

The National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC, and celebrates the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan. Today's Festival now spans four weeks and welcomes more than 1.5 million people to enjoy diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Events are primarily free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 9th, we will gather at the Infinity Sculpture on the south side of the Smithsonian American History Museum at 10 a.m. This is very close to the Smithsonian Metro and a block away from the parade route on Constitution Ave. After the parade, we will take a short walk to the Tidal Basin where the actual trees are.

This is a family-friendly event, so bring the kids! Please RSVP to Nancy Rilee, Alumni Coordinator, at 757-259-5886 for event-specific details and a head count for dinner reservations.