

FEBRUARY *in the gardens*



NOW IS THE TIME...

Spring is on its way here at the Reserve with recent rains and warmer temperatures bringing new blooms, colors, and textures to the gardens.

- Up at the Gatehouse you'll be greeted by an eruption of snowdrops alongside red, orange, and yellow witch hazel blooms. And you can still smell the spicy scent of wintersweet!
- Red and yellow twig dogwood are brightening the Bird Marsh, and "mondo" and "beautiful eye" daffodils and crocus are emerging—watch for their blooms next month. Lots of new plants are going in now in the wetland areas, including rushes, sedges, and grasses. Birdwatchers: keep your eyes out for Hooded Mergansers, Bufflehead ducks, Wigeons, and geese.
- Hequitia, Hepaticas, and Cyclamen are blooming now in the Rhododendron Glen. At the top of the Glen you can find a mix of skimmia dressed with red berries, galanthus, and hundreds of *Primula vulgaris*, along with emerging herbaceous perennials.

SEASONAL INTEREST...

Narcissus sp. | gardens-wide

Helleborus x hybridus | gardens-wide

Cyclamen spp. | gardens-wide

Hepatica spp. | Glen & Japanese Garden

Galanthus spp. | gardens-wide

Hamamelis mollis | gardens-wide

Garrya elliptica | gardens-wide

Sarcococca spp. | Mid-Pond

Camellia sasanqua | Camellia Trail



Primula vulgaris | primrose



Chimonanthus praecox var. *luteus* | wintersweet



Chrysoplemium macrophyllum | giant golden saxifrage



Hamamelis mollis | witch hazel



Camellia sasanqua | Camellia