



Spring Is In Full Swing!

“April showers bring May flowers” has felt especially true thanks to a rainy start to Spring in Chicagoland. Don’t dismay; the more it rains, the more nourished our gardens will be going into the warmer months.

Now is a great time to plan summer garden projects as you wait out the rainy days. This month’s edition of **Nature’s Notes** contains a breakdown of April bloomers and a deep dive into an award-winning garden restoration project.

Ready to kick-start a project? Call us at 847-475-7917 or submit an inquiry through our online contact form to get started.



What's Blooming in April?

April is here, bringing fresh color and renewed energy to the garden! One of the sure signs of spring is our blooming nursery, which slowly fills with flowers in a range of colors. The guide below will help you plan a vibrant and inviting outdoor space.

Ornamental Trees

Early-flowering trees provide the first signs of spring.

Corneliancherry Dogwood leads the way with small yellow blooms that appear before its foliage in late March. It later produces red berries that attract interest into fall.

Royal Raindrops Crabapple is a true showstopper, featuring purple foliage, bright pink spring flowers, and maroon fruit that birds love.

Royal Star Magnolia offers fragrant, white, star-shaped blooms on a compact form, making it ideal for smaller spaces. **Eastern Redbud** is a spring favorite, covered in delicate lavender flowers that bloom directly along its branches. Though brief, the display is striking. For multi-season appeal, **Serviceberry** delivers white spring blooms, summer berries, and brilliant orange-red foliage in autumn.



Judd Viburnum

Flowering Shrubs

Shrubs add depth and color to any landscape. **Karen's Azalea** produces abundant lavender-pink flowers in spring and works well as a focal point or in mass plantings. **Spring Sensation Deutzia** features elegant white blooms on arching branches and adapts well to a variety of conditions, including urban settings. **Forsythia** is one of the earliest bloomers, with bright yellow flowers signaling the start of the season, followed by lush green foliage. **Judd Viburnum** combines beauty and fragrance, with pink buds opening to white, sweetly scented flowers, perfect for planting near windows or entryways.



Pink Frost Hellebore

Perennials

Perennials complete the spring garden with color at a lower level.

Brunnera offers heart-shaped foliage and small blue flowers that thrive in shade. **Pink Frost Hellebore** blooms very early, sometimes in late winter, with soft pink and white tones and evergreen leaves. **Woodland Phlox** adds gentle lavender color and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds to shaded areas.

By combining trees, shrubs, and perennials, you can create a layered landscape full of color, texture, and seasonal interest all spring long.

For more information on Spring bloomers, click [here](#).



Project Spotlight: Evanston Tudor Revival

The Nature's Perspective team brought this Evanston Tudor home back to life with plantings, construction and new functionality!

These Evanston homeowners wanted to transform their property while honoring the character of their historic Tudor home. In the front yard, they envisioned a grand entrance and walkway that matched the home's architecture and could better handle Midwest winters. In the backyard, their goal was to create an inviting space for entertaining 30 to 40 guests. A must-have feature: two built-in charcoal Weber grills, non-negotiable for a Wisconsin-native grillmaster. Existing conditions included a moss-covered patio due to heavy shade, struggling plantings, and a patchy lawn.

It was a tall order to be sure, but the Nature's Perspective Landscaping team was up for the challenge!



Before the project, our client's yard was sparsely used.

The home's designation as a local historic landmark required careful planning and approvals for any updates. We developed detailed 3D renderings to secure city approvals. The front yard featured failing plantings, an uneven limestone walkway, and deteriorating steps. Two problematic trees, one diseased and another leaning dangerously toward the house, needed removal. Tight access required coordination with neighbors, and multiple permits were necessary for the front walk, stoop, and a fence modification.

In the backyard, we aimed to match new materials with the home's original brick and existing bluestone accents without creating a mismatched look. The pergola needed to match the home's trim color, and lighting was requested despite no existing electrical source.

Additionally, designing a custom grill island for charcoal Weber kettles presented a unique challenge.

While the front steps had to be replaced in-kind, we worked with a stone supplier to replicate the original Indiana limestone precisely. Neighbor cooperation allowed the safe removal of the hazardous tree. To ensure material consistency, we sourced reclaimed bricks that closely matched the home's original exterior. Old paint samples found in the basement were used to create a custom pergola color match. For lighting, we ran concealed conduit from the garage to power the pergola, keeping all wiring and switches hidden. We also installed hundreds of spring-flowering bulbs, adding seasonal beauty throughout the landscape.

What was once an overlooked yard is now a vibrant, functional extension of the home designed for everyday living and memorable gatherings. From custom cabinetry hardware to the height of pendant lighting, every detail was thoughtfully executed. The result is a cohesive outdoor space that respects the home's history while supporting modern living, and clients who couldn't be happier with their Tudor revival.

Our team was honored to receive the 2021 Gold Excellence in Landscape Award for Residential Landscape Construction from the Illinois Landscape Contractor Association for our work on this project.





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