

The Galveston Tree Sculptures Tour is a self-guided tour open to the public! You can enjoy the tour by walking, biking, riding or any other method you choose. Please be respectful of the yards and do not enter through gates without permission. Climbing on, sitting or hanging on the sculptures is not permitted.

Today, artists have breathed second life into something Mother Nature attempted to destroy. Whimsical tree sculptures have replaced the majestic Oaks that once lined many neighborhood streets and shaded homes. The sculptures – which can be found at homes throughout the island with a large portion concentrated in our East End Historic District – were paid for by private residents. The sculptures can be seen tucked into gardens and nestled in side yards for you to enjoy!

How Does the Tour Work?

What Are the Galveston Tree Sculptures?



On September 13, 2008, Hurricane Ike covered most of Galveston Island in a tidal surge. The damaging combination of powerful winds and waves immediately uprooted many of the city's trees and ultimately led to the demise of thousands. Like forced Galveston to say a sad goodbye to so many of its beautiful tree canopies, but where many saw dead trees and waste after the storm, a group of homeowners saw a chance to morph symbols of destruction into signs of rejuvenation.

How Did it All Begin?

What about Guided Tours?



If you prefer a tour guide, Galveston Island Tours, an affiliate of the Galveston Historical Foundation, offers East End Historic District tours of the tree sculptures every Saturday morning on its solar-powered shuttle bus. Tickets cost \$15 per adult or \$10 for children 12 and under. Tours depart from Ashton Villa, located at 2328 Broadway. Private tours are available upon request for groups of 5 or more. For information, please visit www.galvestonislandtours.com or call 409.765.8687.

Where Can I Find The Other Sculptures?

Although the bulk of the tree sculptures are located within the East End Historic District (map inside), the trend has become so popular that you can now find them throughout the island. The following sculptures are located off the beaten path of the traditional tour:

1823 Ave. L - **Venus on a Half Shell** by Jim Phillips
823 25th Street - **Dalmatian** by Jim Phillips
823 25th Street - **Fireplug** by Jim Phillips
83rd Street (Schreiber Park) - **Wildlife Tree** by Dale Lewis
41st Street & Ball (Wright-Cuney Park) - **Hand Clutching Diploma** by Earl Jones
1508 29th Street - **Spongebob, Alligator, Dog Chasing a Cat, Squirrel**



What Happened to Galveston's Other Trees?

Although the Galveston Tree Sculptures stand as symbols of rejuvenation, they represent a small percentage of the trees Hurricane Ike destroyed. After the storm, the Galveston Island Tree Conservancy in conjunction with the Galveston Island Tree Committee and hundreds of dedicated Galvestonians, worked to ensure 100 percent of the "Iked" wood was kept out of landfills and used for recycling projects! More than 100 tons of former Galveston trees were selected for the restoration of America's only remaining whaling ship, another 200 tons went to Malaga, Spain to be used in the completion of a full scale replica of the Brig "Galvestown," and a local lumber yard took several tons of wood to mill and dry for building projects – just to name a few. If you'd like a remembrance, several art galleries in Galveston are featuring and selling a variety of wooden art pieces.

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and Birds
by Earl Jones
1124 37th Street - **Angel with Lambs** by Earl Jones
4017 M 1/2 - **Lighthouse & Dolphin** by Earl Jones
4510 Ave. L - **The Lion King** by Earl Jones
5701 S 1/2 - **Galveston Shore Life** by Jim Phillips
4910 P 1/2 - **In His Hand** by Earl Jones
20 South Shore Drive - **Crane, Pelican diving into a School of Fish** by Jim Phillips



Who Are the Artists?

The Galveston Tree Sculptures were carved by various area artists, including Galveston's own Earl Jones, Dale Lewis of Richmond, Indiana and Jim Phillips of Houston. If you're lucky, you might find one of them in the process of their next masterpiece along the tour!



Earl Jones



Dale Lewis



Jim Phillips

How Can I Get Involved?

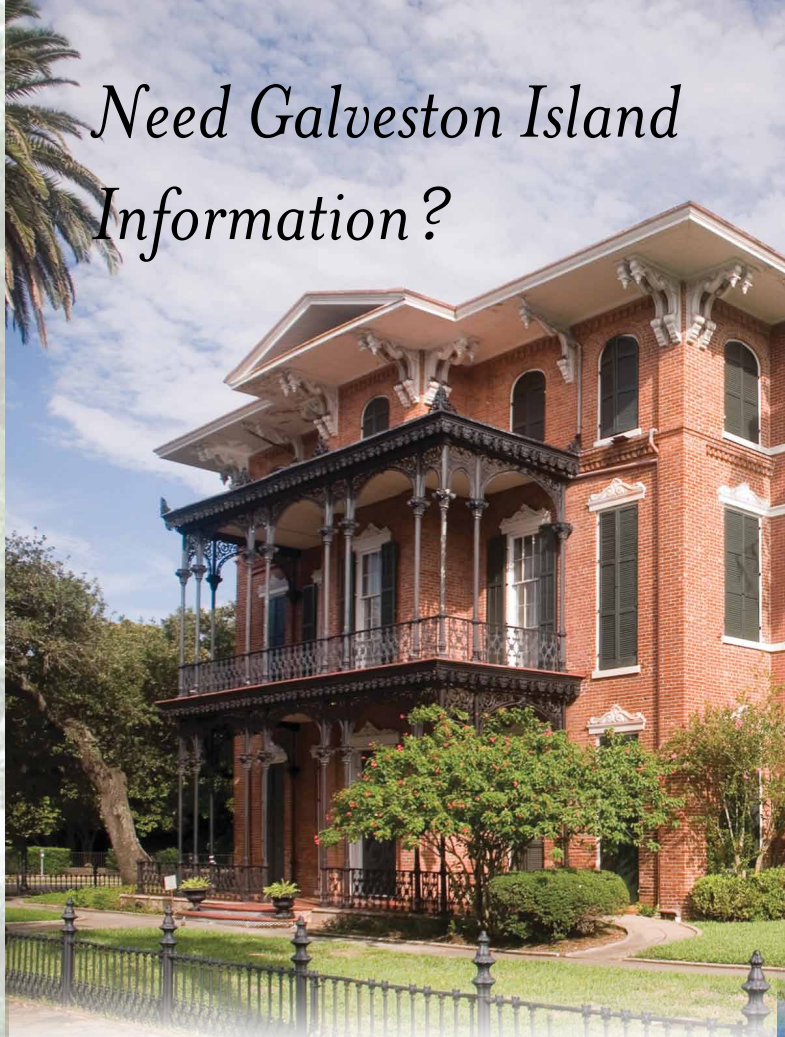
The Galveston Island Tree Conservancy has also been instrumental in efforts to "Re-Green" Galveston with the planting of more than 8,000 new trees since Hurricane Ike. To read more about the organization's efforts, visit www.galvestonislandtreeconservancy.org. You can view past projects, see future plans to replant our beautiful green canopy or to make a donation to be used for the future carving of more trunks or the replanting of trees.



Donations can be mailed to:

GITC
PO Box 2123
Galveston, Texas 77553

Please specify if your donation is to be used for sculpture or for re-planting trees.



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