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.

Jatropha
Jatropha integerrima

Pentas
Penta lanceolata

Firebush
Hamelia patens

Giant Milkweed
Psuedogynoxys chenopodioides

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.

Indian Mallow
Abutilon chitendennii

Rose Cactus
Pereskia grandiflora

Royal Poinciana
Delonix regia

King’s Mantle
Thunbergia grandiflora

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.
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.

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.

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