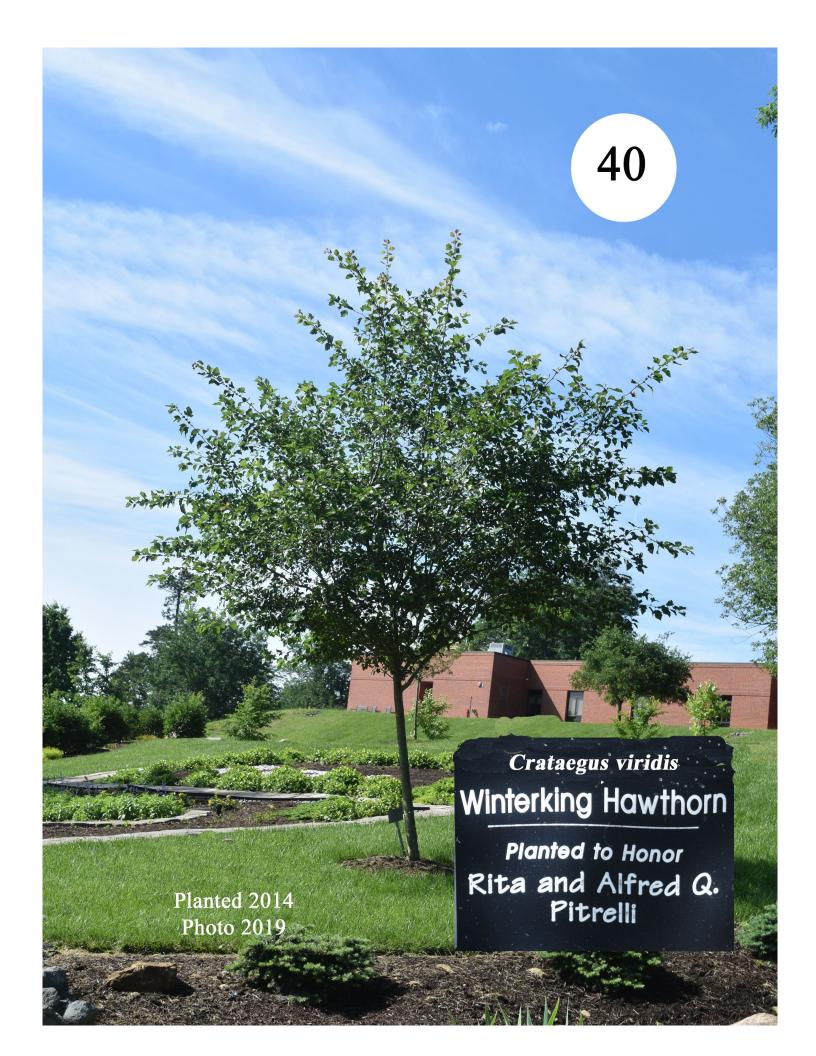


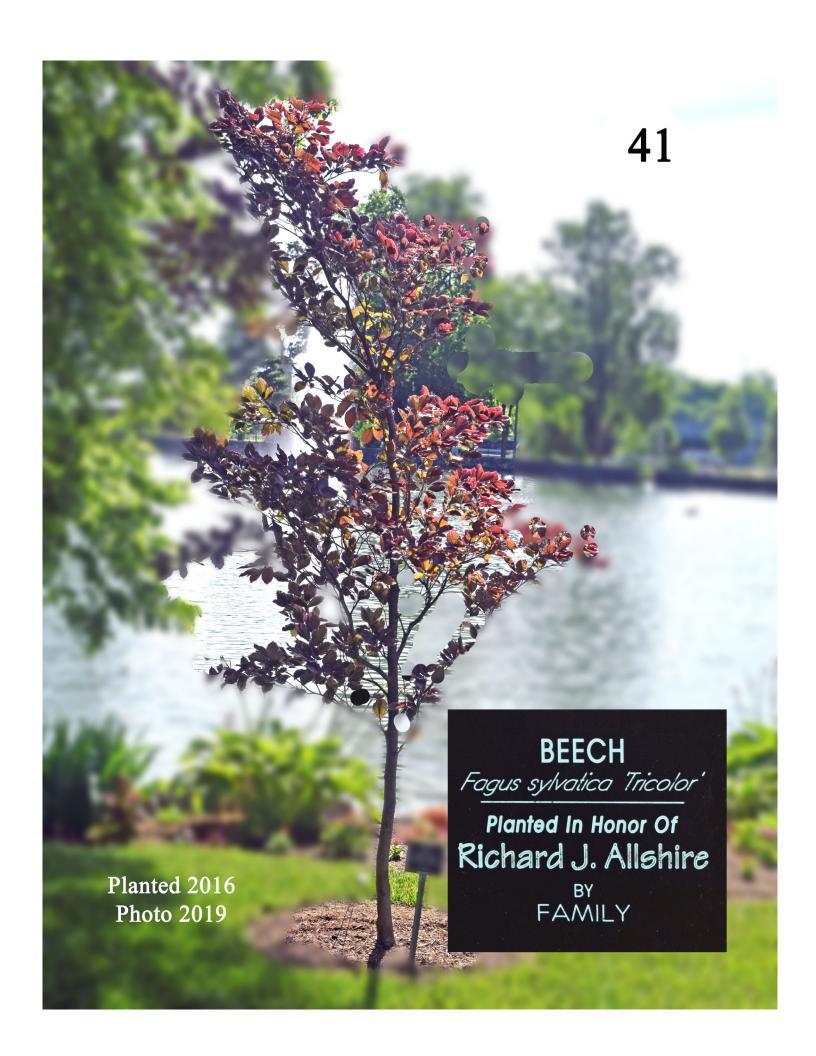






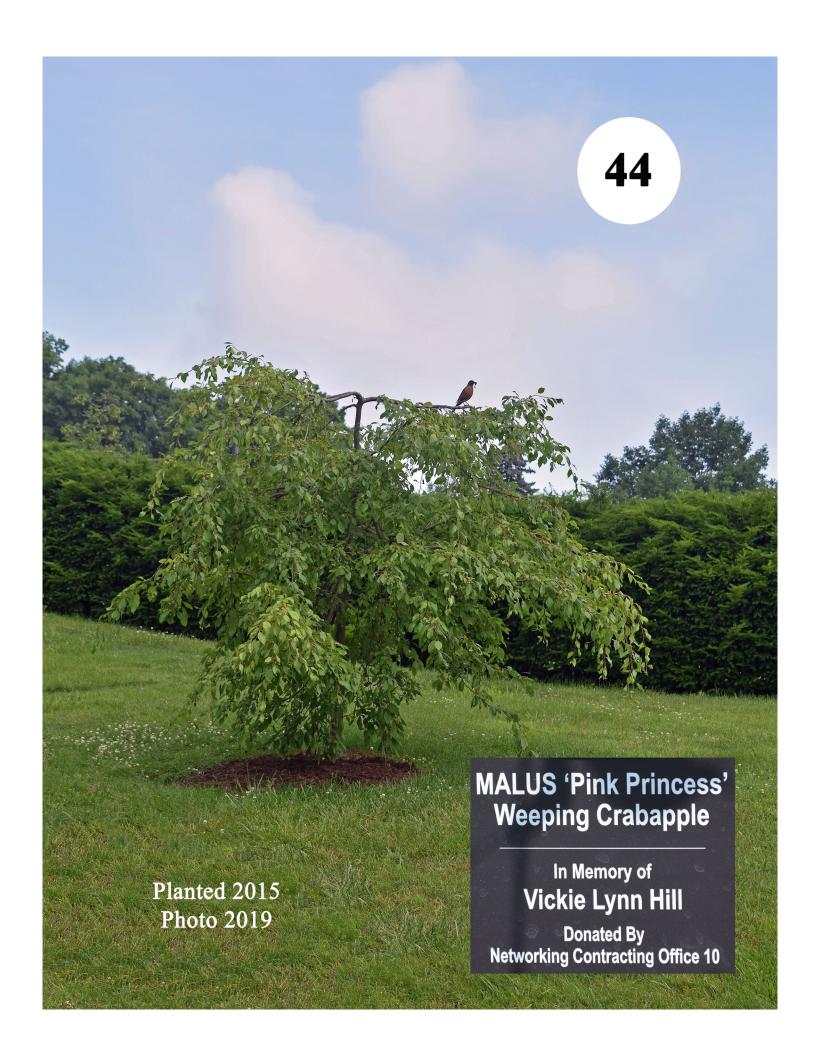








