COMMEMORATIVE GROVE PROGRAM

History:

The City Council in its approved annual work program for 1988-90, called for a Donor Tree Planting Program:
To “Develop and implement a pilot Donor Tree Planting Program specifically in and around the Laguna Lake
Park area and provide a method of recognizing the donors.”

On February 7, 1989 this program was approved by the Council and the Commemorative Grove was dedicated
at the Arbor Day Celebration, March 4, 1989. A total of nine commemorative trees and thirty-eight windbreak
trees were planted at this dedication.

Purpose of Program:

This grove will allow the planting of trees by citizens or special interest groups who wish to commemorate
some special event or person in their life; i.e., these trees commemorate significant events in the lives of the
people of San Luis Obispo. These living monuments share special remembrance with present and future
generations.

Location and Description:

The location of the Commemorative Grove is on both sides of the entrance to Laguna Lake Park. This area is
very visible and somewhat more protected from the wind than other areas of the park. Windbreak plantings
are installed to protect the more sensitive commemorative trees. The walking and jogging trails act as
passageways through the grove. The entrance to the Commemorative Grove features a monument and
dedication plaque. A donor’s plaque will be placed at each commemorative tree identifying the donor and the
commemorated person and or event.

Cost to Donor:

The cost of the commemorative tree and the plaque may vary due to the tree size and species. Normal cost
for the tree and plaque will be $410.00. City staff will assist citizens in planting commemorative trees, fifteen
gallon size or larger, in a planned location within the grove.

Maintenance:

The City will provide all maintenance to the commemorative and windbreak trees; i.e., pruning, feeding,
watering, weeding, etc. The City may replace trees due to vandalism or other conditions, but will not be
responsible for replacement of damaged plaques.
SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMEMORATIVE GROVE PROGRAM AT LAGUNA LAKE PARK

The Commemorative Grove at Laguna Lake Park in San Luis Obispo has designated areas where trees are planted with custom engraved plaques. Each tree is unique and has a special meaning often expressed on the plaques themselves.

Please use the template below as a guideline for how you would like the plaque to be inscribed.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COMMEMORATIVE GROVE

This___________________________________________________________

Varity of tree

______________________________________________________________

Reason for planting

______________________________________________________________

Name of person

______________________________________________________________

Dedicated by

______________________________________________________________

Date

The plaques are approximately 4” x 6” and are made of durable aluminum. Your inscription is laser etched on a black background and attached to a metal stand to allow placement at the base of your newly planted tree. Special planting arrangements can be made in advance with the Grove manager. Each purchase includes a 15 gallon size tree, hole preparation, custom engraved plaque, mulch and support stakes for the newly planted tree.

Name______________________________________________________    $410.00   (Cash or check only)

Address____________________________________________________   Check #_________ Cash__________

City _________________________________Zip Code_______________   Date Paid______________________

Phone_______________________________ Email to send proof_____________________________________

Complete this form and mail with payment to address below. Make checks out to the City of San Luis Obispo.

City of San Luis Obispo
Attn: City Arborist
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San Luis Obispo, CA  93401             Please call (805) 781-7220 or email rcombs@slocity.org for questions.