Spring Really is Here
You just have to look a bit closer! Pasque flower, scilla, winter aconite, hellebores, and more are flowering now in the gardens to keep us smiling even though the weather has been so cool this spring. I took this photo of some daffodils yesterday whose flowers still weren’t committed to opening just yet! Still - it won’t be long before the season is upon us and the bulbs and early spring shrubs are once again in full bloom!

2011 Plant Sale - June 4, 7 am to 2 pm!
The plant sale is one of our primary fund raising activities for the Horticulture Gardens. Come find rare treats and support the MSU Horticulture Gardens. Great deals on perennials, grasses, herbs, annuals, cottage garden plants, vegetables seedlings, shrubs and more! Garden members get a 10% discount and a chance to come to our Friday evening, members only sale! This is a good reason to renew your membership now. Click here to join online. Help our gardens grow, become a member!

New Garden Features in Tribute to Ann Hancock
A new garden bench and several new tree peonies are now in place in the perennial gardens to honor Ann, who retired last year. During her career, Ann maintained our beautiful perennial gardens, developed our membership and volunteer programs, and helped organize Garden Day and other special events. The bench has the following inscription: “WITH DEEP GRATITUDE AND RESPECT FOR ANN HANCOCK’S DEDICATION TO THE GARDENS” JUDY DELAPA. Our thanks to Ann, Judy and all the other donors who have made these installations possible.

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Events Calendar

- **Butterflies in the 4-H Indoor Garden**, continues until April 30, 8 am to 5 pm daily. Come see the butterflies while they last. Free parking on weekends in the Garden lot.

- **Tri-County Iris Society’s 45th Annual Iris Show “An Iris Cruise”**. MSU Horticulture Gardens Headhouse, Room B109, Saturday, May 28 from 8 am to 2 pm. Registration of entries Friday, May 27, 3-7 pm Iris judging to follow. Public entries welcome!

- **MSU Horticulture Garden Plant Sale**, Saturday, June 4, 7 am to 2 pm. Purchase common and rare plants while supporting the MSU Gardens. Members only presale will be Friday, June 3 from 5 to 7 pm! Become a member now and take advantage of the pre-sale option.