

The International Peace Garden Let There Be Peace on Earth Let Peace Begin with Me

History: The Cherry Blossom Festival tradition came to the USA in 1912, when the Mayor of Tokyo, Japan gifted 3,000 cherry trees to President Howard Taft in Washington D.C. In 2012 during the Columbus Bicentennial Celebration, 20 cherry trees were again gifted from Japan through The OSU East Asian Studies in commemoration of the 1912 gift of trees. The Heritage Trees of the Colors of Columbus were also first planted in 2012 which included cherry trees. Since then, as part of the Peace Garden, founded during Ameriflora 1992, IVO and CRPD planted more cherry trees and started the Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival (GCCBF) in 2022 with former Ohio Governor Bob Taft and Mrs. Hope Taft as Honorary Chairs. Bob Taft is the great grandson of US President Howard Taft of Ohio.

Acknowledgements

Our heartfelt thanks go to our sponsors, community volunteers, IVO and other organizations and individuals for their efforts in helping with the 4th Annual Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival (GCCBF) which is an offshoot of the International Peace Garden. The International Peace Garden in Franklin Park, in its 33rd Anniversary, also features a collection of dwarf ornamental flowering trees representing the ethnicity, ancestry or heritage of the Greater Columbus residents and the Volunteer Wall of Honor that highlights the donors as well as outstanding volunteer organizations.



The 4th Annual Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival

A Celebration of the Human Family

**March 24 - April 25
Citywide, Countywide & Multi-venue**

PASSPORT



Organized by: International Voluntary Organizations

A Consortium of volunteer organizations with global connections seeking to improve the quality of life in local communities.

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FESTIVAL EVENTS & VENUES

#	Date	Events & Venue
1	3.24 - 4.25	IVO Wishing Tree MLK Library Lobby (1467 E. Long St., Columbus)
2	3.24 - 4.25	Food & Drink Trail (Belle's Bread, Daruma, Little Cat, Mjomii Dessert & Coffee House, Wolf Ridge Brewing, Zencha Cafe & Tea (see IVO website for more info)
3	3.29 (Sat) 2:30pm-5:00pm	Bexley Cherry Blossom Walk & Ride Kick-off Event, Ariyah, <i>The Columbus Koto Ensemble</i> , Bexley Library (411 E. Main St.,)
4	3.30 (Sun) 1:00pm-5:00pm	JSO Spring Festival OSU Ohio Union (1739 N. High St. Columbus)
5	4.4 (Fri) 3:00pm-5:30pm	IVO Cultural Event , Koto, Aikido, Ikebana, Kimono etc. Whetstone Library (3909 N. High St., Columbus)
6	4.5 (Sat) 4:15pm-5:45pm	Worthington Cherry Blossom & Sister City Celebration Old Worthington Library (820 High St. 43085)
7	4.6 (Sun) 10:00am-3:00pm	Community Day at Franklin Park Conservatory & JASCO Franklin Park Conservatory (1777 E. Broad St. Columbus)
8	4.6 (Sun) 10:00am-5:00pm	IVO Intl. Peace Garden & Cherry Trees Scavenger Hunt Franklin Park (pick-up the PASSPORT etc. at the IVO tent by the ponds)
9	4.7 (Mon) 5:00pm-6:30pm	Upper Arlington Cherry Blossom Celebration Mallway Park (2096 Arlington Ave. UA)
10	4.12 (Sat) 10:00am-5:00pm	Ikebana Display Yokoso Center (1175 Old Henderson Rd. Columbus)
11	4.12 (Sat) 8:00am-	The Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon: The Super Live Palace Theater (34 W. Broad St.) Promo code "MOON" for 20% off for level 2 seats for the first 250. www.capa.com for details.
12	4.13 (Sun) 10:00am-4:30pm	Ohio University Spring Festival , Calligraphy and more! TailGreat Park at OU (97 Richland Ave. Athens 45701)
13	4.14 (Mon) 4:30am-8:30pm	IVO's 4th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Main Event , Music, Dance & Cultural Exhibit and more Columbus Main Library Auditorium (96 S. Grant Ave, Columbus)
14	4.25 (Fri) 8:00pm-	NARUTO: The Symphonic Experience Palace Theater (34 W. Broad St.) Promo code "Blossom" for 25% off www.CAPA.com for details.

#	Date	Events & Venue (Continue)
15	3.28, 29, 4.4,5,11,12 (Fri. & Sat: 10am-5pm	The International Peace Museum , see the visiting exhibit on the Peace Corps and more. (10 N. Ludlow St. Dayton, OH 45402)

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Also the digital version is available on our website www.IVOcolumbusoh.com.

Visit a Hanami Spot: Hanami, "flower viewing" is the Japanese custom of enjoying the fleeting beauty of cherry blossom flowers and the welcome of spring. Hanami usually consists of having an outdoor party or picnic beneath the cherry trees.

Take Selfies at Central Ohio's Hanami spots

(Check each location for peak blooming times as they vary)

- City of Athens (between the OU campus and Hocking River)
- City of Bexley, various locations
- City of Dayton (cherry blossom trail connects Carillon Historical Park and the Dayton Art Institute)
- City of Dublin
- Columbus (Franklin Park, Goodale Park, Ohio State House, Mirror Lake OSU campus)
- City of Westerville (Inniswood Metro Gardens)
- City of Whitehall

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Stamps & Selfies for a Prize!

Step 1: Collect a stamp at each event attended.

Step 2: Take selfies at the “Hanami” spots and “Food & Drink Trail” around the cities.

Step 3: E-mail your selfies labeled locations and a photo of your stamped PASSPORT insert to IVO. (Marlindarsi@yahoo.com)

Use “Cherry blossom selfie” in subject line. Also include the “Passport Information” below.

If you wish to mail the stamped PASSPORT insert page separately, send to IVO, P.O.Box 212, Columbus, OH 43216

Passport Information:

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Zip code: _____

Address (optional) _____

I would like to volunteer: Yes / No

I would like to be an IVO member: Yes/ No

My Interests: _____