The Nashville City Cemetery features many
tree-named streets, including Oak, Willow, Cherry,
and Magnolia, and it is home to more than 300
trees, which have lined the streets and shaded the
graves for nearly two centuries. Five of its majestic
trees were nominated by NCCA board member
Lyn C. James for the Nashville Tree Foundation's
Big Old Tree Contest during its 25th anniversary
year in 2011. Following the announcement that all
five trees were winners of the annual contest, the
Tree Foundation encouraged the City Cemetery to
apply for designation as an arboretum.

The ensuing project has resulted in our deep-
ened appreciation for the diversity of tree and
shrub species within this historic site. Robert
Mather and Lyn James, both of whom are Master
Gardeners and NCCA board members, applied
to the Nashville Tree Foundation for arboretum
designation. With the invaluable assistance of fel-
low board member Steve Sirls, they identified 30
different species of trees and 10 species of shrubs
within the cemetery. A label has been affixed to
each of these 40 specimens identifying its common
and scientific name, and an arboretum map was
created to highlight the location of each within
the cemetery. In addition to identifying the vari-
ous species, gaining approval for arboretum status
required the completion of a detailed application
and a site inspection by a professional forester.

In addition to designating arboretums, the
Nashville Tree Foundation seeks to preserve and
enhance Nashville's urban forest by educating the
public, planting trees in urban areas and identifying
the oldest and biggest trees in Davidson County.
We are grateful for their efforts on our behalf.
1. Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*
2. Common Hackberry, *Celtis occidentalis*
3. Black Cherry, *Prunus serotina*
4. White Dogwood, *Cornus florida*
5. Trident Maple, *Acer rubrum*
6. Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis*
7. Mulberry, *Morus rubra*
8. Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum*
9. Tulip Poplar, *Liriodendron tulipifera*
10. Sugar Maple, *Acer saccharum*
11. Black Walnut, *Juglans nigra*
12. 'October Glory' Red Maple, *Acer rubrum 'October Glory'*
13. American Elm, *Ulmus americana*
14. Cedar, *Juniperus silicicola*
15. 'Bracken's Brown Beauty' Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora 'Bracken's Brown Beauty'*
16. Osage Orange, *Maclura pomifera*
17. Chinese Snowball, *Viburnum macrocephalum*
18. Leatherleaf Viburnum, *Viburnum rhytidophyllum*
19. Forsythia, *Forsythia suspensa*
20. Doublefile Viburnum, *Viburnum plicatum 'maresii'*
21. Redbud, *Cercis Canadensis*
22. Sugarberry Hackberry, *Celtis laevigata*
23. Sweetgum, *Liquidambar styraciflua*
24. Canadian Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*
25. Ginkgo, *Ginkgo biloba*
26. Bridal Wreath Spirea, *Spiraea prunifolia*
27. 'Stellar White' Dogwood, *Cornus florida*
28. Weeping Willow, *Salix babylonica*
29. American Boxwood, *Buxus sempervirens*
30. Quince, *Cydonia oblonga*
31. Bur Oak, *Quercus macrocarpa*
32. Willow Oak, *Quercus phellos*
33. American Holly, *Ilex opaca*
34. English Boxwood, *Buxus sempervirens 'Suffruticosa'*
35. Korean Boxwood, *Buxus microphylla 'koreana'*
37. American Arborvitae, *Thuja occidentalis*
38. White Crabapple, *Malus angustifolia*
39. Crape Myrtle, *Lagerstroemia indica 'alba'*
40. Lilac Common Purple, *Syringa vulgaris*