



LINDA WILLIAMS PALMER
Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey
SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA

(Magnolia grandiflora) - Miller County, Texarkana 2009

Colored pencil on paper by Linda Williams Palmer - 38" h x 52" w - framed

Detail: *Leaves and Blossom, Southern Magnolia* by Linda Williams Palmer - 14" h x 18 1/2" w - framed

CHAMPION STATISTICS

Circumference: 219" Crown Spread: 82' Height: 70' Bigness Index: 310

The Southern Magnolia is a majestic evergreen with large waxy leaves. Its large white blossom is ubiquitous to the South where it can be found on everything from city logos to tableware, and in floral arrangements. This Magnolia grows on land sold and bought for an apartment complex; the deal was sealed with an agreement that the tree would be carefully protected. The original and present owners happened to visit my art studio independently of each other, and from them, I learned about the effort each made to preserve this champion. - LWP



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