Adult 1st Place – Patrick Gillingham

Growth

The shape of the pine tree is very satisfying - spread wide and solid at the base, it’s like God grabs the tip and just pulls it up, telescoping growth.

The oak, however, will grow out a branch until it meets an invisible obstacle, then juts this way and that, its growth angular and awkward and intimidating and serious.

The pines are beautiful; but it’s the oaks we carve our names into.