

On June 12, 2001, as part of the City Centennial, the Sebastopol City Council designated the Shasta Daisy as the official City flower, and the Gravenstein Apple as the official City tree. (See the adopted resolution.) These plants have a direct connection to Sebastopol's history: the Shasta Daisy was created by Luther Burbank at this Experiment Farm in Sebastopol 100 years ago, and the Gravenstein Apple has been part of Sebastopol's agricultural economy for over 100 years.

Residents are encouraged to honor this heritage and the Centennial by planting the Shasta Daisy and the Gravenstein Apple on their property. Both are available in area nurseries.

The Shasta Daisy is a 2-4 foot tall perennial with brilliant white flowers with gold centers, excellent for border plantings or as cut flowers.

The Gravenstein Apple is an early to mid-season apple. Its apples are excellent for eating or for applesauce. It needs another type of apple planted with it to serve as a pollinator. Like all apples, it is slow growing and long-lived. Unless you have a large area for planting, a semi-dwarf or dwarf tree is recommended for most city lots. Bare root trees (less expensive) are generally available every winter; container trees can be found year-round.