

## GOAL IV: Tell The "Liberty Tree" Story In Classrooms Across The Land

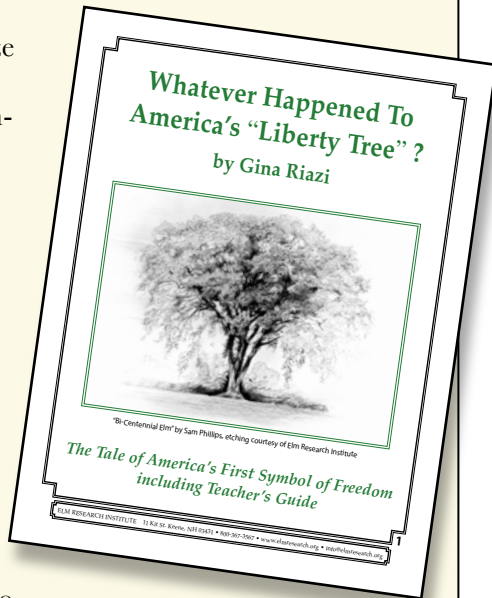
An educational program, sponsored by the "Liberty Tree" Society, brings the story of the Liberty Tree to our young students. This engaging narrative, **"Whatever Happened to America's Liberty Tree?"**, skillfully weaves fact-filled history with a measure of plausible speculation. Line drawings (suitable for coloring) highlight many of the events as the story unfolds and color plates bring historical persons and events into sharp focus.

Each project includes a 3 ft. Liberty Elm and bronze plaque to be installed on school grounds upon completion of the course.

In addition to classroom study of the historical aspects of the "Liberty Tree", students will be involved in practical experience by planting and caring for an American Liberty Elm.

A complete teacher's guide is included in the program with grade appropriate exercises in vocabulary, comprehension and recall, imaginative experience recreation, guest speakers, role playing - with costumes and geography using maps to locate principal events mentioned in the booklet.

**THE LIBERTY TREE SOCIETY  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**  
provides a living testimonial to the importance of  
the Liberty Tree - flying the "Rebellious Stripes"  
flag - as America's first symbol of freedom.



## GOAL V: Re-Elm America By Planting Disease-Resistant American Liberty Elms

Dutch elm disease virtually eliminated the native American elm in the few years between 1935-1965. The American elm has been long missing from our streets, parks, public space and private homes.

Elm Research Institute was founded in 1967 to combat total destruction of the elms and to provide basic research in "engineering" a truly disease-resistant American elm. After years of lab, field work and street-testing, the resulting American Liberty Elm proved spectacularly successful. Over 300,000 have been planted with less than 1% loss to Dutch elm disease.

Your "Liberty Tree" Society membership includes an American Liberty Elm. Also, you are entitled to purchase other Liberty Elms - AT COST - to continue "Re-Elming" America.



"ELM STREET" BEFORE DUTCH ELM DISEASE



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### You are invited to join the "Liberty Tree" Society

#### **\$50 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES**

- [1] 3 ft AMERICAN LIBERTY ELM / [1] Personalized bronze Donor Plaque
- [1] America's First Flag lapel pin / [1] Membership Certificate

#### **\$100 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES**

- [1] 6 ft AMERICAN LIBERTY ELM / [1] Personalized bronze Donor Plaque
- [1] America's First Flag lapel pin / [1] Membership Certificate

#### **\$500 MUNICIPAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES**

- [2] 10 to 13 ft (1-1/2 to 2" dia) AMERICAN LIBERTY ELMS **OR**
- [4] 4 to 6 ft (dia varies) AMERICAN LIBERTY ELMS Shipped FOB Keene, NH

#### **\$1000 DONOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES**

- [1] Framed Liberty Tree Society Certificate / [1] America's First Flag pin

#### **\$2500 PATRON MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES**

- [1] Personalized bronze Donor Plaque - placed next to Liberty Tree Memorial
- [1] America's First Flag lapel pin (tax receipt provided)

# The "Liberty Tree" Society



### Liberty Tree Memorial

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*A National Society Commemorating  
America's First Symbol of Freedom*



# What Is The "Liberty Tree" Society?

The "Liberty Tree" Society, sponsored by Elm Research Institute, is an organization dedicated to the celebration of the "Liberty Tree". The story of the "Liberty Tree" is the story of America's first Declaration of Independence.



THE REBELLIOUS STRIPES PIN

Influential men, including Paul Revere and John Hancock were part of a group of early protestors of British rule... given the name the "Rebellious Nine". They often met beneath the sheltering branches of a great American elm, known as the "Liberty Tree". There they planned the rebellion which became the Revolution. Their flag, the Rebellious Stripes, was often flown from the "Liberty Tree" during their meetings.