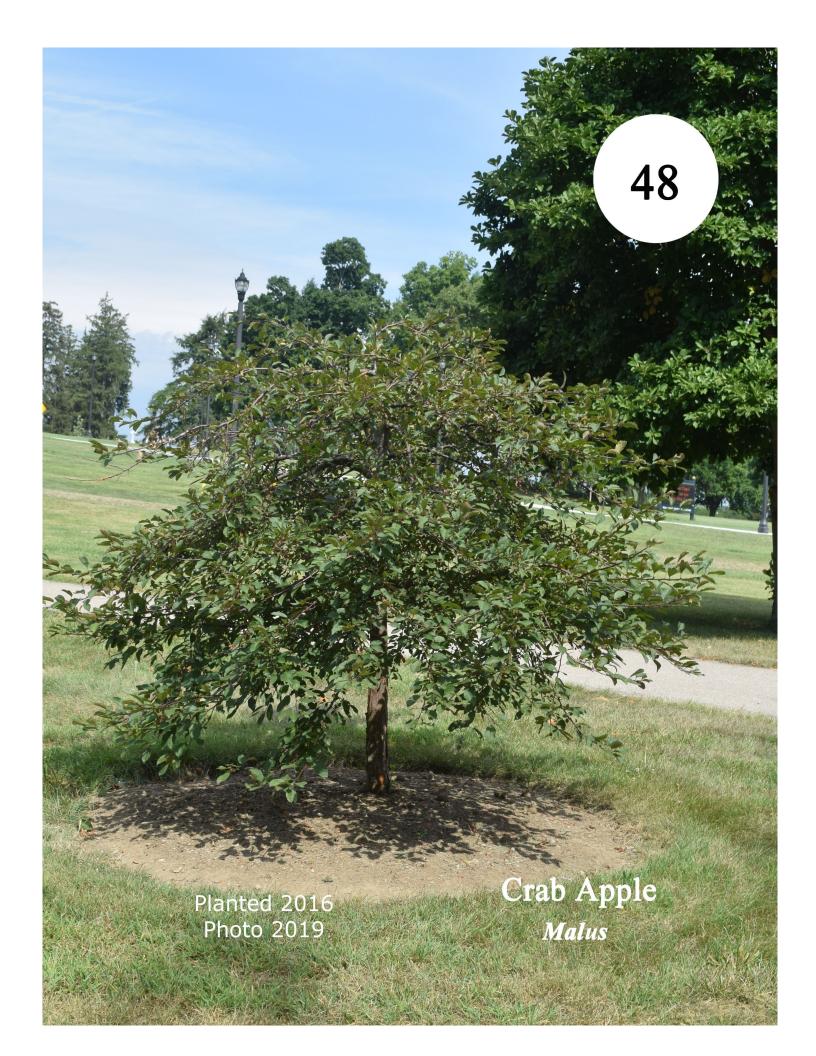


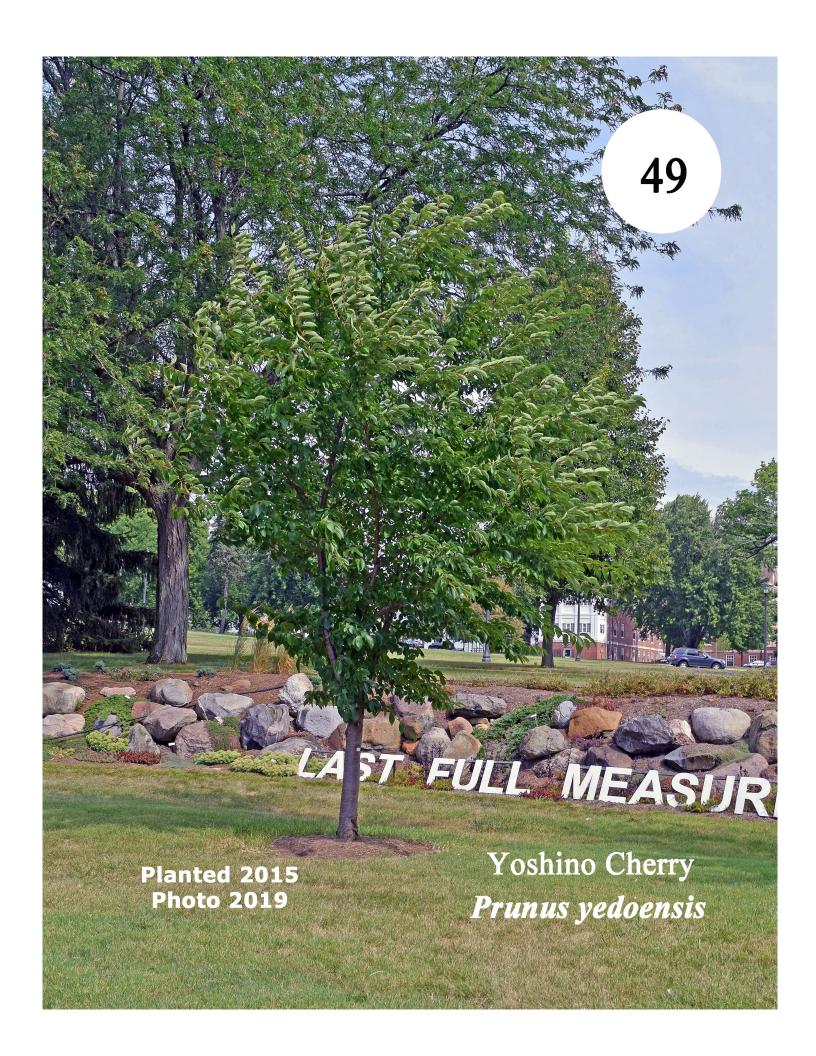


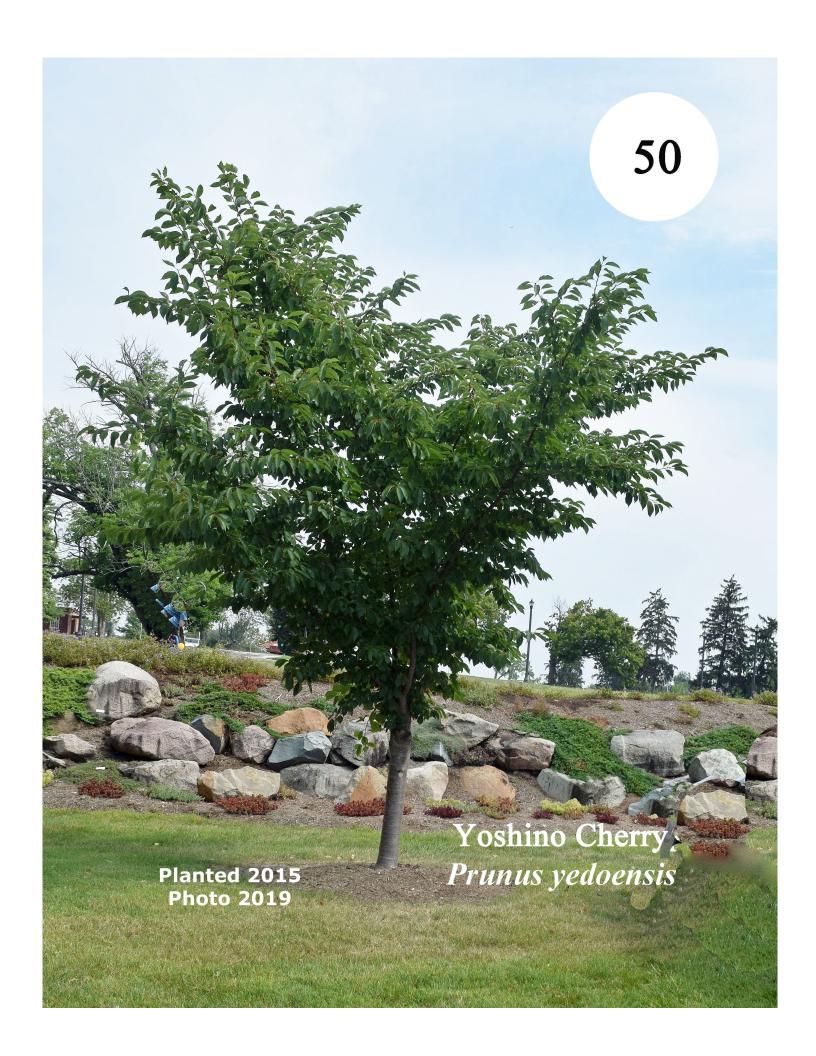


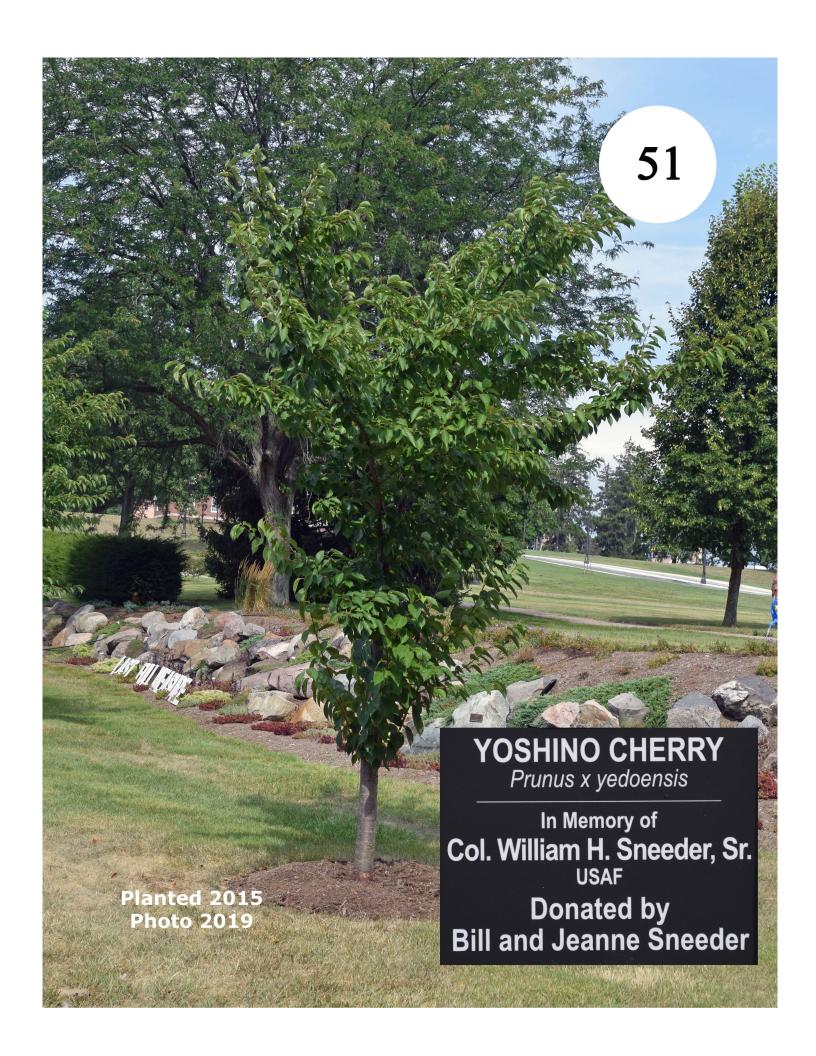




