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“A Knoxville Heritage: Tennessee Marble”
A Brown Bag Lecture with Don Byerly

PROGRAM: *A Knoxville Heritage: Tennessee Marble* / a Brown Bag Lecture by Don Byerly

DATE: Noon, Thursday, April 20, 2017

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) Few industries have had as historic and enduring effect on architecture across our nation as the marble industry of East Tennessee. Tennessee Marble, though not as steeped in antiquity as many European stones, has been quarried continuously in East Tennessee for lime and dimension stone since colonial times. Because it has national and international identity and the requisite attributes, Tennessee Marble is being nominated for recognition as a “Global Heritage Stone Resource.” Tennessee Marble continues to be popular with architects and builders for its structural and decorative qualities and with sculptors for its artistic inspiration. In a Brown Bag Lecture on Thursday, April 20, Don Byerly will explain the history and significance of this important stone to our region. Byerly is professor emeritus of geology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, a founding member of Tennessee Earth Science Teachers, the author of *The Last Billion Years: A Geologic History of Tennessee*, and the recipient of numerous awards, including being named a fellow of the Geological Society of America.

The program is sponsored by the Bud and Harriet Z. Albers Memorial Fund and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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