

# The Grove in Bloom



Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum is well known for its outstanding seasonal color displays as well as the year-round flowering of the herbaceous, ornamental, and woody collection. The burst of colors begins in early February and continues until the short days and hard frosts bring the brilliant autumn color to the deciduous trees.

## Early Spring - February & March

The harbinger of spring in the Grove is the deep yellow flower of winter aconite that can be seen most profusely along the northern edge of the Woodland Area. A late February snow will blanket the flowering aconite but will not harm them. Seeing crocus emerge is another sure sign that spring has arrived. In early March, look closely to distinguish between the delicate yellow flowers of the spring blooming witchhazel and the bold flowers on forsythia branches. Visitors can enjoy fields of naturalized daffodils in mid March. The daffodil beds in the Garden Courtyard are nearly as old as Spring Grove itself! A drive through Spring Grove in late winter/early spring would not be complete without driving through the tunnel of weeping oriental cherries between Section 45 and Section 36. For a brief time, this area looks as if it is raining pink raindrops! If the leaves are out on the trees, you missed the blossoms!



Forsythia in bloom on Section 23

| Blooming Date  | Woody Ornamental & Herbaceous Selections  |
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| February 15-25 | Winter Aconite<br>Crocus Sieberii<br>Snowdrops  |
| March 2-9      | Alder Family<br>Birch Family<br>Baldcypress<br>Pondcypress<br>American Filbert<br>Turkish Filbert<br>Weeping European Filbert |

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| March 2-9 (cont.) | Contorted European Hazel<br>Purpleleaf Hazel<br>Vernal Witchhazel<br>Helleborus  |
| March 10-15       | Korean Boxwood<br>Cornelian Cherry Dogwood<br>Red Maple<br>Silver Maple<br>Pussywillow   |
| March 14-21       | Tritileia, Crocus<br>Daffodil<br>American Elm<br>Siberian Elm<br>Forsythia<br>Honeysuckle<br>Scilla<br>Taxus   |
| March 22-31       | Asian White Birch<br>Monarch Birch<br>Buttercup<br>Flowering Cherry<br>Nanking Cherry<br>Rancho Cherry<br>Snow Fountain Cherry<br>Weeping Cherry<br>Yoshino Cherry<br>Anise Magnolia<br>Star Magnolia<br>Dr. Merrill Magnolia<br>Newport<br>Thundercloud Plum<br>P.J.M. Rhododendron<br>Victor P.J.M. Rhododendron<br>Spring Beauty, Star of Bethlehem<br>Bodnant Viburnum |



**Weeping Oriental Cherry in bloom on  
Sections 45 & 36**

## Spring - April & May

Spring Grove in April is spectacular! The vibrant colors start immediately as you enter through the main gates with an incredible display from the saucer and star magnolias next to the Norman Chapel and at The Arch.

Keep your eye on the early spring temperatures. If temperatures warm up too soon, and then a freeze comes along, the magnolia blossoms may only last for a short time. The viburnums are in bloom near the end of April and into May. *Viburnum carlesii* (Koreanspice viburnum) has a strong, sweet fragrance and it is worth getting out of your car to experience. It can be found in front of the Customer Service Center as well as throughout the arboretum. Carolina allspice is also in bloom at this time on Section 20. Its large rusty-red flowers float on the branches. Its name comes from the strong spicy fragrance of the flower and bark. The



**Oakleaf Hydrangea in bloom**

fringe tree is a native understory tree that has dangly (fringe) white flowers that appear in late May. Spring Grove houses the State Champion fringe tree on Section 101. If you have not seen the climbing hydrangea, stop by the Norman Chapel. Its flowering display starts in late May as well.

| Blooming Date | Woody Ornamental & Herbaceous Selections   |
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| April 1-10    | Amelanchier<br>Korean Azalea<br>Poukhanense Azalea<br>European White Birch<br>Black Cherry<br>Blue Bells<br>Canada Red Cherry<br>European Bird Cherry<br>Purpleleaf Sandcherry<br>Sargent Cherry<br>Crabapples<br>Dandelions<br>Flowering Dogwood<br>Dutchman's Britches<br>Fothergilla<br>Oregon Grape Holly<br>American Hop Hornbeam<br>Winter Jasmine<br>Common Lilac<br>Korean Lilac |

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| April 1-10(cont.) | Miss Kim Lilac<br>Betty Magnolia<br>Jane Magnolia<br>Kobus Magnolia<br>Randy Magnolia<br>Susan Magnolia<br>Saucer Magnolia<br>Yulan Magnolia<br>Ribes Magnolia<br>Boxelder Maple<br>Norway Maple<br>Sugar Maple<br>Pin Oak<br>Scarlet Oak<br>Ribes Odoratum<br>Aristocrat Pear<br>Bradford Pear<br>Korean Pear<br>Pearl Bush<br>Periwinkle<br>Creeping Phlox<br>Quince<br>Redbud<br>White Redbud<br>Spirea<br>Tulips (early)<br>Burkwood Viburnum<br>Carlesii Viburnum<br>Juddi Viburnum<br>Violets |
| April 11-20       | Flowering Almond<br>Crimson Pygmy Barberry<br>American Beech<br>Little Leaf Lilac<br>Western Sandcherry<br>Sassafras<br>Tulips (late)<br>Willowwood Viburnum  |
| April 21-31       | Carolina Allspice<br>Korean Mt. Ash<br>Azaleas (assorted varieties)<br>Ghent Azalea<br>Ohio and Yellow Buckeye<br>Burning Bush<br>Kwanzan Cherry<br>Black Chokeberry  |

