

Spring Has Sprung - - -

Spring has always been my favorite time of the year and this year we were treated to a parade of spring in many states. It all began in Georgia, where the tulips, daffodils and crocus shared their beautiful smiles with us in February. In March the roadside wild flowers in Texas and Oklahoma showed us their bright pinks, yellows and blues as we traveled their byways. The flowering trees in Kansas, Missouri and Iowa were signs of new life and more to come. Now, back home in Minnesota, we look forward to more spring as the grass turns green and the flowers are waking, ever so slowly, from their winter sleep.

As an e-mail from our Granddaughter said - "I hope the calm winter season treated you well and that your first days of spring are magical." **MAGICAL!** What an amazing thought!

I guess I never thought of this time of the year as magical, but it really is. Not only in nature, but in our Chapters as well. We have elected new officers and are looking forward to an exciting year. Fresh, new ideas are blooming all around us and the sweet aroma of pending success encourages and energizes us.

This being said, I ask each of you to be one of those beautiful blossoms - ready and willing to do your part to make your chapter a dazzling bouquet. Of course, we can't all be the brightly colored daffodils, roses or tulips. Our bouquet also needs the sturdy greens and the gentle white baby's breath to become complete. Each of us, in our own way, has a special place in our chapter bouquet. Please find your place and do all you can to make your chapter strong and vibrant.

So, as Ashley said, "May your first days of spring be magical" and may you enjoy all the beauty and warmth of the season. Loving wishes for the kind of season that brightens your world and warms your heart.

Hoots & Hugs,
Carolyn