

Tree #22 Foster's Holly Tree (*Ilex x attenuate 'Fosteri'*). (GPS: N32/26.097' X W080/39.888') E.E. Foster of Foster Nursery of Bessemer, Alabama released this holly in the 1940's. The tree grows from 25 to 30 feet tall with a spread of 6 to 8 feet. This gives it a narrow, conical form. Bright evergreen leaves have from one to three nonthreatening spines on each side of the leaf margin. Red, pea sized fruit is abundant even on young plants.



Turn around. On the opposite corner of Short Street at 100 Laurens is...

Tree #23 Tung Oil Tree (*Aleurites fordii*). (GPS: N32/26.096' X W080/39.887') In the springtime a white and purple flower covers the tree. The oil harvested from the seeds of this tree is used as a drying agent in paints and varnish. In the fall it produces large multi-kernelled nuts.



Continue down Short Street keeping the open square on your right. At the corner, look to your left at the property appropriately named "The Oaks" at....

Tree #24 Live Oak Tree (*Quercus virginiana*). (GPS: N32/26.068' X W080/39.897')



It is called the symbol of the South. This mighty specimen flourishes in the Coastal Southeast from Virginia to Mexico. It holds its leaves through the winter, shedding them as the new buds burst forth in the spring. This gives the tree an "evergreen" appearance, thus the name "Live Oak". You will notice the Spanish Moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) swaying in the breeze like stalactites, found on the trees. This moss is in the Bromeliaceae family and related to the pineapple. It loves Beaufort's warm and humid climate and is found on many trees throughout the city. It is a true air plant, or epiphyte and derives its sustenance from the wind and rain. Air plants are not parasites; they merely perch on the limbs of the host tree.



Continue around the corner down King Street and enjoy the Live Oaks and Magnolia on The Green. Each is uniquely different, yet beautiful. Take a left onto Pinckney Street.

As you turn the corner onto Federal Street, look to your left at 302 Federal Street, you will see...

Tree #25 Southern Magnolia Tree (*Magnolia grandiflora*). (GPS: N32/26.003' X W080/39.952')



A large broad-leafed conical shaped evergreen, graced in spring and summer with fragrant white flowers 8- 12 inches in diameter. The large, leathery, dark glossy-green leaves have undersides of velvety rust shades. Be sure to notice all the young saplings growing under the outstretched branches of the parent.