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!

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

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| April 1-10 (cont.) | Miss Kim Lilac  
Betty Magnolia  
Jane Magnolia  
Kobus Magnolia  
Randy Magnolia  
Susan Magnolia  
Saucer Magnolia  
Yulan Magnolia  
Ribes Magnolia  
Box elder Maple  
Norway Maple  
Sugar Maple  
Pin Oak  
Scarlet Oak  
Ribes Odoratum  
Aristocrat Pear  
Bradford Pear  
Korean Pear  
Pearl Bush  
Periwinkle  
Creeping Phlox  
Quince  
Redbud  
White Redbud  
Spirea  
Tulips (early)  
Burkwood Viburnum  
Carlesii Viburnum  
Juddi Viburnum  
Violets |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 11-20        | Flowering Almond  
Crimson Pygmy Barberry  
American Beech  
Little Leaf Lilac  
Western Sandcherry  
Sassafras  
Tulips (late)  
Willowwood Viburnum |
| April 21-31        | Carolina Allspice  
Korean Mt. Ash  
Azaleas (assorted varieties)  
Ghent Azalea  
Ohio and Yellow Buckeye  
Burning Bush  
Kwanzan Cherry  
Black Chokeberry |
| April 21-31 (cont.) | Red Chokeberry  
Cotoneaster  
Showy Deutzia  
Isanti Dogwood  
Hooks Hawthorne  
Winterking Hawthorne  
Amur Honeysuckle  
Pieris Japonica  
Kerria  
French Hybrid Lilac  
Amur Maple  
Tartarian Maple  
Mulberry  
Burr Oak  
Dentate Oak  
Red Oak  
White Oak  
Tree Peony  
Carolina Silverbell  
Bridal Wreath Spirea  
Alleghany Viburnum  
Black Haw Viburnum  
Fragrant Viburnum  
Lantana Viburnum  
Leatherleaf Viburnum  
Lentago Viburnum  
Linden Viburnum  
Maresi Viburnum  
Sargent Viburnum  
Siebold Viburnum  
Tea Viburnum  
Black Walnut  
Weigela  
Bristol Ruby Weigela  
Pink Princess Weigela |
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| May 1-10 | Exbury Azalea  
Bayberry  
Beautybush  
Mt. Fuji Cherry  
Cranberry Cotoneaster  
Pagoda Dogwood  
Red Twig Dogwood  
Yellow Twig Dogwood  
Crusader Thornless Hawthorne  
Iris  
Golden Ninebark |
| May 1-10 (cont.) | Chinkapen Oak  
Oriental Photinia  
Tulip Poplar  
Enkianthus Redvine  
Roseum Elegans Rhododendron  
Two Wing Silverbell  
Asiatic Sweetleaf  
Dwarf Doublefile Viburnum (Newport)  
Shasta Viburnum  
Java Red Weigela |
| May 11-20 | Compact European Cranberry Bush  
Climbing Euonymous  
Fringetree  
Briotii Horsechestnut  
Japanese Tree Lilac  
Lily of the Valley  
Black Locust  
Purple Robe Locust  
Cucumbertree Magnolia  
Umbrella Magnolia  
Ninebark Species  
Herbaceous Peonies  
Potentilla (Gold Drop)  
Privet  
Nearly Wild Rose  
Wright Viburnum  
Carolina Allspice  
American Holly  
Mock Orange  
Snowflake Mock Orange  
Pyracantha  
Nippon Spirea  
Snowmound Spirea |
| May 21-31 | Catalpa  
Kentucky Coffeetree  
Japanese Dogwood  
Deutzia Gracilis  
Cockspur Hawthorne  
Washington Hawthorne  
Climbing Hydrangea  
Oakleaf Hydrangea  
Styrax Japonica – Japanese Snowball  
Hybrid Tea Rose  
Little Princess Spirea  
Catskill Linden Viburnum  
Yellowwood |
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 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.

**Summer – June, July, & August**

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

**Southern Magnolia blossom at the Historic Office**

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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. 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!

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Gingko on Section 73

Sweetgum leaves in fall