

St. Peter's Philadelphia: Major Trees and Shrubs

(April 2018)

Tree or Shrub	Location	Comments
London Plane Tree (<i>Plantanus acerifolia</i>)	Just E of the Pine St. gate entrance to the yard	We think this is the oldest tree in the yard, circa 1820. London Planes and American Sycamores line the E and N borders of the yard.
Crabapples (2) (<i>Malus hybrids</i>)	E of the London Plane, along the Pine St. wall.	The trees are blooming now, with blooms and leaves emerging at the same time – really pretty.
Pin Oak (<i>Quercus palustris</i>)	Along the 3 rd St. wall, just S of the 3 rd /4 th St. walkway	We believe this is the second oldest tree in the yard, circa 1840. One of its limbs took out the Nixon grave (now repaired) about two years ago.
Osage Orange Trees (6) (<i>Maclura pomifera</i>)	Three are along the fence between the yard and the parking lot. Two new ones are in the center of the NW quadrant. One in the SW.	All of these trees are descendants from cuttings brought back from the Lewis and Clark expedition. Orange refers to the color of the wood and the roots, not to the canon ball like fruit we see in the fall.
Oregon Grape Holly (3) (<i>Mahonia aquifolium and bealei</i>)	In the flower bed between the parking lot and the walkway to the school.	The shrub closest to the school was planted by the Lewis and Clark Society in the early 2000's. It is from the Monticello collection and is a Lewis and Clark expedition descendant.
Southern Magnolia (<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>)	At the W edge of the walkway to the school, opposite the flower bed.	Very large and stately broad leafed evergreen tree. Large white flowers with yellow centers in the late spring.
Cedars of Lebanon (2) (<i>Cedrus libani</i>)	One at NW corner of bier shed. One E of shed.	Huge conifers with a wide spread. Grenade shaped cones.
Maidenhair Tree (<i>Ginko biloba</i>)	In the center of the NW quadrant of the yard.	A very tall, vase shaped tree and a beautiful specimen. Luckily it is male as the fruit of the female tree is very stinky!
Franklin Tree (<i>Franklinia alataamaha</i>)	About 20' S of the Pine St. wall and about 75' W of the Church entry walk from Pine St.	Planted to thank Dorothy and David Stevens for their work in the yard, this tree is a collector's item. Seeds were collected by John Bartram in Georgia in 1765. It has not been found in the wild since 1803. It has interesting striped bark and late summer large white, fragrant flowers with an egg yolk yellow center.
Horse Chestnut (<i>Aesculus pavia</i>)	W of the Ginko	This is a younger tree, generously donated by a parishioner. It has lovely pink blooms. In part, it replaces the very old Horse Chestnut that had to be removed several years ago.
Three new baby trees	Along the 3 rd /4 th St. walkway, E of the Decatur monument.	At the time of this writing, we don't know which species PHS will be sending us. They will be native and we trust they will be beautiful.