

Carnations & Mother's Day

The relationship between carnations and Mother's Day began in the early 1900s. Many credit Anna Jarvis, the woman who first championed the idea of celebrating moms, with selecting the carnation as the flower of choice for Mother's Day. To commemorate her mother in 1907, Jarvis delivered 500 white carnations to St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, the church where her mother taught Sunday school for over 20 years. Carnations were her mother's favorite flowers and Jarvis requested that each mom in the congregation received one. The following year, St. Andrew's Church repeated the tradition of celebrating moms and from then on carnation flowers were associated with Mother's Day. As the tradition of gifting carnations on Mother's Day grew, carnation colors took on new symbolism. White carnations are meant to honor the memory of deceased mothers while red and pink carnations honor those who are living. See pictured in header. Happy Mother's Day!



Current Project

Landscaping can be the transition zone that ties a home to the surrounding environment. A home like the one constructed by the Elmore's, on Lake James, that utilizes dark exterior colors of wood and natural stone gave us a great opportunity to demonstrate this. A couple arrangements of large mossy boulders and specimen Japanese Maple trees with supporting plant material blends the front of the house with the surroundings. The area behind

the house post-construction was steep, and access to the dock trail was difficult. Circulation and dock access are now accomplished with ease with the installation of two sets of natural stone steps held in place with large boulders and accented with new plant material. Together with a small pea gravel patio at the top of the steps these features transform a difficult area into a most desirable outdoor room. Many thanks to the Elmore's for a fantastic project!



Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

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