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This scarlet oak on Antioch is a car magnet because of the cooling shade it produces all summer. Courtesy photo

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Landmark trees will stand out even more

By Special to The Enterprise

Nineteen trees were awarded Great Tree status in Tree Davis' Great Tree Search. Great Trees were designated because of their unusual size, species, form or history. Awardees ranged from 12 to 380 years old, 11 to 129 feet tall and 1 to 20 feet girth.

Fascinating stories on what made each tree special were captured in a series of Davis Enterprise articles this spring and can be found online at the Tree Davis website <http://www.treedavis.org/programs/great-tree-search/>. Also on the website is a map with locations and fun facts on each Great Tree.

A graphic design class at Sacramento City College produced unique tree necklaces that adorn each tree with the species name, a fun fact and a QR code that points people to more information on the website.

Three short videos are posted online. The first provides an introduction to the Great Tree Search.

The second illustrates how a malformed young ginkgo was rescued and inspired residents to replant their street with ginkgo trees.

The last video describes how a street tree planted 50 years ago in Davis as an experiment became the godfather of 200,000 genetically identical Espresso Kentucky coffee trees planted worldwide. It demonstrates how a scientist's keen eye for a remarkable tree and a nurseryman's unrelenting pursuit of a dream combined to create something very special.

Readers can print and use the online map to visit the Great Trees at their convenience or join the bike tour that Dr. McPherson will host this fall.

Readers can be part of the Great Tree Search when it begins again in the fall by nominating a tree because of its species, size, form, history or whatever. Readers can nominate trees online by clicking on the Great Tree Search

banner, downloading a paper form on the website at <http://www.treedavis.org/city-of-davis/gts-final-v2-2/>, or requesting a form by calling 530-757-7337.

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