

Bronze Leaf Award Winner:

Nona Elaine Muncie
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Nominated by E. J. Cochrum, Urban Forester, City of Denton

It is without hesitation that I recommend Nona Elaine Muncie for this honor. I have worked with Nona Muncie for the past two years and her passion for trees and plants is everlasting. Mrs. Muncie is an outstanding individual with a strong passion toward urban forestry.

Mrs. Muncie worked in the City of Denton (COD) Parks Department from 1985 – 1998 as a Horticulturalist. Following are several significant examples of how she helped change the Parks Department during her 13 years:

- Helped establish the first Tree Farm in the early 1990's
- Helped establish Legacy Forest at South Lakes Park in the early 1990's.
- Establish the first Community Gardens within the City.
- Incorporated the Mother Nature Program:
 - Mrs. Muncie would visit different schools within the City to educate children about its Urban Forest.
- Relief Denton Program:
 - A program Mrs. Muncie incorporated in 1989 to get residence in Denton County to plant tree on their land.

Because of her love of trees and plants, Mrs. Muncie was asked to fill the position of Landscape Administrator for the COD in 1998. Mrs. Muncie stepped into the job and has never looked back. During her 12 years as Landscape Administrator for the COD, here are just a few noteworthy examples of her extraordinary accomplishments:

- Coordinated the adoption of the current Tree Preservation Ordinance in 2004.
- Awarded the Regional Award in 2004 from the Cross Timbers Urban Forestry for her work on the Tree Preservation Ordinance.
- Established the current criteria for saving trees in a construction zone.

- Established the current Tree List for the COD:
 - The list includes recommended tree species to plant, drought tolerant tree species and native tree species.
- Spearheaded the Citizens Tree Committee that was created in 2005.
- Member of Keep Denton Beautiful.
- Member of Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council since the early 1990's
 - Served on the Board of Director's from the early 1990's - 2008
- Attended the Community Tree Management Institute.
- Submitted and was awarded an Urban Forestry Partnership Grant to hire an Urban Forestry consultant to review and revise the Tree Preservation Ordinance and to develop an Urban Forest Management Plan.
- Lobbied to City Council to establish an Urban Forestry position.
- Planted with her own hands, many of the trees within the COD.

With 25 years of Urban Forestry Stewardship, Mrs. Muncie is a perfect example of how individuals can contribute to the urban forest. The next time you visit Denton and notice all the beautiful trees, you should know that Nona Elaine Muncie has made a "DENT ON DENTON".