



LINDA WILLIAMS PALMER

Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey

BUR OAK

(Quercus macrocarpa) or "Father Tree" - Lonoke County, Kco 2008

Colored pencil on paper by Linda Williams Palmer - 38" h x 53 1/2" w - framed

Detail: *Leaves, Bur Oak* by Linda Williams Palmer - 14" h x 18 1/2" w - framed

CHAMPION STATISTICS

Circumference: 270" Crown Spread: 135' Height: 100' Bigness Index: 404

My painting of a Texas Live Oak titled "The Great Mother," exhibited in the 2007 Delta Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center, inspired a viewer to direct me to a grand "Father Tree" in our state. I knew when I saw it that my journey to find and interpret Arkansas champion trees had begun: it was the first one in my series. Famous among the town's residents, this Bur Oak was nicknamed "The King of Kco." It was a popular landmark in the community until a tornado blew it over in 2008. - LWP



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