

What makes the winter in Southwest Florida special? Beautiful hibiscus blossoms, for one thing! This tropical icon in its many forms is now blooming throughout the estates. The plants below are near the Moonlight Garden.

Pinwheel Jasmine

Tabernaemontana divaricata

Queen's Wreath

Petrea volubilis



Sweet Begonia *Begonia odorata*



White Candles
Whitfeldia elongata





Tropical Hydrangea

Dombeya walichii



Sunvillea *Bougainvillea hybrid*



Tomorrow

Brunfelsia grandiflora



Cinnamon Tree *Cinnamomum verum*



Rose Allamanda *Strophanthus gratus*



Mango trees (Mangifera indica) are setting flowers this month. Henry Ford's estate in Florida was named The Mangoes in honor of this tropical treat, but the plants pictured above are flowering on the Edison property.



Both Mina Edison and Clara Ford loved roses and January is a great month to take in a the classic beauty and intoxicating aroma of these traditional flowers. The plants pictured below are growing around the Garden Shoppe.



Rabbit's Ears
Ruttya fruticosa



Panama Rose
Rondeletia leucophylla



Chinese Hat Plant *Holmskioldia sanguinea*



Purple Firespike
Odontonema callistachyum



What's Blooming



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Lady of the Night Brunfelsia plicata



Heliconia Heliconia spp.



Shower of Orchids Papaya Congea tomentosa Carica papaya



Chalice Vine Solandra maxima



Red Button Ginger Costus woodsonii



Bromeliads have highly unusual flowers that come in a huge variety of shapes and colors. In fact, there are over 3,000 species native to the Americas. The plants pictured above are in the north caretaker's section.



What's Blooming—January 2020

Hawaiian sunset vine (Stictocardia beraviensis) will be in full bloom this January on the arbor next to the solar panel display on the museum side of the estates. You'll find the plants below as you walk there via the butterfly garden.



Bougainvillea Bougainvillea glabra



Blue Sky Vine Thunbergia grandiflora



Flame Vine Pyrostegia venusta



This butterfly is on the sweet almond bush (Aloysia virgata) in the Garden Shoppe.



Blue Mahoe Talipariti elatum



Wattapama Poitea florida



Spider Orchid Arachnis flos-aeris



Sweet acacia (Vachellia farnesiana) has wonderfully-scented yellow flowers. This Florida native plant is in bloom between the pool and the caretaker's house. The plants above are near Edison's fountain.



Ylang Ylang Cananga odorata



Moss Rose Portulaca spp.



Brazilian Cloak Megaskepasma erythrochla-



This dwarf clusia (Clusia fluminensis) behind the Ford car exhibit was planted in memory of beloved employee of more than 30 years Jim Niccum. We miss you, Jim! You can find it and the plants below on the Ford property.



Evolvulus glomeratus



Pentas lanceolata



Loquat Tree Eriobotria japonica



Bleeding Heart Clerodendrum thomsoniae



Powderpuff (Calliandra spp.) is flowering throughout the estates this month.