

# CHERRY BLOSSOMS

TRADITIONS, SYMBOLS, AND STORIES



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**AUTHOR AND SCHOLAR OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS**

Author McClellan will explore the images and tales associated with the ethereal Japanese cherry blossoms. People have celebrated the blooming of these trees for more than 1000 years, and today they serve as instruments of diplomacy, as landscape enhancements, and as eternal signs of spring and romance.



**ANN MCCLELLAN** is the author of two definitive books about the Japanese cherry blossoms, including the official book of the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC. Her newest book is about the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum and its collection of magnificent miniature trees. She has held executive positions at the Smithsonian Institution, World Wildlife Fund and the American Association of Museums, among other distinguished non-profits. She speaks widely about the cherry blossoms and their Japanese connections, in locations as disparate as Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Miami, Florida, and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.