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You don't have to travel to Washington DC to see the beauty in fruit tree blossoms. DC has the beautiful cherry blossoms which are an absolutely beautiful sight. This year people weren't able to enjoy the experience in person.

New England is at the beginning of the apple blossom season. I walked by the Meadowbrook apple orchards this morning and could see the beginnings of the apple blossom season. I took these two pictures because the two trees seemed to be at different stages of blooming. The first picture has pink flower buds and the second picture has mostly white flowers.



Of course, I had to research apple blossoms! Below are some basics I found:

The blooms on an apple tree usually stay on a tree for **three to five weeks**. Bees have to pollinate the flowers in order to produce fruit after the blooms lose their petals. Most apple blossom petals are **pink** when the flower first blooms, and they fade to **white** as the season progresses. So, the first picture with the pink buds eventually will turn to white as time goes on.

Appreciation Weeks:

My daughter Amy told me that this was Teacher Appreciation Week in addition to being Nurses Appreciation Week. Since my son-in-law is a teacher, my grandson Lucas will be very busy celebrating both of his parents.

This is how Lucas is making his parents smile:



My husband wanted to know when Plumbers Appreciation Day was. Well, believe it or not, there is a HUG a Plumber Day each year on April 25th. I told Rick they didn't publicize this day this year because of Social Distancing! Not surprising, he rolled his eyes at me! That is actually a common occurrence.

Hang in there.

Stay safe and healthy.

Janet