

2019 Heritage Tree Awards

Joyce and George Becker



Years ago when Joyce and George Becker moved to their home at 23802 Duffield Rd., one of the features that that attracted them was an enormous Metasequoia or Dawn Redwood (pictured left above) standing sentinel in the side yard. This second recipient of the 2019 Heritage Tree Award has a circumference that measures almost five feet from its base and is more than 80 feet tall with a crown spread of over 30 feet. This Metasequoia was originally planted as a Shaker High School science project in the 1960s by the child of the original owners of the home. The seeds came from China, germinated and became this majestic tree. The Metasequoia is home to many types of wildlife and it supplies abundant fruit that prolifically reseeds throughout the yard and gardens.

Jeff Mostade, Eric Nilson and Varun Shetty



Jeff Mostade, Eric Nilson and Varun Shetty, the owners of 2886 West Park Boulevard, received the 2019 Heritage Tree Award for their Cockspear Hawthorn tree (pictured right above) that is more than 40 years old and was part of the original landscape that dates to 1940 when the house was built. The centerpiece of the backyard, this tree is unusual for its kind, having survived longer than other specimens of this species. The red berries that develop in late summer and autumn are a source of food for wildlife despite the tree's thorns and the

white flowers on the spreading canopy of the mature specimen beautify the grounds of this property in the spring.