

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 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 _____	Variety 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
25 Prado Rd.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Please call (805) 781-7220 or email rcombs@slocity.org for questions.