

Here's to the end of winter and the return of spring ephemerals! Reports are coming in from across the state of the first harbinger of spring, hazelnut and snow trillium flowers. The first round of spring wildflowers, purple cress, toothworts, *anemone thalictroides*, hepaticas, are in peak in more protected ravines across Kentucky. We could not be more excited about the 2019 field season!

This past quarter we had to say goodbye and good luck to former KANS vice president Brad Ruhoff as he moved up to the University of Michigan's Herbarium as their new Research Collections Manager. We had some shuffling of KANS officers to fill vacancies, so check out our website for our new officer line up. We also welcome new board member Vea Cunningham, a consulting botanist for Scantec, to the KANS team. We are always looking for help with our various committees, so if you're interested in helping out, [please contact us](#) to