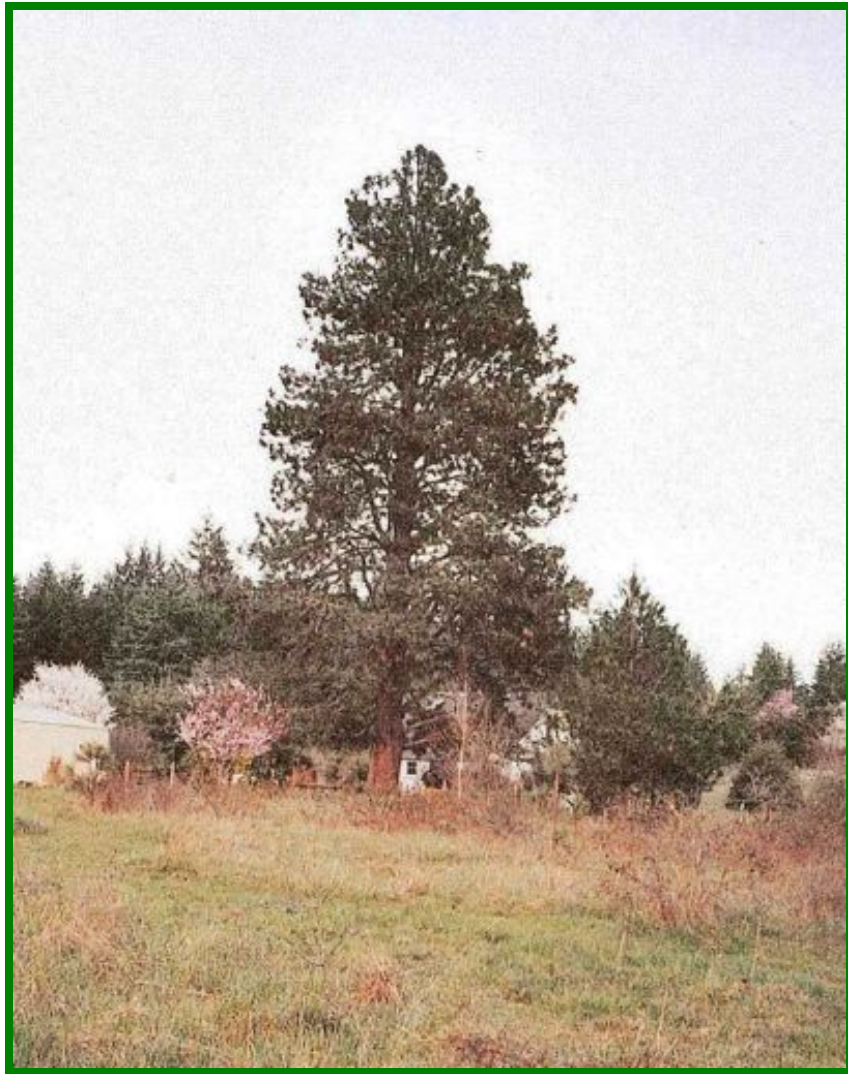


clackamas County Heritage Tree

Ponderosa pine (Pinus Ponderosa)

 Location: 24937 S Newkirchner Road, Oregon City



 **Significance:** *Specimen* – a tree of exceptional size, form or rarity, or horticultural value. The Ponderosa pine was once a common native tree in the Willamette Valley. Immigrants cleared oak groves and ponderosa pine forests to farm the land and now the trees are rare. They have a different genetic make up from those pines east of the Cascades.

 Measurements (approximate):

- Height: 100+‘
- Circumference (meas. at 4 ½’): 14’
- Crown Spread: 50’
- Age: ~ 100 + years

 Dedication Ceremony: April 30, 2009

 Additional Information: As per the owner/ nominator Anne Garvey,

“The ponderosa pine was once a significant feature of the Willamette Valley landscape, but it has become increasingly scarce due to harvesting, development, etc. This large tree is a magnificent specimen and the addition of the smaller trees in various stages of growth holds the promise of an intact community of ponderosas that would benefit the residents of Clackamas County. I am committed to doing what I can to conserve these wonderful trees and thereby preserve a small portion of our regions’ history.”

Of other interest on the property the owner describes the historic two-story farm house on the property was built in 1910 with what appears to be old-growth timber. It was built for the son of the Evan’s family, who first settled this area of Clackamas County. The house and property have a wonderful view south across Buckner Creek canyon, with the Molalla and Cascade mountain ranges in the background.

