**LANDIS ARBORETUM GREAT OAK HUNT**

**Contest Guidelines:**

1). The 2017 contest is open for both the White Oak (*Quercus alba*) and Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*).

2). Tree’s nominated for the County competition must be located in Schoharie, Montgomery, Fulton, Saratoga, Otsego, Herkimer, Delaware, Greene, Schenectady and Albany Counties.

\*Tree’s nominated for the State or National competition can be located anywhere in NY.

3). A tree may be nominated only once. The first nomination received will be entered in the contest.

4). The tree does not have to be on the property of the nominator; however, permission of the landowner must be obtained by the nominator.

5). The Landis Arboretum Great Oak Hunt Nomination must be submitted on the Official Nomination Form.

**Send Via Mail To:**

**Landis Arboretum**

**PO BOX 186**

**Esperance, NY 12066**

**Attention: Great Oak Hunt**

**Email:**

**fred@landisarboretum.org**

**info@landisarboretum.org**

6). All nomination forms must be postmarked by Sunday October 1, 2017.

7). All nominated trees will be measured by qualified personnel utilizing the latest technology to obtain the most accurate measurements, following the National Guidelines. Decisions of the judges will be final.

8). Prizes will be given to the overall 1st, 2nd, & 3rd largest White and Red Oaks in the qualifying counties, as well as special prizes awarded for any new State and National Champions.

**The Great Oak Hunt!**

**Sponsored by Landis Arboretum of Esperance NY, home of the original Great Oak.**

The mission: to find the three largest white and red oak trees located in our surrounding counties; Schoharie, Montgomery, Saratoga, Fulton, Otsego, Herkimer, Delaware, Greene, Albany, and Schenectady. If you are not located in the counties mentioned, we will also be awarding prizes for new State and National Champions - so all entries are welcome.

The hunt will officially run this year from April 1 – October 1. Nomination forms and instructions for obtaining measurements will be on our website (landisarboretum.org) at the start of the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three white and red oaks found in the contest area.