Honor a loved one or commemorate a special date with a tribute bench, tree or space located in one of our display gardens, along a trail, or in scenic natural areas at Matthaei Botanical Gardens or Nichols Arboretum. Tribute gifts offer unique and lasting ways to recognize family, friends, and events that have touched our lives while also supporting Matthaei-Nichols. Single or collective donations can be used for any tribute and all donations are tax-deductible. All donors will receive an acknowledgment from the University of Michigan and Matthaei-Nichols, along with a notification sent to the honorees, if desired. All tributes will be available to view on our Tribute Tracker database in perpetuity.

**Name a Tree at Matthaei Botanical Gardens or Nichols Arboretum- $2,500**

A tree in tribute to a friend or loved one is a wonderful gift that continues to grow. Choose from a variety of different tree species in our collections, or have the Matthaei-Nichols Curator choose for you. All trees available as tribute options are pre-determined and include only trees that are already planted and established on our sites to ensure the longevity and good health of the tree while also fitting to our long-term landscape design. Your tribute tree gift directly supports the care and maintenance for our many display gardens, trails, and natural areas.

Each tribute tree gift includes:

- An anodized alumni tree plaque identifying the tree species, origin of nativity, and the name of the person(s) honored.
- Tree maintenance for a period of 20 years effectively beginning on the day of memorialization, including tree replacement if deemed necessary. Matthaei-Nichols will review the tree condition after the 20 year term and will contact the original tree representative to discuss options for renewing the tree gift at the donation price at the end of the tribute period.
- A digital archive of the tree available for public view on the Matthaei-Nichols ‘Tribute Tracker.’ The archive record will include an accompanying photo of the tree and plaque and a map of the tree location.
- Recognition on our Donor Honor Roll published each year in the Annual Report.
- If collecting gifts for a tribute, weekly updates regarding the running total of the fund and names of contributing donors will be sent to the tribute representative.
- Acknowledgment letters will be sent to all donors on behalf of Matthaei-Nichols.
- All donations are tax-deductible and will receive a donation receipt from the University of Michigan.

**UPDATED: 2/2018**
Priority Tribute Trees at Nichols Arboretum

Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum

Nichols Drive Entrance
U-M Hospitals
East Medical Center Dr.
Washington Hts.
Geddes Road
Nichols Drive
Huron River
Nichols Drive
Washington Hts.
Geddes Road
Nichols Drive
Huron River
Nichols Drive

Centennial Shrubs
6

Forest Hill Cemetery
Geddes Entrance
Geddes Road
Nichols Drive
Main Valley

Heathdale
3

Peony Garden
2

Gateway Garden
1

Wetland Boardwalk
4

Hawthorn Valley

Oak Openings

Magnolia Glen

Prairie

Amphitheater

Gallup Park Trail

0                            0.1                      0.2 mi.
0                            0.16                    0.32 km.
Priority Tribute Trees at Nichols Arboretum

1. Gateway Garden & Washington Heights
   Serviceberry - Amelanchier spp.

2. Peony Garden & Laurel Ridge
   Eastern White Pine - Pinus strobus
   Tree Peony Cultivars - Paeonia suffruticosa

3. Heathdale
   Flowering Dogwood - Cornus florida
   Bigleaf Magnolia - Magnolia macrophylla
   Striped Maple - Acer pensylvanicum

4. Wetland Boardwalk
   American Paw Paw - Asimina triloba

5. Main Valley & Maple Glen
   Various Oak Species - Quercus spp.
   American Sycamore - Platanus occidentalis

6. Centennial Shrub Collection & Geddes
   American Hophornbeam - Ostrya virginiana
   Bur Oak - Quercus macrocarpa

7. Magnolia Glen
   No current availabilities

8. Huron Riverfront
   Bur Oak - Quercus macrocarpa
   (opposite of river)
   American Sycamore - Platanus occidentalis
   Kentucky Coffee Tree - Gymnocladus dioicus

Tribute Tag Example, Size: 2x6”

Yellow Birch
Betula alleghaniensis
Fagaceae

Native to North America

in memory of
Mallory Wernimont
June 2, 2014

Symbol Key

Native to Europe
Native to Eurasia
Native to Asia
Native to Michigan

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Priority Tribute Trees at Matthaei Botanical Gardens

**1. Gaffield Children’s Garden**
Quaking aspen - *Populus tremuloides*
Sassafras - *Sassafras albidum*

**2. Great Lakes Gardens & East Display Areas**
Black Oak - *Quercus velutina*
Flowering Dogwood - *Cornus florida*
Chinquapin Oak - *Quercus muehlenbergii*
Serviceberry - *Amelanchier* spp.
Eastern Tamarack - *Larix laricina*
Eastern Redbud - *Cercis canadensis*
Developing landscape, new trees and shrubs being added yearly.

**3. Commons & Exhibit Gardens**
American Hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*
White Oak - *Quercus* alba
Redbud - *Cercis canadensis*
Jack Pine - *Pinus banksiana*
Shingle Oak - *Quercus imbricaria*
*Princeton Elm - Ulmus americana ‘Princeton’*
Basswood - *Tilia americana*

**4. Bonsai Display Garden**
All new trees under observation

**5. Gateway Garden & Terrace**
White Oak - *Quercus* alba
American Hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*

**6. Front Entry Garden**
(Under Transition and Planting)
Flowering Dogwood - *Cornus florida*
Serviceberry - *Amelanchier* spp.

**7. Picnic Grove**
Gingko - *Gingko biloba*
Black Cherry - *Prunus serotina*

**Tribute Tag Example, Size: 2x6”**

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*Betula alleghaniensis*
Fagaceae

Native to North America

*In tribute of Herbert G. Wells*
August 25 2010

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