

Patriotic Flowers

History doesn't always make note of an election's losing candidates, but the daisy is different. The *National Geographic Magazine* heralded the daisy as the North Carolina floral emblem in 1917. It was considered the state flower until 1941, when a state congressional bill replaced the daisy with the flowering dogwood flower. Several other flowers were in the running for the North Carolina state flower, including flame azaleas, goldenrod and Venus flytraps. Despite the fact that the daisy lost to the dogwood, it is still considered to be one of the most patriotic flowers in the country.



Current Project

We wanted to share with you a magnificent work this month that is part of a project that is actually still in progress. The longer one works at something the better they get at it and this gigantic outcropping is testament to what can be done with a space given the right kind and the right amount of materials. The mostly flat, blank space was transformed into a miniature mountain with a large specimen tree and supporting plant material. The feature was constructed as an extension of an existing patio and our skilled crew installed it such that one can't tell where the existing patio stopped and the new starts. The very large size of the stone and the tree immediately give it scale with the structure it adjoins. We are excited about this masterpiece and couldn't wait to give you a sneak peak. Hat's off to the crew on a great job in progress!!!



DID YOU KNOW?

The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell. The White House held its first 4th July party in 1801.

