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Cherry Trees Are Blooming on Cherry Road

One of the Garden's favorite features, the Yoshino Cherry Trees (scientific name *Prunus x yedoensis*) lining Cherry Road in front of the Memphis Botanic Garden are now in full bloom! From Southern Avenue to Park Avenue, these beautiful, slightly fragrant blossoms are currently pink and will fade to white as they mature over the coming weeks.

The Yoshino Cherry is one of the most popular ornamental trees in the entire world and is famously known as the tree lining the Tidal Basin in Washington D.C., which were a gift to the United States from Japan. The Little Garden Club of Memphis generously donated the first set of Yoshino Cherry Trees to the Garden in the 1950s. Over the years, as a tree reached the end of its life (typically 40 years in Memphis), it has been replaced. In the last 20 years, we have replaced approximately 30-40 Cherry Trees, in part because of continued generosity from the Little Garden Club.

Every year Memphians gather under the Yoshino Cherry Trees in early spring to picnic, paint, and take family photographs. Our trees provide a spectacular backdrop for these activities, but they are only in bloom for a short time. Now is the perfect time to shake off the cold of winter, welcome spring, and bask in the warming sun and momentary brilliance of Yoshino Cherry Trees in full bloom at the Memphis Botanic Garden.

The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 225,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.