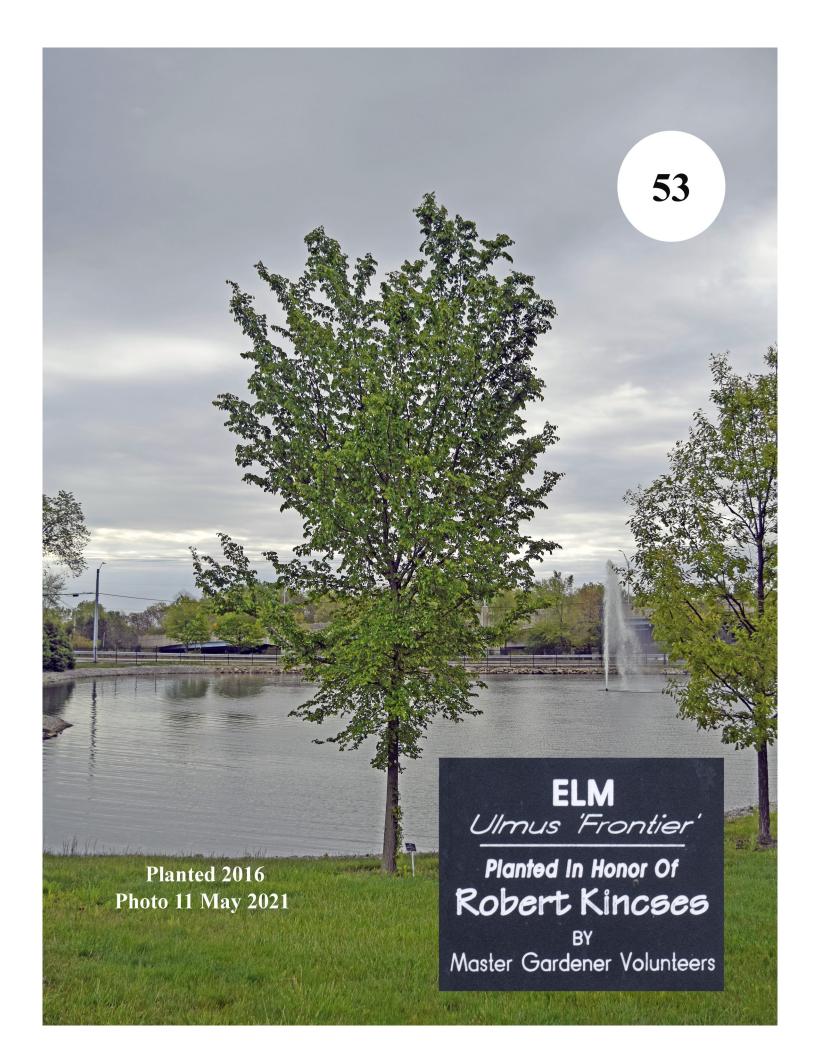


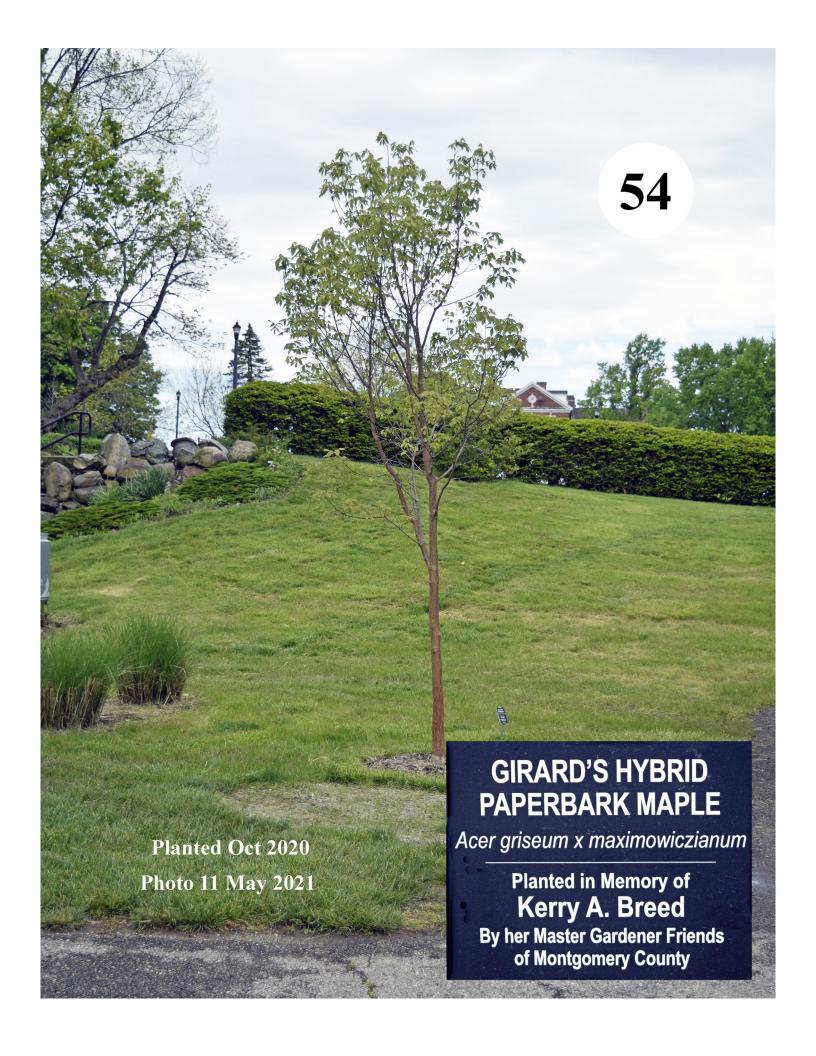




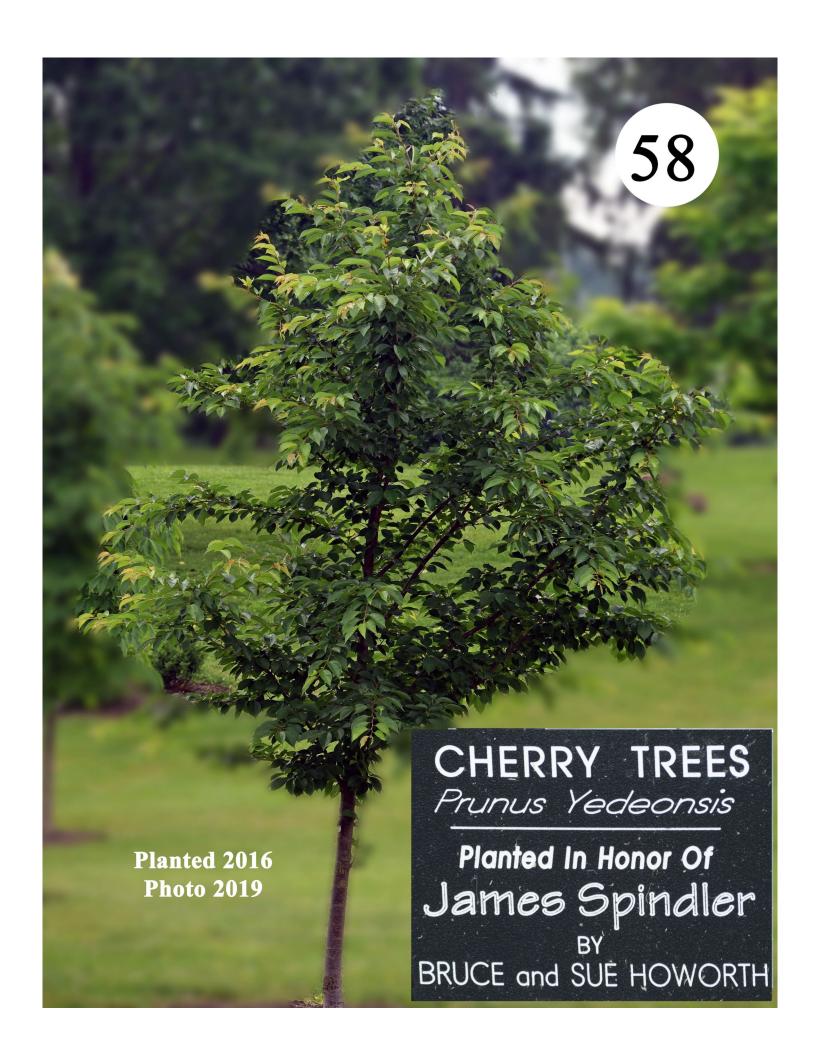


