

*Hints of Spring*

The first hints of spring in NC begin with a blush on the tree-tips; like an afterthought, or a dry brush technique from Bob Ross. Before you know it, you spot a burst of white or pink, then a splash of vivid purple. The world explodes into blooms on every tree branch. One of the first, and showiest, of the blossoming spring trees is the *Tulip Magnolia*. They bloom without



leaves, so it can be a little surprising to see the massive blooms just hanging out on the edges of the branches.

They are not a native species to NC but came to us by way of Asia, and they now flourish in our moderate climate. If you're still in a purple bloom state of mind but want to see a native NC showstopper, then you should



make way for the *Redbud*. In April and May

you can spot these small trees arcing over the highways statewide. It's also no coincidence that the *Dogwood* is the NC state flower. These bounteous beauties make their showing in mid-



spring, and keep their blooms for quite a while.

There are dozens of types of dogwoods around the world, but the American South is known for some of the best flowering trees in this family. We are so blessed to call NC home!



*Current Project*

February sped by quickly and with its exit was the completion of another fantastic project in Grandview Peaks. True to the name, the crew got to enjoy an incredible view while on this job. The Kaisoglus' moved here from PA and built a beautiful home with a stellar mountain view. We had the privilege of matching that view with



equally great landscape enhancements. This site sees a lot of runoff water in rain events so drainage features were incorporated on three sides of the house. One unique feature of this project is the decorative river gravel walkway that extends from the front driveway around the garage and down to the back yard area. It touches the foundation along the garage and back of the house in a way that gives that whole space a very clean look and its large size provides ease of circulation even with an ATV. A short walk down the beautiful stone steps just outside the basement door and



one can have a seat by the fire pit and enjoy the view of the distant mountain tops or the specimen plantings and boulder



work just a few feet away. The features and spaces in this landscape will provide enjoyable outdoor activity for years to come. We appreciate the opportunity to transform this blank slate into a southern masterpiece.



Luck of the Irish. The phrase luck of the Irish is commonly thought to mean "extreme good fortune."

**HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!**

**March 17th**

