

Historic First
Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival

April 2-10, 2022 - Citywide

Former Ohio Governor Bob Taft and Mrs. Hope Taft

Honorary Chairs: Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival

April 2 Opening Day Activities: Angela An 10TV: MC.

12:00 Noon: Cultural Displays open. Venue: Adventure Center 1755 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43203

12:30 -1:30 pm: Japanese Tea Ceremony & VIP Reception: By Invitation Only
Venue: Franklin Park Conservatory 1777 E. Broad St. 43203

1:35 pm: Call of the Japanese Drums. Capital University Taiko Ensemble
Venue: Peace Garden by the Adventure Center & Lower Pond

1:50 pm: Call of the Japanese Drums. Capital University Taiko Ensemble
Venue: Peace Garden by the Peace Dove Ellipse (across from and behind the Adventure Center)

2:05 pm: The Unveiling of the CCBF Marker at the Peace Garden
Venue: Peace Garden by the Peace Dove Ellipse (across from and behind the Adventure Center)

2:30 pm: Main Program with VIP Speakers and Entertainment.
Featuring: The Columbus Koto Ensemble
The Sakura Koto Group
Venue: Adventure Center

4:30 pm: The Bridges to Peace.
Venue: Adventure Center

5:20 pm: Closing: Venue: Adventure Center: Featuring a Choir Ensemble followed by: Floating lanterns with lighted candles, each representing a tree at the Peace Garden to celebrate the historic 1st Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival and the 30th Anniversary of the Peace Garden and Family Day (human family).

A wish for a better kinder World of Friendship and Peace

A prayer for Peace around the World especially in Ukraine.

Note: Individuals may write their wish, sentiments or prayers on the lanterns carrying the lighted candles. The lanterns will be left lighted overnight at the Lower Pond. To RSVP or volunteer: Email Peace@IVOcolumbus.com & marlindarsi@yahoo.com

April 3: Community Day: Franklin Park Conservatory 1777 E Broad (43203) 11:00 am- 3:00 pm
Free Admission all day for all Franklin County residents. OSU shuttle busses run between OSU and FPC from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on April 3.

April 3: OSU Spring Festival: The Ohio Union: 12:00 – 5:00 pm. Come join The Ohio State University's Japanese Student Organization at their 16th annual Spring Festival, featuring Japanese festival booths, martial art demonstrations, and performances, held in the Ohio Union Performance Hall. You can also enjoy the Cherry blossoms located in the OSU South Oval directly outside the Spring Festival.

April 10: HANAMI Dawn to Dusk: See and enjoy the cherry blossoms at Franklin Park: Bring your picnic basket. Venue: 1755 E. Broad St., 43203 by the cherry trees around the ponds.