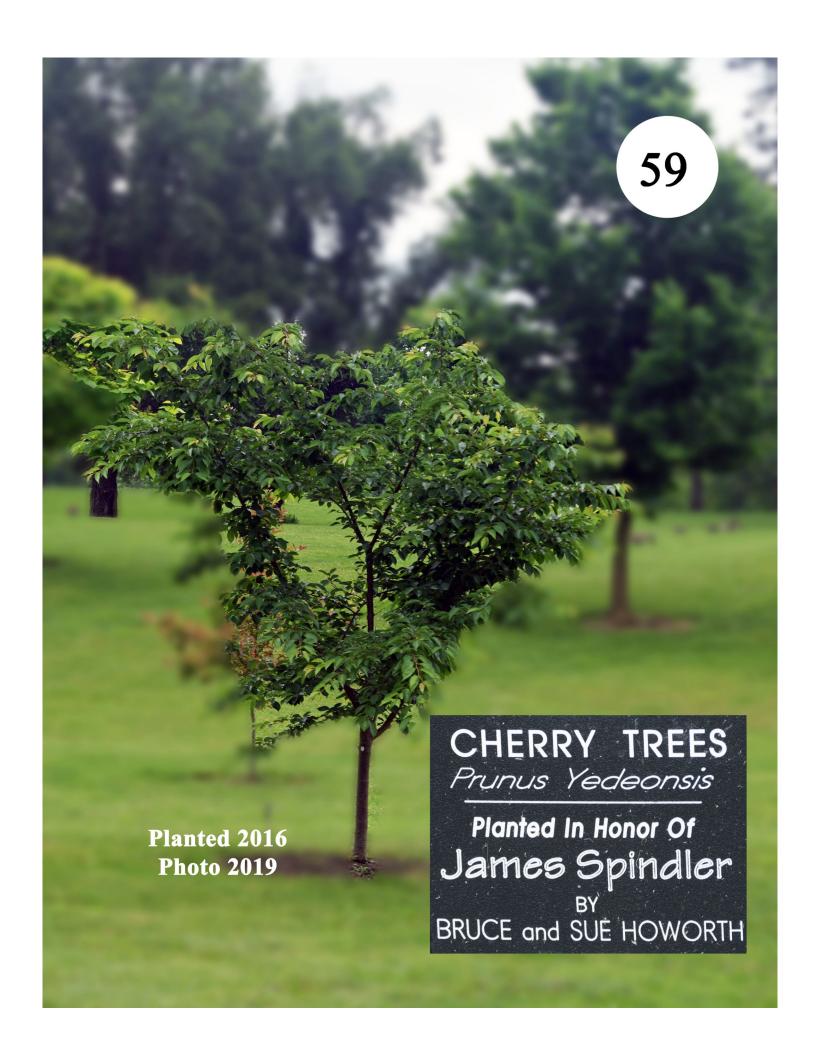






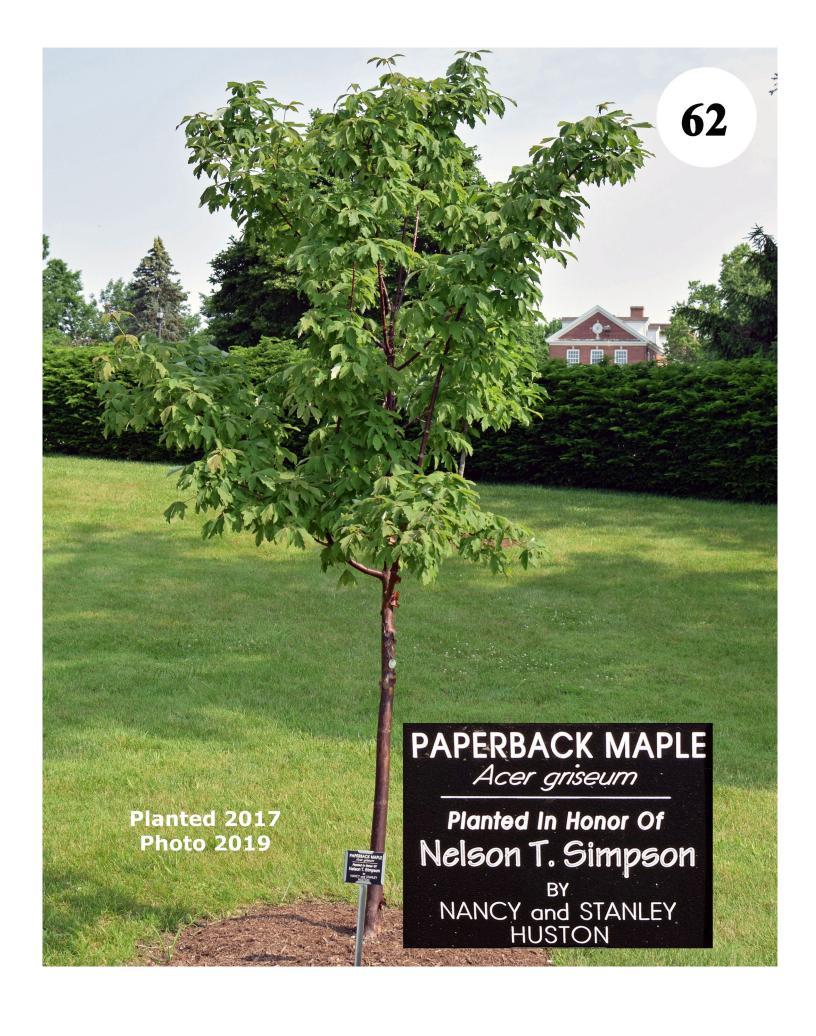


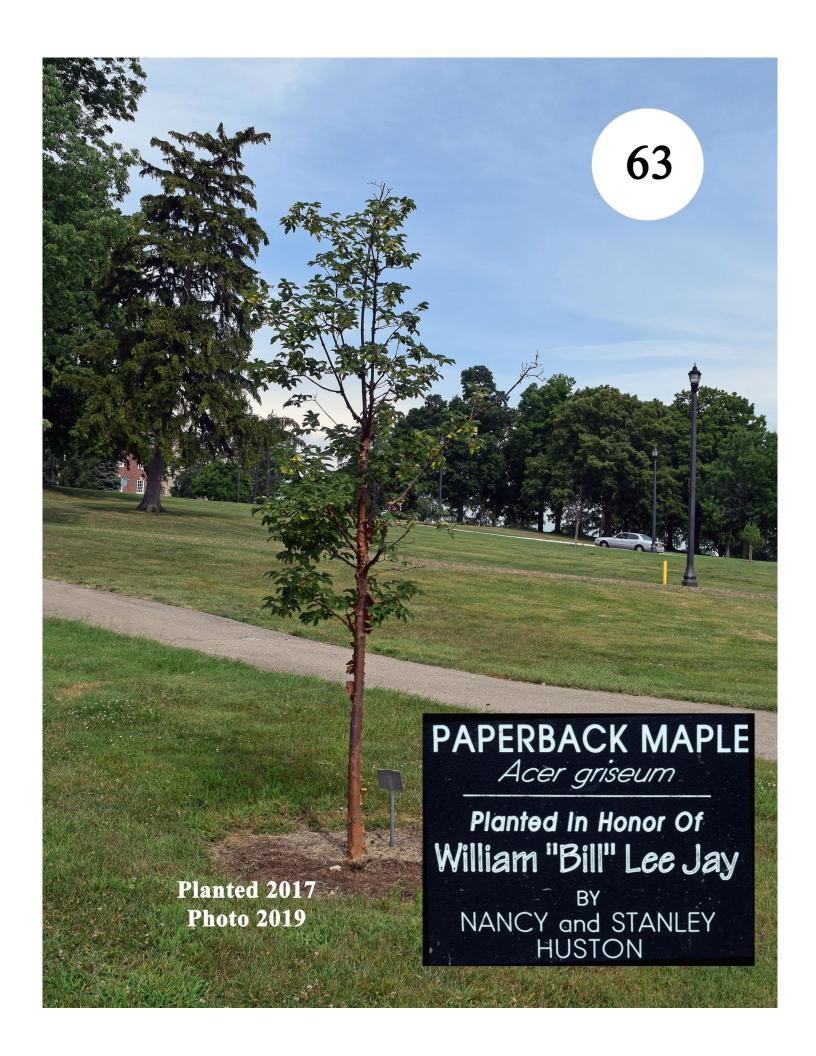