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| April 21-31(cont.) | Red Chokeberry<br>Cotoneaster<br>Showy Deutzia<br>Isanti Dogwood<br>Hooks Hawthorne<br>Winterking Hawthorne<br>Amur Honeysuckle<br>Pieris Japonica<br>Kerria<br>French Hybrid Lilac<br>Amur Maple<br>Tartarian Maple<br>Mulberry<br>Burr Oak<br>Dentate Oak<br>Red Oak<br>White Oak<br>Tree Peony<br>Carolina Silverbell<br>Bridal Wreath Spirea<br>Alleghany Viburnum<br>Black Haw Viburnum<br>Fragrant Viburnum<br>Lantana Viburnum<br>Leatherleaf Viburnum<br>Lentago Viburnum<br>Linden Viburnum<br>Maresi Viburnum<br>Sargent Viburnum<br>Siebold Viburnum<br>Tea Viburnum<br>Black Walnut<br>Weigela<br>Bristol Ruby Weigela<br>Pink Princess Weigela |
| May 1-10           | Exbury Azalea<br>Bayberry<br>Beautybush<br>Mt. Fuji Cherry<br>Cranberry Cotoneaster<br>Pagoda Dogwood<br>Red Twig Dogwood<br>Yellow Twig Dogwood<br>Crusader Thornless Hawthorne<br>Iris<br>Golden Ninebark   |

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| May 1-10 (cont.) | Chinkapen Oak<br>Oriental Photinia<br>Tulip Poplar<br>Enkianthus Redvine<br>Roseum Elegans Rhododendron<br>Two Wing Silverbell<br>Asiatic Sweetleaf<br>Dwarf Doublefile Viburnum (Newport)<br>Shasta Viburnum<br>Java Red Weigela   |
| May 11-20        | Compact European Cranberry Bush<br>Climbing Euonymous<br>Fringetree<br>Brioti Horsechestnut<br>Japanese Tree Lilac<br>Lily of the Valley<br>Black Locust<br>Purple Robe Locust<br>Cucumbertree Magnolia<br>Umbrella Magnolia<br>Ninebark Species<br>Herbaceous Peonies<br>Potentilla (Gold Drop)<br>Privet<br>Nearly Wild Rose<br>Wright Viburnum<br>Carolina Allspice<br>American Holly<br>Mock Orange<br>Snowflake Mock Orange<br>Pyracantha<br>Nippon Spirea<br>Snowmound Spirea |
| May 21-31        | Catalpa<br>Kentucky Coffeetree<br>Japanese Dogwood<br>Deutzia Gracilis<br>Cockspur Hawthorne<br>Washington Hawthorne<br>Climbing Hydrangea<br>Oakleaf Hydrangea<br>Styrax Japonica – Japanese Snowball<br>Hybrid Tea Rose<br>Little Princess Spirea<br>Catskill Linden Viburnum<br>Yellowwood   |

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| June 1-10         | Bottlebrush Buckeye<br>Herbaceous Hydrangea<br>Hypericum   |
| June 1-10 (cont.) | Compact Inkberry<br>Little Leaf Linden<br>Southern Magnolia<br>Smokebush<br>Alpine Spirea<br>Sumac<br>Tamarix<br>Yucca |
| June 11-20        | Liles<br>False Spirea<br>Stewartia   |

### Summer – June, July, & August

As the spring blossoms begin to fade, the summer flowering trees and shrubs are just revving up. The bottlebrush buckeye, smokebush, and crape myrtle have interesting blooms that



**Royal Velvet Crape Myrtle in the Garden Courtyard**

brighten up a hot summer afternoon. The yucca is an old fashion cemetery plant, and when its spike is in bloom early in June, it is easy to understand why. The large (8”-12”

diameter!) creamy white, solitary blossoms of the southern magnolia are outstanding beginning in early June. Remember the southern magnolia is an evergreen. Crape myrtle comes in lots of colors and sizes. Please enjoy the Royal Velvet selection in the Garden Courtyard.



**Southern Magnolia blossom at the Historic Office**

| <b>Blooming Date</b> | <b>Woody Ornamental &amp; Herbaceous Selections</b>                             |
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| July 10-20           | Diana Althea, Rose of Sharon<br>Evodia<br>Virginia Sweetspire                   |
| July 20-31           | Beautyberry<br>Herbaceous Hibiscus<br>Pee Wee Hydrangea<br>Japanese Pagoda Tree |

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| August 1-15  | Crape Myrtle<br>Siberian Peashrub                               |
| August 15-30 | September Goldenrain<br>Lespedeza – Shrub Clover<br>Heptacodium |

### Fall & Winter – October, November, December & January

The magnificent collection of deciduous trees always puts on an incredible show of autumn color. After a few cool nights followed by bright sunny days, the senescence process in the deciduous trees begin. The buckeyes and the black gums are often the first to show. Drive between Section 21 and 22 and enjoy the canopy of golden yellow ginkgo leaves. As the delicate fan shaped leaves of the ginkgo change color they appear striped as the green color fades to yellow. Then the leaves seem to fall all at once leaving a circle of yellow on the ground.



Sweetgum leaves in fall

The sweetgum on Section 36 has a rainbow of

colors in the fall. Four different

colors can be found on the same tree. Be sure to see the fall blooming cherry on Section 14. It's pale pink blossom are beautiful!



Ginkgo on Section 73

| Blooming Date | Woody Ornamental & Herbaceous Selections |
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| November 20   | Common Witchhazel                        |
|               | Autumn Flowering Higan Cherry            |