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CAMERON DAY NAMED TREE SCULPTURE CONTEST WINNER

WAKE FOREST, NC – March 8, 2012 – The Wake Forest ARTS Board of Directors has named Cameron Day as the winner of the Wake Forest Tree Sculpture Contest. Her “bear chair” was chosen as the winning design from among 10 submissions.

Day is a 14-year-old ninth grader at Heritage High School. Her mother, Teresa, says the Tree Sculpture Contest appealed to many of Cameron’s interests.

“Cameron wanted to participate in the contest because she loves art, is interested in architecture, and her dad is an arborist. So she’s been taught the beauty of tree care all her life. She also loves hiking in the mountains, where her dad grew up, and thought a ‘bear chair’ would be a wonderful way to add something fun and useful to the design.”

Day will be honored during Wake Forest’s Annual Arbor Day celebration on Thursday, March 15. The event gets underway at 10 a.m. at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave.

During the week of March 12 a tree sculptor is expected to begin transforming the base of the tree into a work of art – hopefully in time to be unveiled during the March 15 Arbor Day ceremony.

The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department introduced the tree sculpture contest in November after determining that a large willow oak tree in Holding Park would have to be removed. The trunk of the tree remained in good condition, however, so the department sponsored the contest as a way of preserving the trunk and promoting public art.

Area residents were invited to submit their ideas and designs and the Board of Directors of Wake Forest ARTS, a non-profit organization that promotes and coordinates arts and cultural activities in the community, was tapped to select the winner. After reviewing the submissions, Day’s design was declared the winner.

For more information about the Tree Sculpture Contest and the Town's Arbor Day festivities, contact Urban Forester Evan Keto at (919) 435-9565 or eketo@wakeforestnc.gov.

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