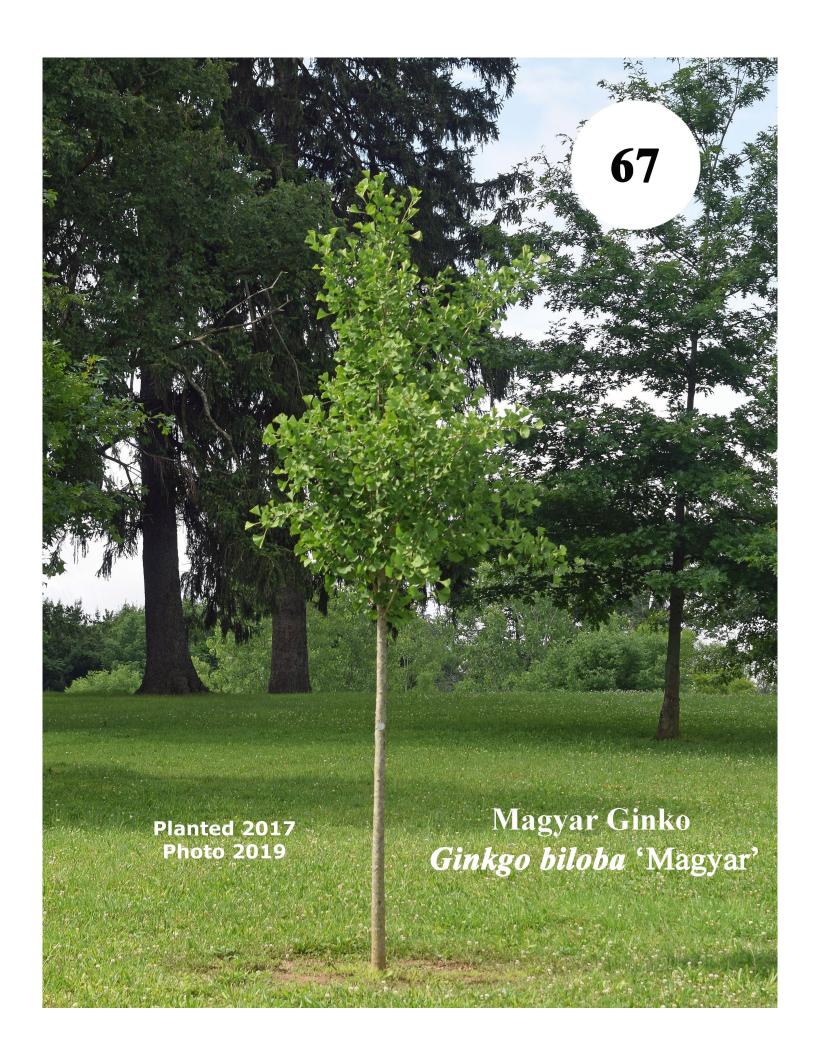












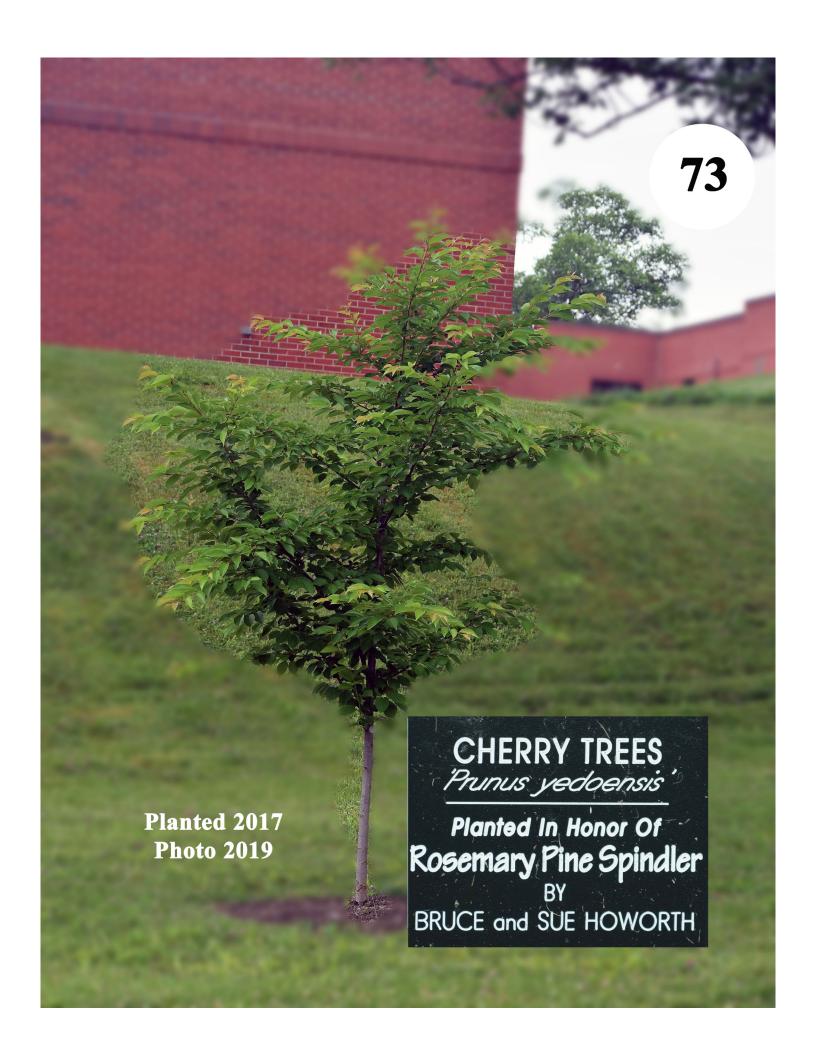


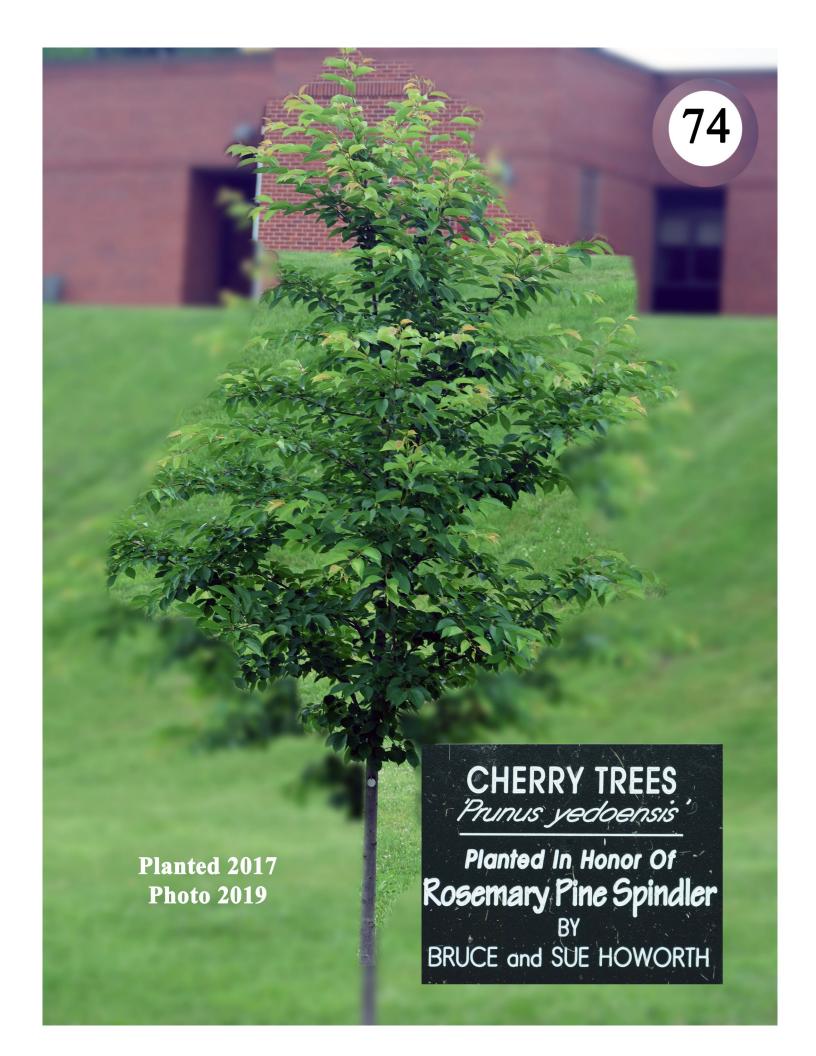






