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TREE SCULPTOR SET TO BEGIN APRIL 10

WAKE FOREST, NC – April 3, 2012 – Wake Forest area residents are invited to visit Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave., next week and watch JR Chainsaw Carvings transform the trunk of a willow oak tree into a unique work of art.

Beginning Tuesday, April 10, at 11 a.m., Master Carver Jerry Reid will begin the meticulous process of converting the tree trunk into a one-of-a-kind “bear chair.” He will return throughout the remainder of the week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to complete the much-anticipated project.

The tree sculpting will bring to a dramatic close the Town’s first-ever Tree Sculpture Contest. The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department introduced the design competition in November and solicited entries from area residents as a way of preserving the trunk and promoting public art.

The Wake Forest ARTS Board of Directors reviewed 12 submissions and selected Heritage High School ninth grader Cameron Day’s “bear chair” as the winning design. Day was honored during Wake Forest’s Annual Arbor Day celebration on March 15.

For more information about next week’s tree sculpting, contact Urban Forester Evan Keto at (919) 435-9565 or eketo@wakeforestnc.gov.

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