



### THINK PINK & HELP PRESERVE IT

During the housing boom after WWII, many local houses were constructed with Pink Marble. Retaining walls, chimneys, patio BBQ grills, front door entrances, entire houses...*is yours?*

The skill level it took to do this type of masonry work simply isn't done anymore. True craftsmen who can work with the rough-cut and smooth-cut blocks are nearly impossible to find these days.

*Treasure every piece – it's not easily replaced. Too costly!*

The first major quarry operations date back to 1838. Pink Marble has been used in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and Grand Central Station and NY Public Library (lion statues at the entrance). Many beautiful buildings in Knoxville proudly wear TN Pink Marble on their exteriors and interiors (KMA, Ramsey House, Downtown P.O.).

**SCAVENGER HUNT:** Help me compile a city-wide inventory – email me a photo and address: [mollygilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:mollygilbert@yahoo.com).

## **NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 13** from 7 to 8 p.m.

at Lake Forest Presbyterian Church (lower level). Get involved, get an update on what is happening in the neighborhood, South Knoxville and the whole city. All residents are welcome. These meetings provide regular direct contact with our local leaders, politicians, policemen and school board members. **IT'S EASY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHERE YOU LIVE!** (Next Meeting: Aug. 5 and Oct. 14)



## **PLANT PINK: Landscape Improvement Contest**

In 2015, Chapman Highway Dogwood Trail will be the featured Trail in the City! If we plant and prune NOW, it will give our yards a chance to look their best when the Henley Bridge is open and all eyes are on South Knoxville!

### Simple Rules:

1. Plant pink! (& white, purple, red, etc.) because of **Tennessee PINK MARBLE!** We are lucky to have an abundance of this unique architectural style on our Trail! Let's promote and preserve our beauty by showcasing it. *(Did you know? This construction style has been described as a "picturesque, Neo-Tudor structure in the popular 'Cotswold' cottage idiom of the 1920s". The Cotswolds are a range of hills in southwestern and west-central England, an area 25 miles across and 90 miles long. This beautiful gentle hilly countryside area has been designated as the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Sounds like our neighborhood too, doesn't it?!)*
2. Plant/prune/improve your yard between May and October 2013. Spring and fall are the time for planting! (Front porches, retaining walls, fences, etc. count too!)
3. **Take a BEFORE photo and an AFTER photo.**
4. **Submit no later than Oct. 1** to LFNA President Molly Gilbert ([mollygilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:mollygilbert@yahoo.com) or 304 Lake Forest Dr.)
5. Understand that submitted entries will be used to promote the neighborhood (neighborhood newsletter/press release).
6. A panel of experts will judge each submitted entry. I have shared our plans with The Dogwood Arts Festival Committee, Knoxville Botanical Garden, Urban Wilderness Loop, Ijams Nature Center, Mayor Madeline Rogero and Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis!
7. **PRIZES will be awarded at the Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

*"The best way to improve your neighborhood is to start with the outside and work your way in. Make sure your landscaping is immaculate and inviting."*

*– Local Knoxville Realtor*

## EXPERT GARDENING TIPS



Keyes Williamson, KBGA Executive Director

*This spring, Mr. Williamson toured the Chapman Hwy. Dogwood Trail and is currently working on a few key “viewshed” suggestions that will have the biggest impact for visitors.*



***How do you get the Virginia Creeper vine out of an azalea without killing the azalea?***

“Try pulling it from the roots after a few days of rain, like now. Otherwise pull it towards you and get it out far enough that you can lay the vine on the ground. Then cut the vine off and dip the freshly cut vines in a cup with Round Up. The Round Up will be transferred to the roots, but I do not think it will hurt the azalea.”

***What can I plant that would be low maintenance, but look pretty in the spring/year-round?***

“Wow, there are so many. In shady spots, I like the Encore Azaleas that seem to bloom pretty much spring to fall.”

***What can I plant on my hillside/slope?***

“If it’s a sunny spot, *Jasminum nudiflorum*, or winter Jasmine, is an interesting choice. It is deciduous, but the green stems are interesting; but its best characteristic is its yellow spring blooms. I also think one of the jasmine vines, *Trachelospermum asiaticum*, or Asian Star Jasmine, is hardy in Knoxville and can be an attractive ground cover on banks.”

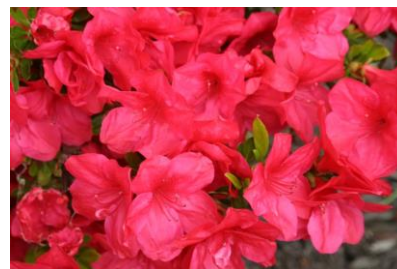
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***The Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum (KBGA) is located on 47 acres of former Howell Nurseries, featuring walking trails, display gardens, unique & historic horticulture and over two miles of distinctive stone walls and timeless buildings, just five minutes from downtown. (2743 Wimpole Avenue, 37914/ 865-862-8717)***

### Spring Bloomer Suggestions:



Columbine



Azalea Bush



Dianthus



Dogwood Tree



Lenten Roses

*Other spring favorites: white alyssum, tulips, daffodils, irises creeping phlox, crocus, forsythia*