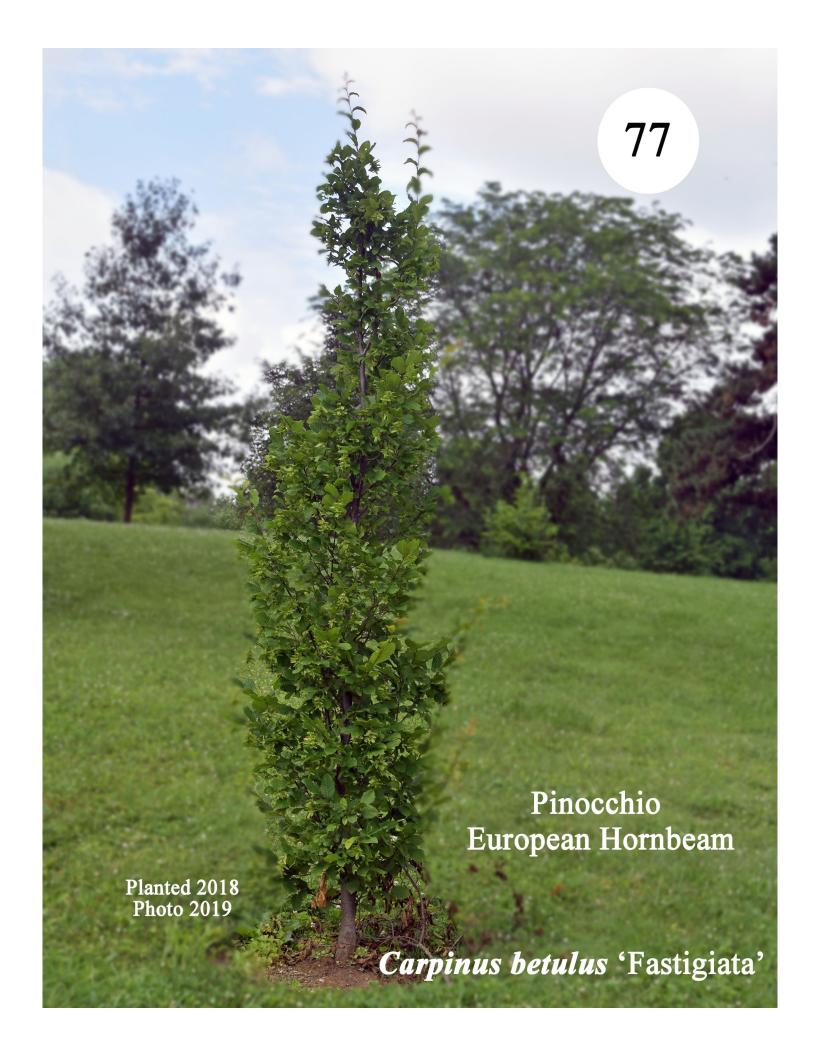




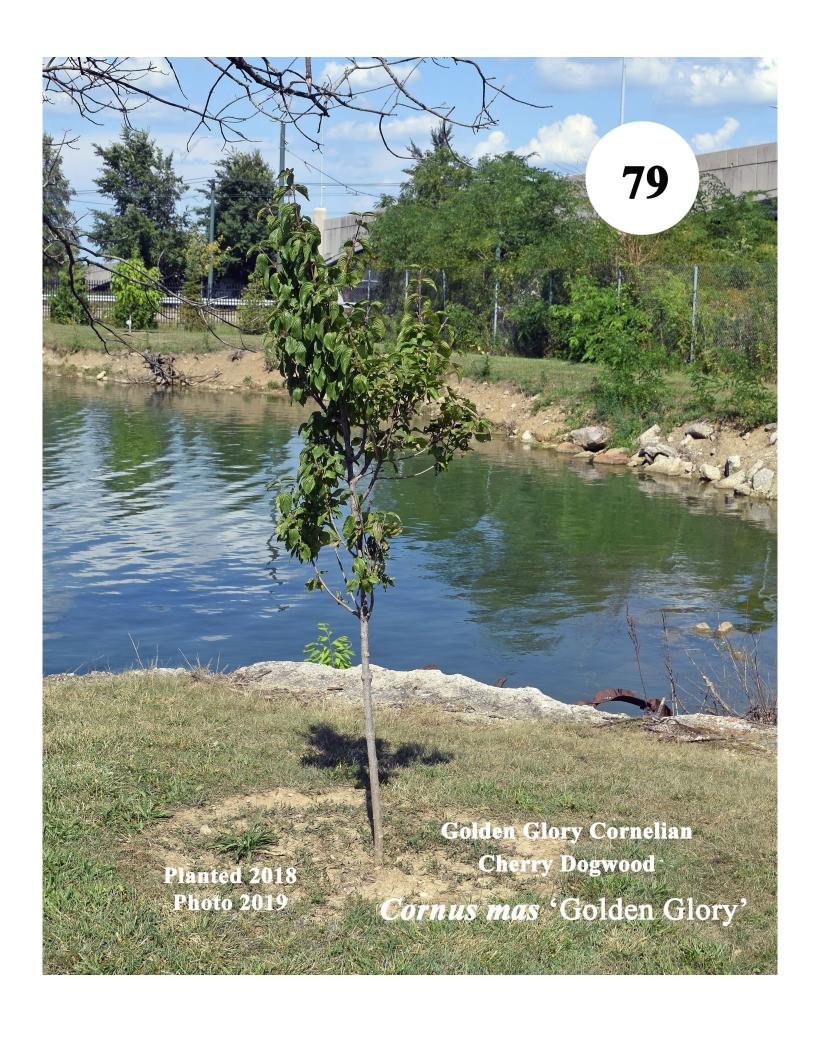


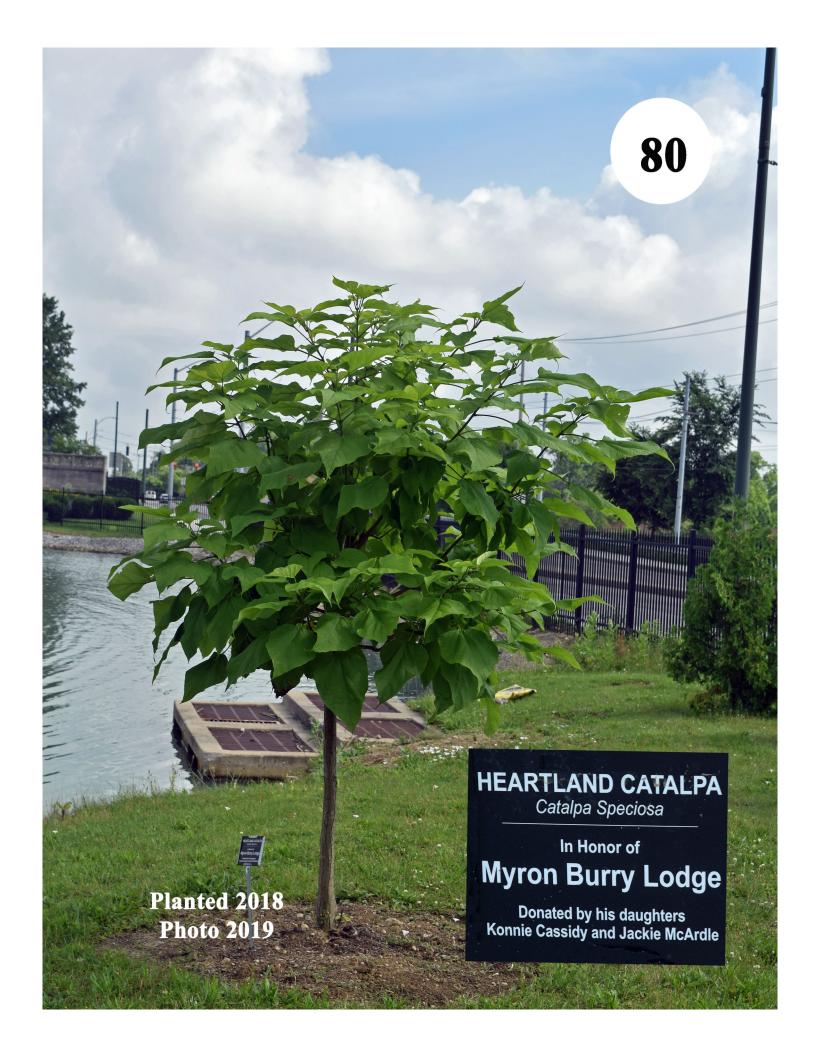


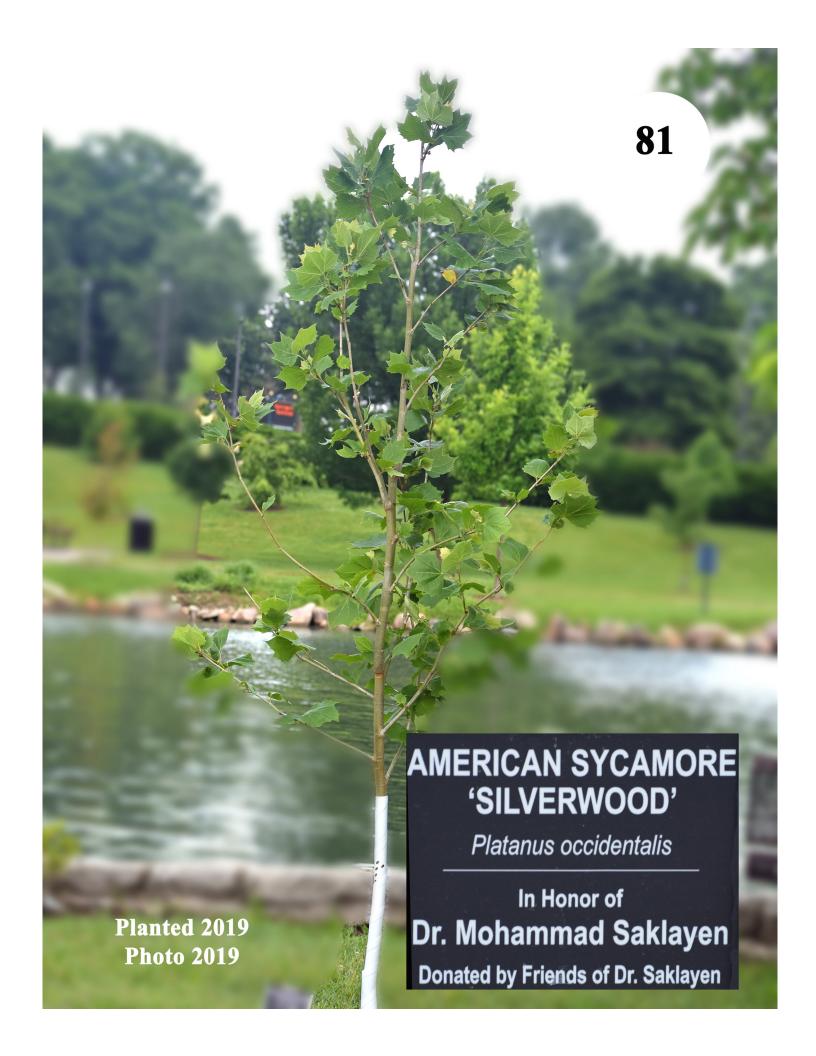




