



ROOT TIPS

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CHAMPION TREE UPDATE

Finding champs

A recent big tree search brought us to Newport where we discovered three new champion trees on the magnificently manicured grounds of the National Museum of American Illustration, 492 Bellvue Avenue.

The three trees, all grand old specimens, include the Cucumbertree Magnolia (*Magnolia acuminata*), Japanese Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*) and Cut-leaf European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica laciniata*).

The former two can be seen growing on the north side of the parking lot located on the Victoria Street side of the Museum property. The latter, a wide-spreading behemoth, is located across the street from the parking lot behind the formal wall that surrounds the Museum.

The entire Museum grounds are meticulously

landscaped and include many ornate gardens. The inside of the Museum is impeccably adorned with many fine objects of art. The whole place is truly worth a visit. See pictures of these trees.



Cucumbertree Magnolia

Species	Trunk Circumference	Height	Crown Spread	Point Total
Cut-leaf Beech	21'	70'	98'	346
Japanese Zelkova	17'8"	66'	86'	299
Cucumbertree	13'6"	82'	64'	260



Cut-leaf Beech



Zelkova