

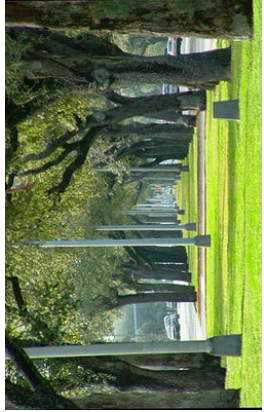


Tree Sculpture Tour

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How Did it All Begin?

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. Ike 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.



What Are the Galveston Tree Sculptures?

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?

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.

Tour Options

Want a unique perspective? Try touring by golf cart, bicycle or Segway. Rentals are available at the following locations: Galveston Golf Carts 4102 Seawall Blvd. 409.939.7467, Coastal Cruizers Custom Carts 3528 Broadway 409.974.4301, Island Bicycle Company 1808 Seawall Blvd. 409.762.2453, Zipp E Bikes 2311 Mechanic St. 409.539.3323, Segcity Segway Tours 519 25th St. 409.692.6691

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:



25th & Santa Fe Place (Parking Lot)
Engineer at Galveston Railroad Museum (JP)



823 25th St. - Dalmation



4510 Ave. L - The Lion King (EJ)

1823 Ave. L - Venus on a Half Shell (JP)

823 25th St. - Fireplug by (JP)

2324 Ave. O ½ - 2 Sea Horses (EJ)

1508 29th St. - Spongebob, Alligator, Dog Chasing a Cat, Squirrel and Birds (EJ)

1124 37th St. - Angel with Lambs (EJ)

4017 M ½ - Dolphin (EJ)

Who Are the Artists?

The Galveston Tree Sculptures were carved by various area artists, including Galveston's own Earl Jones, Dayle 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 (EJ)



Dayle Lewis (DL)



Jim Phillips (JP)

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.



Visit the Galveston Island Information Center located in the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce building. Inside, you will find maps, brochures, discount coupons and more.

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Visitor Information Center
2228 Mechanic St #101 Galveston, Texas
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East End Historical District Tree Sculpture Tour

Start at Sealy & 20th. Go East on Sealy.



1. 1923 Sealy - Island Totem Pole (JP)
In honor of her late husband Roger Case. The Case family retired here from Michigan, and the totem pole represents everything her husband loved about Galveston.



2. 1620 Sealy - Birds of Galveston (DL)
This large Live Oak contains 17 birds on the branches and relief carvings of several small plants and animals around the trunk.



3. 1409 Sealy - Tall Ship ELISSA Figurehead (EJ)



4. 1228 Sealy (facing 13th St.) - Great Dane (DL)
The homeowners own a beautiful, gentle, grey Great Dane named Hunter. The tree had actually grown around the fence at the spot where the paws grip the fence.



5. 1212 Sealy - Gulf Titans (EJ) This ornate sculpture includes a sword fish, dolphins, fish, and a big clam shell.

Go to 8th street & turn left. Then left onto Ball.



6. 828 Ball - Small Dolphin (EJ)
While the pod of Dolphins was being carved across the street, the young man who lived here was sad because he was not getting one. Sculptor Earl Jones surprised him by carving a small Dolphin.



7. 902 Ball - Pod of Dolphins & Mermaids (EJ)
The Dolphins represent the children and the Mermaid represents the mother of this family. This had been their “family tree” and they are very happy to still have their tree, even in its new form.

Go to 12th street & turn right. Then left onto Winnie & then left on 13th street.



8. 709 13th - Pelican with Two Alligators (EJ)

Continue on 13th street & then turn right onto Ball street.