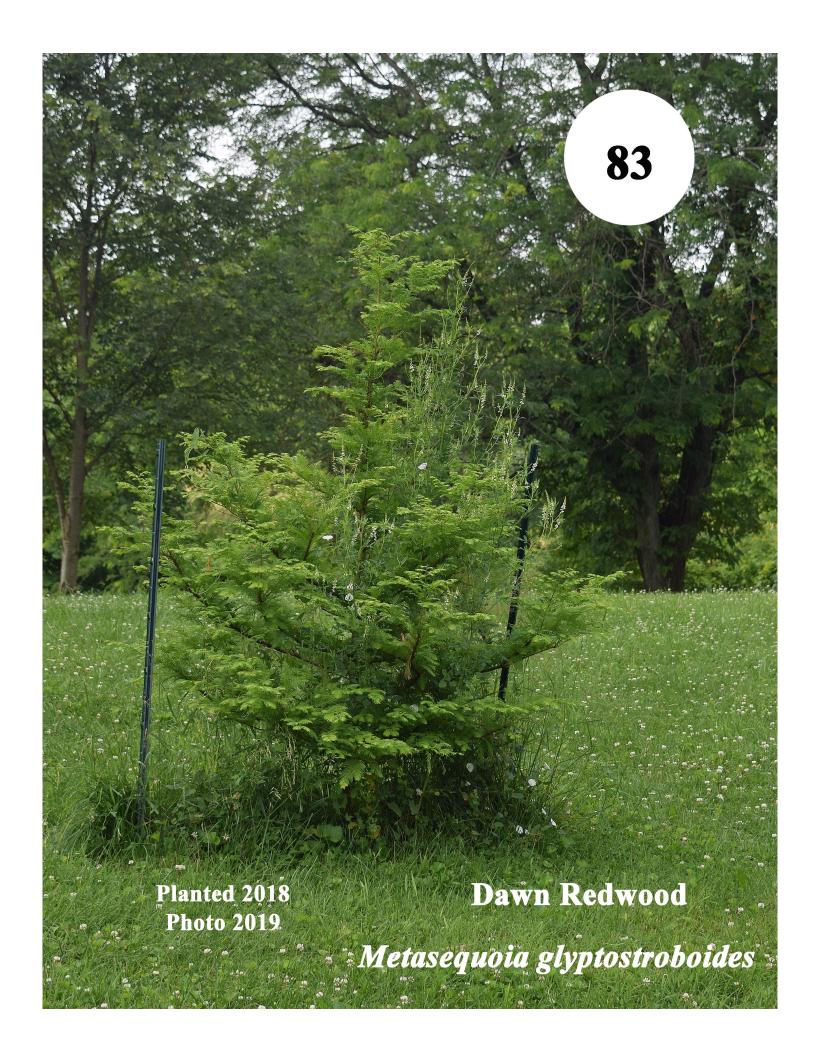












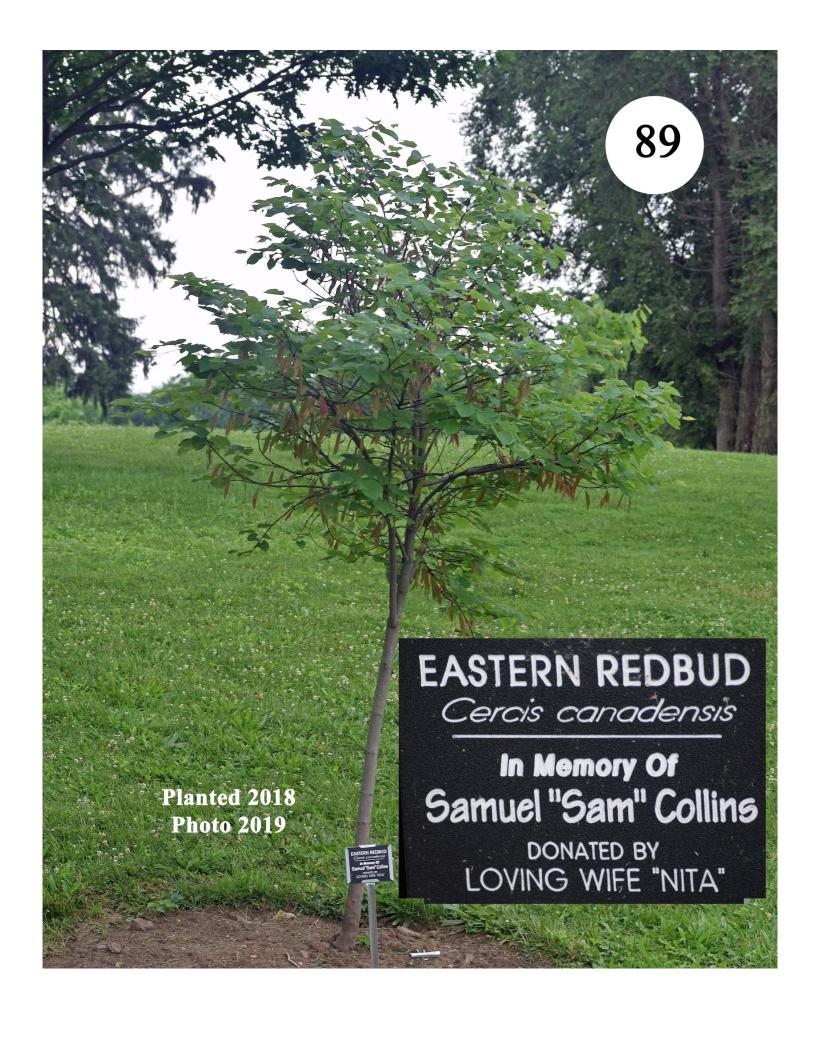


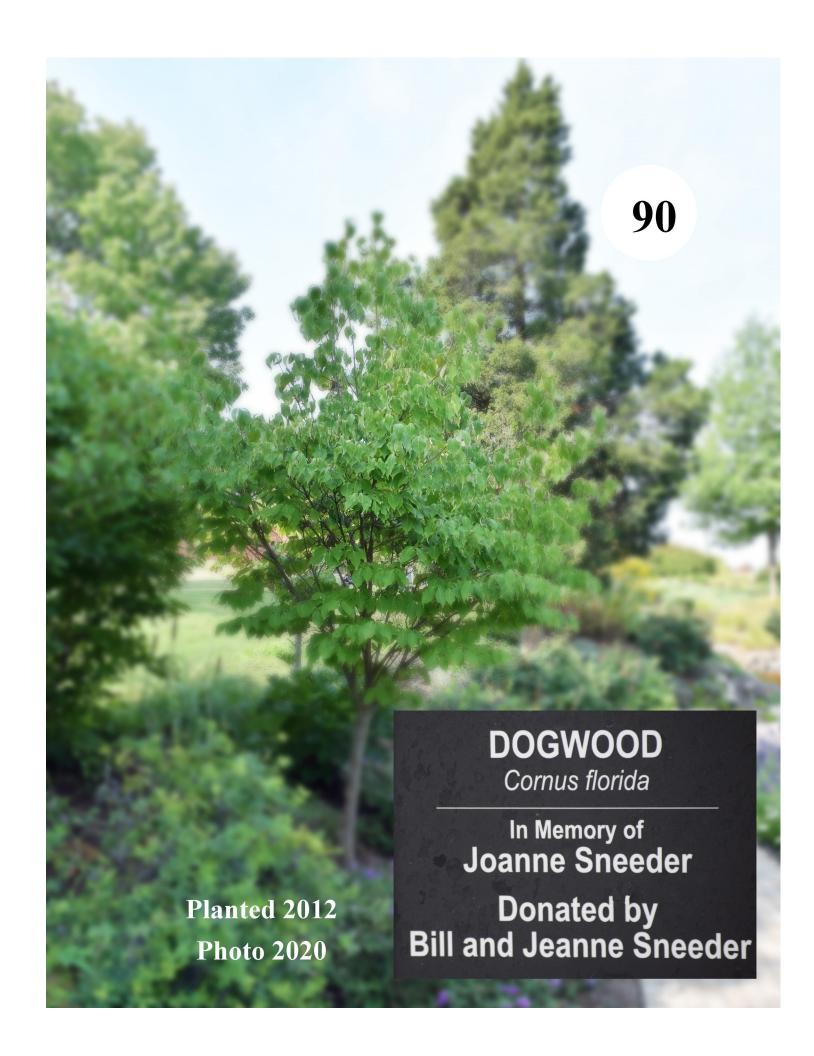


