



# Slides of Spring!

Scholars Portal Days 2025

Scenes from local farmers market and community garden!

A large bundle of fresh rhubarb for sale at the farmers market, and community garden beds all ready for planting on a bright, sunny day.

Submitted by: Katrina Fortner (OCUL)



Springtime sights! In Waterloo, spring means the blooming of the beautiful magnolia trees. It also means the Arrival of the Geese. Alison (and Kermit!) are prepared for both!

Photos of Alison and her cat, Kermit, amidst a pile of fluffy goslings and a Canada Goose. Below, a beautiful pink magnolia in full bloom on a sunny day.

Submitted by: Alison Hitchens (Waterloo)



A rainbow of tulips and a growing evergreen!

We have a Colorado Spruce outside our window, and learning the seasonality of an evergreen tree has been very fun. Right now it's growing baby pinecones (and there is so much sap).

Submitted by: Jacqueline Whyte Appleby (SP)



# Catherine Davidson

Rooted in land long cared for by Indigenous peoples, two daffodils—clothed in vibrant yellow and green—remind us to listen, to learn, and to walk gently on the Earth in a good way.

Submitted by: Catherine Davidson  
(Ontario Tech)



A little robin family nesting at our back door and growing very quickly.

Photos of a birds nest outside a house. In the first photo are two bright blue robin eggs. In the second photo, the nest is full of new hatchlings.

Submitted by: Anika Ervin-Ward (OCUL)



The cherry blossoms arrived!  
And with some unusual sights  
this year. Amidst the cherry  
blossoms outside Robarts  
Library, a figure stands in a red  
and white robe, a yellow helmet,  
a black cape, and some kind of  
sword. A Samurai perhaps?  
Ideas are welcome!

Submitted by: Amy Greenberg  
(OCUL)



The first sign of spring on my street is when the parkette turns into a lake. Sometimes even ducks appear!

Photo shows an enormous puddle flooding a neighbourhood park. Trees and nearby houses are reflected in the water's surface.

Submitted by: Bart Kawula  
(SP)



Wing the Labubu enjoys the cherry blossoms.

Photo shows Wing, an elvish-style Labubu doll with brown overalls, purple hair, point ears, and a mischievous smile. Wing is posing up on a tree branch with pale pink cherry blossoms.

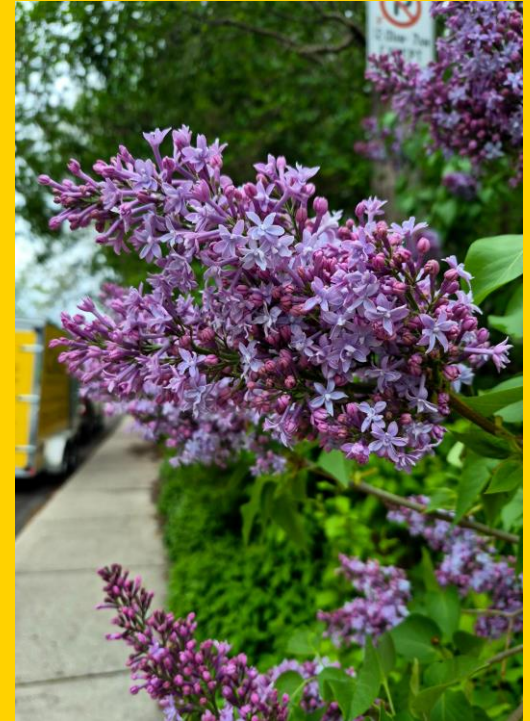
Submitted by: Tanis Franco (TMU)



Neighbourhood blooms on morning commutes and evening walks are my favourite sign of spring!

First photo shows bright pink crabapple blossoms draped over a tree branch on sunny evening. Second photo shows the first lilacs of the season on a very rainy walk a couple of weeks ago.

Submitted by: Gabby Crowley  
(SP)





Friday night flag football in the hammer! A football pitch mid-game at sunset, with an orange sun breaking through a cloudy sky in Hamilton.

Submitted by: Lynne Serviss (McMaster)

One of the coveted lemon meringue lambs from a bakery in Little Italy!

A sponge cake treat with lemon curd filling, covered in meringue, shaped and decorated to look like a very cute lamb.

Submitted by: Julia Gilmore  
(SP)



May showers & May flowers!

Despite a rainy and cold spell last week, these daffodils and pink tulips are blooming in gardens around Toronto!

Submitted by: Sabina Pagotto (SP)



Thank you!  
Happy Spring!

