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FAMILY DAY PRESENTED WITH THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM FEATURES FUN FOR ALL AGES ON OPENING WEEKEND OF NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Washington, DC [March 2, 2016] -- [Family Day](#) presented with the National Building Museum boasts hours of free fun on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., with hands-on activities that celebrate the Festival's campaign of "Connecting People to Parks" and enliven the Great Hall of the National Building Museum.

All ages are encouraged to step into spring by participating in crafts and activities that celebrate parks, landscape architecture, and the built environment. Among the offerings, people can:

- Explore the Museum's collection of proposed designs for a Washington that never was. Then, design your own monument for the National Mall.
- Watch Kawasaki's robot, DuAro, draw portraits of attendees using two arms
- Fold paper into beautiful origami flowers
- Make a kite with the Festival Goodwill Ambassadors
- Participate in centennial celebration activities with the National Park Service
- Make a wish and learn about the traditions of Japan's summertime Tanabata Festival.
- Learn the art of Japanese paper diorama inspired by Freer | Sackler artworks
- And many other fun, hands-on activities with the Japan Information and Culture Center, Washington Parent Magazine, and others

Family Day is supported by Odyssey Cruises, Spirit Cruises, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, National Park Service, NEWSEUM, Carmine's, and media partners Washington Parent Magazine and 98.7 WMZQ.

The **National Building Museum** is America's leading cultural institution dedicated to advancing the quality of the built environment by educating people about its impact on their lives. Through its exhibitions, educational programs, online content, and publications, the Museum has become a vital forum for the exchange of ideas and information about the world we build for ourselves. Public inquiries: 202.272.2448 or visit www.nbm.org. Connect with us on Twitter: [@BuildingMuseum](https://twitter.com/BuildingMuseum) and Facebook: www.facebook.com/NationalBuildingMuseum.

The **National Cherry Blossom Festival** is the nation's greatest springtime celebration. The 2016 Festival, March 20 – April 17, includes three spectacular weeks and four weekends of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Visit nationalcherryblossomfestival.org or call 877.44.BLOOM for more information and find us on [Facebook](#) (CherryBlossomFestival), [Twitter](#) (@CherryBlossFest), and [Instagram](#) (@CherryBlossFest).

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