Digital Delights
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Spring is here—or at least the calendar tells us so. As our stubborn winter succumbs to a warm and sunny spring, the thoughts of many Minnesotans turn to holidays and activities that mark the bucolic new time of year. Explore Minnesota Reflections to learn about springtime fun, past and present.

If you have a green thumb, you are probably already planning your horticultural endeavors for the upcoming gardening season. But some of us will content ourselves admiring others’ efforts: http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/irrc,1058

April marks the beginning of the end of the formal season for many orchestras and theater troupes. If you have not taken in a show for a while, stop by the Schubert Theater for a variety of enjoyable performances: http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/mpls,2670

The English word “Easter” is derived from the name of the goddess Oster, whom Germanic cultures worshiped in the spring. As a goddess of new life, it is appropriate that flowers are so closely associated with the Easter season: http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/mpls,332
http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/mpls,333

The signs of spring frequently adorn church alters on Easter Sunday, as was the case at the Hastings Methodist Episcopal Church in 1889: http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/umc,49

Nellie McCluer of Stillwater enjoyed her church’s 1925 Easter service: http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/spl,1450

Are you a last-minute shopper looking for a stylish new Easter bonnet? Try Pearce’s Cloak and Suit Store in Minneapolis, where you will find a wonderful Easter sale on ladies’ springtime attire: http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/mpls,5067

Study the chic bonnets of these young ladies before you purchase your own: http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/hcm,19
Though springtime celebrations spent with friends and family ought to be sunny and joyful, they take on added, if somber, meaning in times of war. Though it took place in the middle of a bitter conflict, Passover of 1943 was doubtless a much needed respite for many American soldiers:
http://reflections.mndigital.org/u?/jhs,647
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Let’s peek in on the Popkin family’s 1910 Seder in Duluth:
http://reflections.mndigital.org/u?/jhs,323

How will you welcome spring? For creative ideas, stop by Minnesota Reflections!

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