

Clackamas County Heritage Tree Program

Recognized May 2010

Points of Interest

Owner: Ed and Gayle Whithurst

Location: Pete's Mountain Road, West Linn

Species: Oregon White Oak (Quercus garryana)

Age: 100+ yrs

Height: 80 -90 feet

Canopy: 90 feet

Diameter: 13 feet, 9

inches

Health: Good

Significant Features

A significant neighborhood feature that is well remembered by the neighborhood children

Legend is that native Americans held community functions around the tree

Whitehurst Property

Oregon White Oak

This Oregon While Oak tree is a spectacular specimen with expansive branches that reach out from the main trunk.

During the past year a significantly large lower branch broke off from the trunk, but no other damage to the tree is evident.

There are many childhood memories of swinging from the branches, lazy days under the tree's canopy. A local story goes

that a flat rock at the end of the property was probably used by the native Americans as a community gathering area.

This tree qualifies under the specimen, historic and land-mark heritage tree criteria.

