

# RELEAF WASHINGTON

## PLANT, PROMOTE, PROTECT



Fall is here, ReLeafers !

### Upcoming Events

#### FUNDRAISER

Come join us at  
Pitt Street Brewery  
on **October 10**  
from 5-8 pm !

#### Fall Work Day

Saturday, Nov. 15  
Havens Gardens  
shelter next to bridge  
at 10 am.

We'll go out in teams  
to prune, mulch and  
fertilize our trees!



#### **Welcome to ReLeaf's new Board member!**

Russell Thienpoint has a degree in Forestry and worked for Weyerhaeuser. After retiring, he pursued his passion for cars, opening East Carolina Import Services (ECIS) auto repair on Hackney Avenue.



Russell's knowledge of trees is a real benefit and he's already led the charge in helping our latest plantings survive the drought this fall.

#### **Best Landscape Prize to be presented Oct. 24**

ReLeaf will present awards for best community landscape to the City of Washington for its Market Street Streetscape and to Lowe's for best commercial landscape using trees. Send us your nominees for 2026 awards!

#### ReLeaf Board

Heather Moore Thienpont, President  
Susan Sizemore-Watson, Vice President  
Dick Leach, Treasurer  
Ginger Gardiner, Secretary  
Meredith Loughlin  
Russell Thienpoint

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# Saving Trees from Invasive Vines

Fall is a great time to take notice of trees that are covered in vines like English ivy, poison ivy, grapevine, Japanese and Chinese wisteria, porcelainberry and honeysuckle. Though these vines can offer beautiful flowers in the spring and bright color in the fall, they also aggressively climb and take over native trees. Once they grow into tree canopies, they prevent sunlight from reaching tree leaves, stopping photosynthesis and essentially suffocating the tree.

Wisteria also wraps around a tree and constricts it through a process called girdling, while most vines add weight and weaken trees, putting them at risk during storms.

Arborists recommend pulling out small vines by the roots, while vines already climbing up or strangling a tree should be cut. Once dead, they are easier to unwind and remove.

Help us protect and maintain healthy trees so they can continue to provide shade, water retention and beauty for our community!



Wisteria  
(Wikimedia Commons)



Oriental bittersweet  
(Buncombemastergardener.org)



<https://treescharlotte.org/tree-care-tips/ivy/>

ReLeaf has planted 223 trees in Little Washington and is working to plant another 50 trees this fall/next spring.

Help us in this work by adopting a ReLeaf planting site, providing annual mulching and pruning.

Contact us to learn more!

# Membership List 2025

## Cypress: up to \$100

Mary Arnold  
 Hobie & Barbara Brown  
 Mary Carter  
 Wilda Carver  
 David Connan  
 Susan Dawson  
 Rusty & Patsy Duke  
 Gary Duncan  
 Mimi Jakubowski  
 Jeannie Kountouris  
 R.J. & B.L. Lawrence  
 Reanne Clifton Mayo  
 Katherine Mitchell  
 Ellen Nunnelee  
 Liz Partrick  
 Lee Rose  
 Red & Sally Scales  
 James Shelton  
 Mack & Susan Simpson  
 Anna Etheridge Sizemore  
 Russell Thienpoint  
 Steve & Terry Walker  
 Damon & Christi Walcott  
 Gary Wilson

## Live Oak: \$100 - \$500

Robin Arnold  
 Douglas Biddle  
 Russ Boyer  
 Scott Campbell  
 Ginger Gardiner  
 Joe & Betsy Hester  
 Lou Hodges  
 Archie & Lydie Jennings  
 Lynda Lane  
 Ernie & Sara Larkin  
 Dick & Becky Leach  
 Amy Lupton  
 Mary Todd McKenzie  
 Mary Day & Ned Hulbert Mordecai  
 Muriel Moore  
 Neal & Mary Lib Patrick  
 Wayland & Penny Sermons  
 Beth Sloan  
 Heather & John Thienpoint  
 Gordon Watts  
 Susan Woolard  
 Richard & Judy Young

## In Honor ~ Memory



Robin Arnold in honor of Mary Cratch Woolard, Bill Clifton and Warren Partrick  
 Mary Carter in honor of Andy Bradbury  
 Watts Gordon in honor of Warren Partrick  
 Mimi Jakubowski in honor of Warren Partrick  
 Dick and Becky Leach in honor of Andy Bradbury, Hobie Brown and Warren Partrick  
 Mary Todd McKenzie in honor of Dr. Neal Partrick and Josh Tayloe  
 Ellen Nunnelee in honor of Warren Partrick