The "Liberty Tree" Society strives to celebrate the central role played by the "Liberty Tree" in America's past, present, and future. We have five Goals.

## GOAL I: Establish Personal Memorials

"Liberty Tree" Memorials are perfect for commemorating special family events, gifting to friends or proud display in your own front yard. Show your patriotism and honor our heritage which has

made America great with a Personal Memorial.

When you join the "Liberty Tree" Society you will receive your personal "Liberty Tree" Memorial which includes a (3) ft American Liberty Elm ready for planting, a personalized plaque telling the dramatic story of the "Liberty Tree", a membership certificate and Rebellious Stripes lapel pin.

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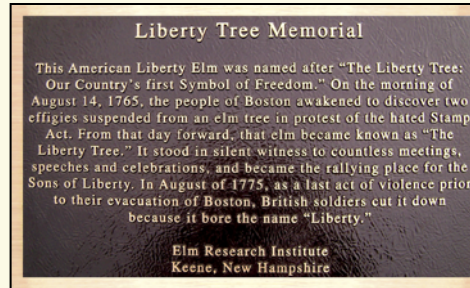
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5" x 5" PERSONALIZED PLAQUE

## GOAL II: Dedicate Public Memorials In Towns & Cities Across America

A Liberty Tree Memorial is the perfect way for your community to honor and continue the tradition started by the "Sons of Liberty". Your "Liberty Tree" Memorial can become a place of celebration, as well as a focus of community pride and engender a sense of common heritage and respect for this first symbol of Freedom.

The community Liberty Tree Memorial is donated by the Liberty Tree Society and consists of a 12-14 ft Liberty Elm, 20" x 12" cast bronze plaque telling the dramatic story of the original "Liberty Tree"... all shipped freight prepaid



LIBERTY TREE MEMORIAL PLAQUE  
20" x 12" CAST BRONZE

To date, 450 towns and cities - in the following states - have celebrated the Birth of Freedom with a Liberty Tree Memorial

ALABAMA  
ARKANSAS  
ARIZONA  
CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DELAWARE  
FLORIDA  
GEORGIA  
IOWA  
IDAHO  
ILLINOIS  
INDIANA  
KANSAS  
KENTUCKY  
LOUISIANA  
MASSACHUSETTS  
MARYLAND  
MAINE  
MICHIGAN  
MINNESOTA



LIBERTY TREE MEMORIAL - DERRY, NH

MISSOURI  
MONTANA  
NORTH CAROLINA  
NORTH DAKOTA  
NEBRASKA  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NEW JERSEY  
NEW YORK  
OHIO  
OKLAHOMA  
PENNSYLVANIA  
RHODE ISLAND  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
TENNESSEE  
TEXAS  
VIRGINIA  
VERMONT  
WASHINGTON  
WISCONSIN  
WEST VIRGINIA

## GOAL III: Celebrate "Liberty Tree" Day - August 14th - As An Historic Event

You can help establish a "Liberty Tree" Day in your town or state by contacting appropriate elected officials and presenting them with a copy of this brochure. Or, you could send them an email with the link to the "Liberty Tree" Society where the entire program is available online.



Governor Peabody

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
By His Excellency Endicott Peabody, Governor

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The early settlers of Boston planted an elm on Boston Neck in 1646 which grew tall and stately and subsequently became known as the "Liberty Tree," and

WHEREAS, It was under this tree that colonists, about a century later, had many meetings and spoke out against British tyranny in preparing the groundwork for the independence of this nation, and

WHEREAS, In one such event, on August 14, 1765, the colonists resisted the Stamp Act by hanging in effigy Lord Bute, as the author of the act, and,

WHEREAS, The "Liberty Tree" became so well known as a rallying place for the leaders of the country in search of national independence the British authorities, in 1775, ordered it to be cut down, and

WHEREAS, The "Liberty Tree" from its original planting in 1646 grew to be a symbol of freedom for people everywhere;

Now, therefore, I, Endicott Peabody, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in accordance with Chapter 319 of the Acts of 1964 do hereby proclaim as

### LIBERTY TREE DAY August 14, 1964

and urge all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to recall the significance and role of the "Liberty Tree" in the formation of our country's independence and to rededicate themselves to the tradition of our ancestors, to the principles of freedom under which our country has grown and prospered.

GIVEN at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and eight-eighth year.

ENDICOTT PEABODY, Governor