

**What's Blooming—July 2021**



Bromeliads (above) are a family of plants native to the tropical Americas. The most famous bromeliads are the pineapple and Spanish moss! The plants pictured below are blooming near the Welcome Booth.



**Jatropa**  
*Jatropa integerrima*

**Pentas**  
*Penta lanceolata*



**Firebush**  
*Hamelia patens*

**Giant Milkweed**  
*Pseudogynoxys chenopodioides*

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**Tahitian Hat Plant**  
*Holmskioldia sanguinea*



**Monkey Brush**  
*Combretum rotundifolium*



**Sweet Almond Bush**  
*Aloysia virgata*



**Yellow Geiger Tree**  
*Cordia lutea*



Mina Edison used to attach orchids to the trunks of trees throughout her winter estate, particularly along Orchid Lane. There is a rare orchid growing on a palm just south of the orchid misting station that is sending out huge 6' long flower spikes this month.

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Beautiful frangipani (*Plumeria* spp.) have a sweet fragrance and have been cultivated into a variety of forms. The plants pictured below are blooming near the Succulent Garden on the east side of the property.



**Indian Mallow**  
*Abutilon chitendenii*



**Rose Cactus**  
*Pereskia grandiflora*



**Royal Poinciana**  
*Delonix regia*



**King's Mantle**  
*Thunbergia grandiflora*

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Allamanda is a tropical genus that loves the summer heat. Allamandas have large flowers and contain a white latex sap that Thomas Edison investigated as a possible source of domestic natural rubber.



**Canna Lily**  
*Canna spp.*



**Porterweed**  
*Stachytarpheta Jamaicensis*



**Scarlet Milkweed**  
*Asclepias curassavica*



**Dutchman's Pipe**  
*Aristolochia macrophylla*

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**Amaryllis**  
*Amaryllis spp.*



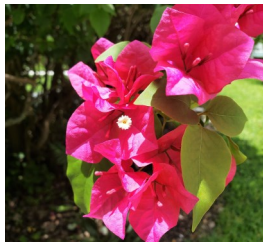
**Asian Snow**  
*Wrightia antidysenterica*



**Tropical Dogwood**  
*Mussaenda Philippica*  
*'Calcutta Sunset'*



**Chinese Perfume**  
*Aglaiia odorata*



**Bougainvillea**  
*Bougainvillea glabra*



**Begonia**  
*Begonia spp.*



Musical notes clerodendrum (*Rotheca microphylla*) is tucked into the southwest corner of the Moonlight Garden. The plants pictured above are blooming nearby.

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**Hibiscus**  
*Hibiscus 'Snow Queen'*



**Queen Crape Myrtle**  
*Lagerstroemia speciosa*



**Baby Sun Rose**  
*Aptenia cordifolia*



**Rainbow Cassia**  
*Cassia javanica*



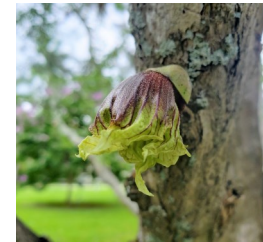
**Blackberry lily**  
*Iris domestica*



**Tree Bougainvillea**  
*Bougainvillea arborea*



**Firespike**  
*Odontonema spp.*

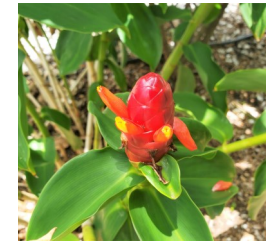


**Calabash**  
*Crescentia cujete*

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This month's garden talk will focus on tropical plants for the hot Florida summer. Crinum lilies (above) are unfazed by the heat. The plants pictured below are blooming near the Security Station.



**Red Button Ginger**  
*Costus woodsonii*



**Golden Champaca**  
*Magnolia champaca*



**Ylang Ylang**  
*Cananga odorata*



**Ixora**  
*Ixora coccinea*