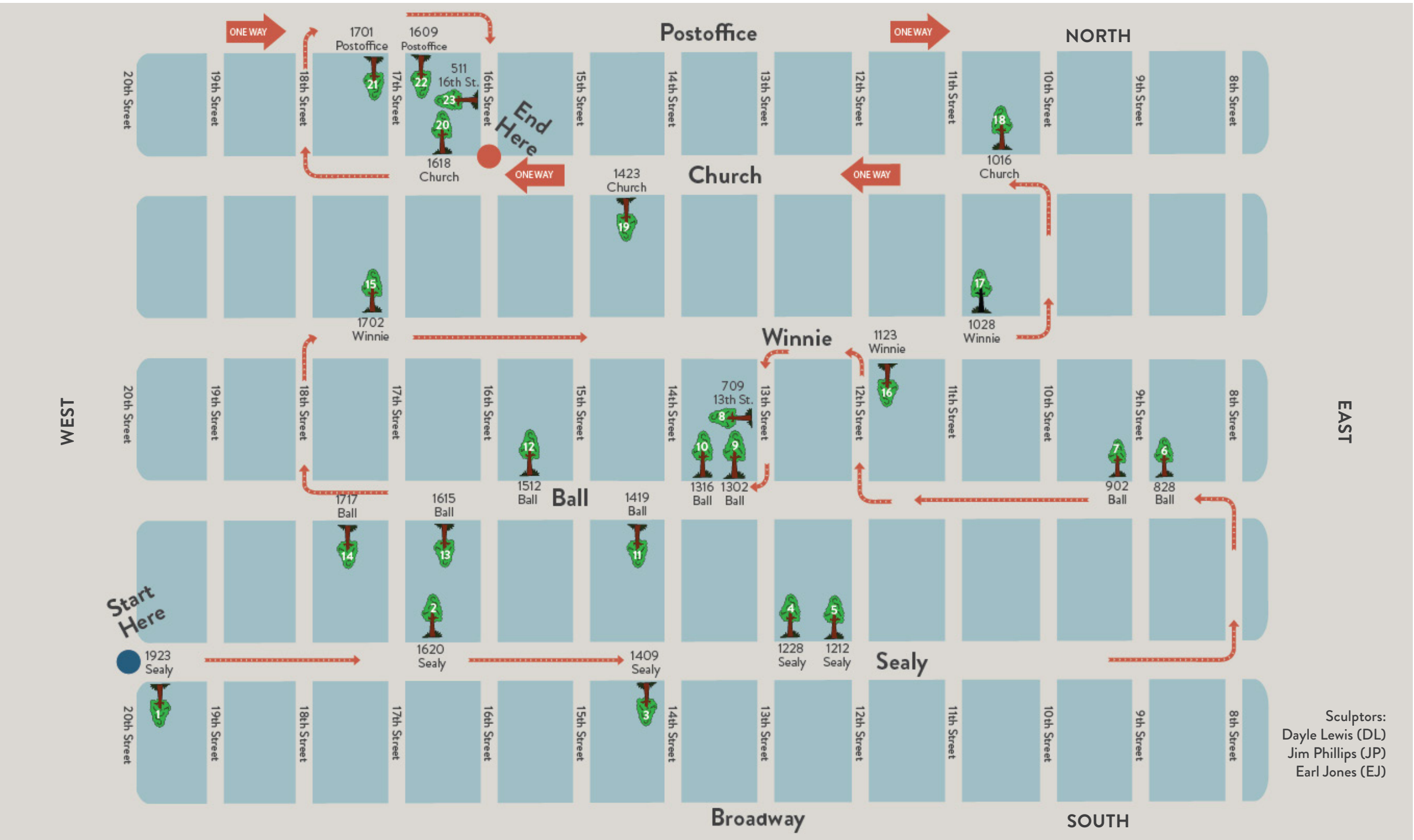
9. 1302 Ball (back yard) - Squirrel with Acorn, Dolphin, Eel & Dorado, Owl, Wildlife Totem Pole (DL)



10. 1316 Ball - Two Crested Herons (DL)
The homeowners chose Cranes to mimic their tall narrow house. They are seasonally dressed for many occasions.



11. 1419 Ball - Guitar
(Previous Homeowner and Dayle Lewis)



12. 1512 Ball - Blue Herons on Rocky Waterfall



13. 1615 Ball - Toad (DL)



14. 1717 Ball - The Geisha (JP)
Represents the homeowners love of the Orient and is a reminder of many trips to Japan. She is facing west to represent the direction you need to travel to get to Japan.

Go to 18th St. & turn right one block. Then turn right onto Winnie.



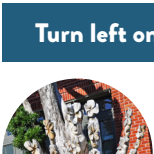
15. 1702 Winnie - Tin Man & Toto (JP)
King Vidor, one of the directors of “The Wizard of Oz”, was born in the front downstairs bedroom of this property.



16. 1123 Winnie (Adoue Park) - Grandmother Reading to Her Grandchildren (EJ)
The Adoue family donated the money to the playground park in her honor.



17. 1028 Winnie - Monument to Galveston's Trees (JP)



18. 1016 Church - Where Have all the Flowers Gone? (JP)
The Japanese Yew tree was only partially dead, so the home owner decided to have that half of the tree sculpted into hibiscus flowers, sea shell and sand dollars.



19. 1423 Church - Hermit Crab (JP)



20. 1618 Church - Pelican Sitting on Piling (DL)



21. 1701 Postoffice (Back yard of 511 17th St.) - Angel Cradling Bunny (JP)
Red brick corner house. This sculpture watches over the yard which is a bird, butterfly and bunny sanctuary.



22. 1609 Postoffice - Large Pelican Holding Fish (JP)



23. 511 16th Street - OLLA (JP)
Named for grandkids Olivia and Ella.