



LINDA WILLIAMS PALMER

Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey

FLOWERING DOGWOOD

(Cornus florida) - Jackson County, Newport 2008

Graphite and colored pencil on paper by Linda Williams Palmer - 37 1/2" h x 49 3/4" w - framed

Detail: *Leaves and Blossoms, Flowering Dogwood* by Linda Williams Palmer - 14" h x 15 1/2" w - framed

CHAMPION STATISTICS

Circumference: 74" Crown Spread: 44' Height: 35' Bigness Index: 120

The Dogwood grows wild in the forest, but is also a favorite ornamental tree in southern yards and gardens. Christian legend draws parallels between the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the Dogwood's cross-shaped white bracts (leaves) with red-brown markings, and its central thorny green flowering head. Very few Arkansas Dogwoods grow to the size of this champion, which was drastically and poorly pruned soon after my documentation. Professional pruning insures the life and health of a champion tree. - LWP



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