The Moonlight Garden has a lot of flowers that bloom in September. The plants pictured below are just a few examples.

**What’s Blooming—September 2020**

- **Brunfelsia grandiflora**
- **Brunfelsia manaca**
- **Crape Jasmine**
- **Mussaenda spp.**
- **American Beautyberry (Callicarpa americana)**
  - laden with spectacular magenta berry clusters this month. This fruit is an important food source for over forty species of songbirds, and American Indians made a beautyberry tea to treat illnesses.
- **Canna Lily**
- **Sunshine Mimosa**
- **Butterfly Pentas**
- **Crown of Thorns**
- **Joy Perfume Tree**
- **Canna spp.**
- **Mimosa strigulosa**
- **Pentas lanceolata**
- **Euphorbia milii**
- **Michelia champaca**
- **Rosa spp.**
- **Belamcanda chinensis**

The plants pictured above all grow around the Ford Estate. Check out the rose garden just east of the house, and look for night-blooming orchid cactus climbing one of the palm trees.
Monkey Brush Vine (*Combretum rotundifolium*) is a showy, rare plant that seems very well-adapted to life in Southwest Florida. It has even become an instant hit with pollinators like this bee!

Yellow Allamanda
*Allamanda cathartica*

Pink Allamanda
*Allamanda cathartica* ‘Cherries Jubilee’

Double Hibiscus
*Hibiscus spp.*

Ixora
*Ixora coccinea*

This is one plant where it helps to know the Latin name. That’s because *Thunbergia grandiflora* can be called blue sky vine, Bengal clock vine, Bengal trumpet, blue sky flower, blue trumpet vine, clock vine, blue Thunbergia, and sky vine. It’s beautiful on the arbor near the Larchmont Entrance.

Firebush
*Hamelia patens*

Blue Porterweed
*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*

Orange River Lily
*Crinum bulbispermum*

Passionflower
*Passiflora incarnata*

Rubber Vine
*Cryptostegia madagascariensis*

Frangipani
*Plumeria spp.*

All of the plants picture above grow on the Lab & Museum side of the property. Most can be found around the Garden Shoppe and Butterfly Garden areas.

The plants pictured above grow southeast of the Edison Caretaker’s House. There’s a lot going on over there this month with several species of ginger and heliconia blooming.