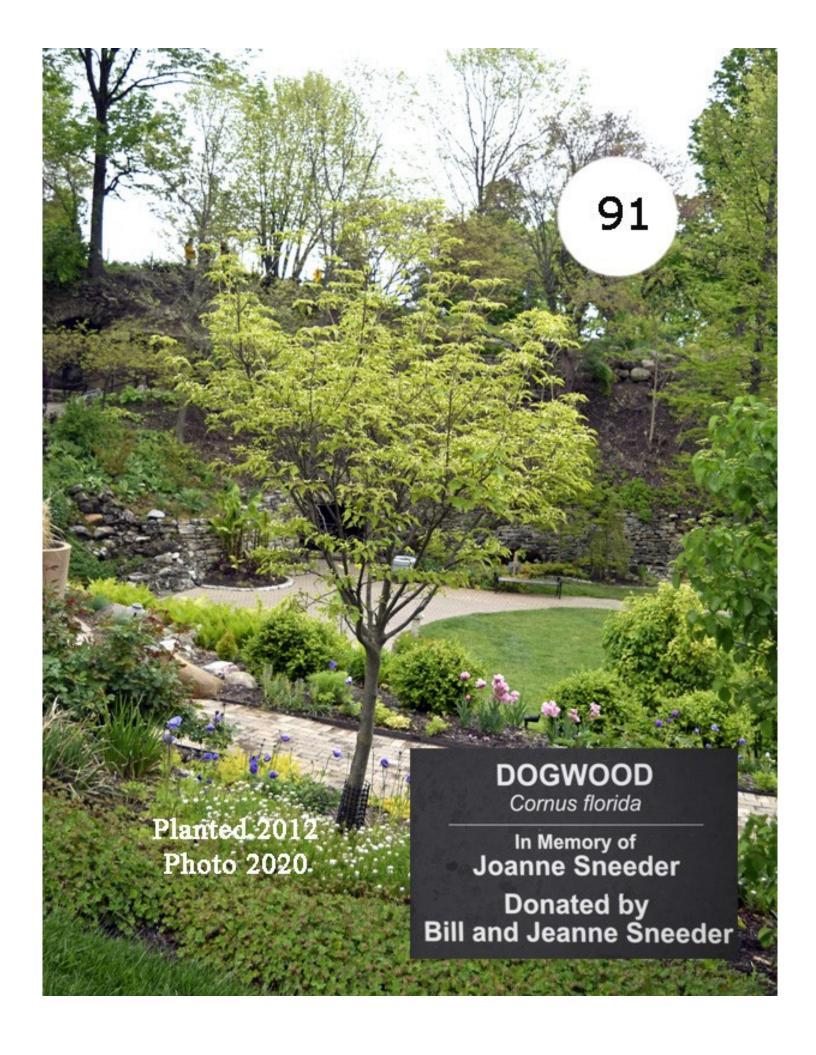


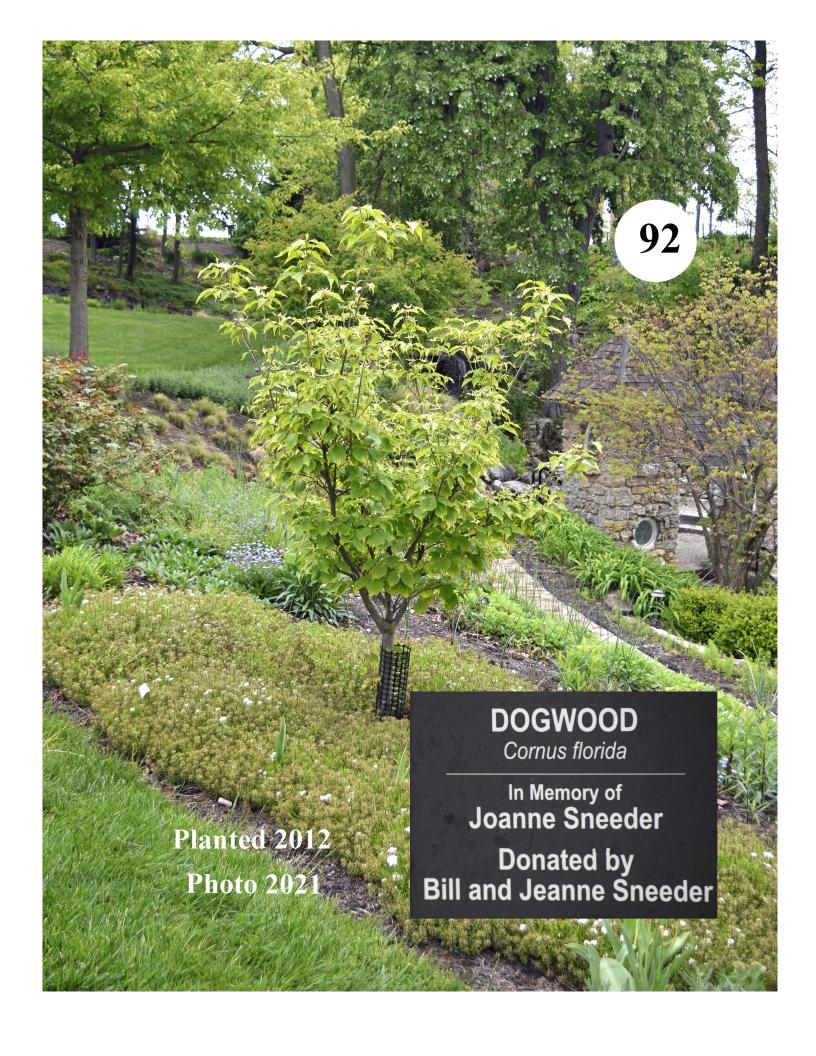














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