

*Celebrating
 Wildflowers*

Fire Pink (Silene virginica L.)
 Although the fire pink is not large, it is one of our most conspicuous plants because of its brilliant scarlet or crimson color. The flowers are 1 to 1.5 inches in size with five narrow and distinctively notched petals. The plant is a short-lived perennial most often found in rich woods, rocky slopes, dry open woodlands, or meadows. It has a broad range across most of the eastern half of the United States except for the far northeastern states. The fire pink blooming period is from April to as late as August.



The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972–58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2020 occurs on Sunday, June 21.



Current Project

One of the cool things about using natural fieldstone is being able to make a big impact in a small space. We recently added some pizzazz to a weed covered bank below a parking area. The space is not real big but it is steep and is adjacent to an area that is used for a driveway, parking, and a fire-pit. It is in an area that the homeowner's eye intersects with on a regular basis. We broke up the bank with some large boulder arrangements and Lace-leaf Maples with supporting plant material. Setting some of the large stones such that they sit above the plain of the firepit area not only provided an edge for the space but some great seating as well for outdoor activities. This was a fun project for some great folks over in the Salem Community.

