

## What's Blooming—Spring 2023



### Bougainvillea

Colorful bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea spp.*) flowers on new growth, so it lights up like a rocket in early spring and keeps on blooming.



### Blue Plumbago

*Plumbago auriculata*



### African Iris

*Dietes bicolor*



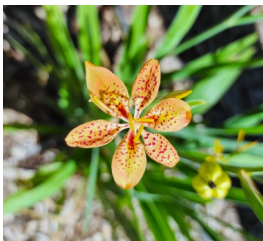
### Crinum Lily

*Crinum augustum*



### Star Jasmine

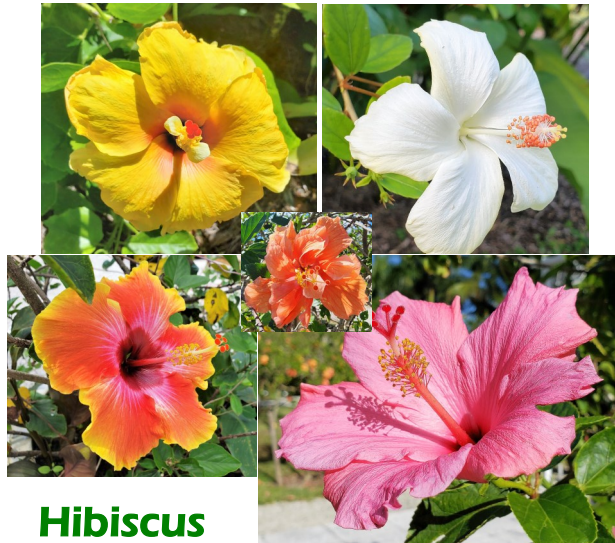
*Jasminum nitidum*



### Blackberry Lily

*Iris domestica*

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### Hibiscus

Nothing evokes the image of tropical paradise like the exotic hibiscus flower (*Hibiscus spp.*). Hibiscus come in single and double forms, and in a huge variety of colors. You'll find hibiscus blooming throughout the gardens this spring.



### Frangipani

Gorgeous frangipani (*Plumeria spp.*) begins to bloom in spring, starting with the yellow varieties followed by the pinks and reds. Although popularized by Hawaiian leis, this aromatic flower is native to the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico region.

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### Gardenia

Southern gardenias (*Gardenia jasminoides*) flower best in late spring. Prized for their alluring scent, you'll find gardenia near Mina Edison's Moonlight Garden.



### Ylang Ylang

*Cananga odorata*



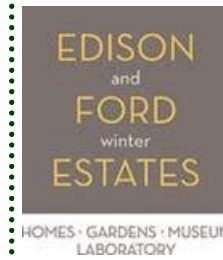
### Rose Allamanda

*Strophanthus gratus*



### Banana Shrub

Banana shrub (*Magnolia figo*) blooms heavily all spring with flowers that look like tiny magnolia blossoms and smell like banana extract. Look for ours next to the pergola that connects the Edison Main House and Guest House.



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Mexican bird of paradise (*Caesalpinia mexicana*) is unassumingly flowering away just north of the fountain.



### Queen's Wreath

Queen's wreath (*Petrea volubilis*) adorns the pergola between the two Edison homes and climbs the walls of the Moonlight Garden.



Pink orchid tree (*Bauhinia monandra*) flowers all spring in the small garden east of the Caretaker's House along McGregor Blvd.

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### Citrus

Oranges, lemons, limes, key limes, kumquats, and calamondins—spring is primetime for citrus fruits in South Florida. Many of the citrus trees in the Ford Citrus Grove have flowers, immature fruit, and mature fruit all at once right now. The orange blossom is the state flower of Florida, but did you know that oranges are native to China and arrived in Florida with the Spanish?

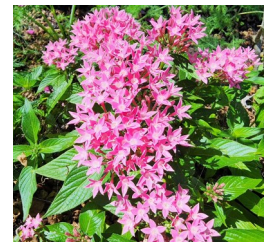


**Mango Tree**  
*Mangifera indica*

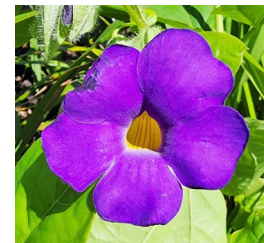
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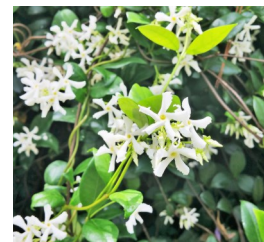
**Seminole Dombeya**  
*Dombeya x Seminole*



**Butterfly Pentas**  
*Pentas lanceolata*



**King's Mantle**  
*Thunbergia erecta*



**Confederate Jasmine**  
*Trachelospermum jasminoides*



**Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**  
*Brunfelsia grandiflora*



**Bottlebrush Tree**  
*Callistemon spp.*



**Amaryllis Lily**  
*Amaryllis spp.*



**Geiger Tree**  
*Cordia sebestena*

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**Fountain Clerodendrum**



**Calabash**  
*Crescentia cujete*



**Lady of the Night**  
*Brunfelsia plicata*



**Giant Milkweed**  
*Calotropis gigantea*



### Roses

Both Mina Edison and Clara Ford were dedicated rose gardeners. Today at their winter estates there a rose garden dedicated to each of them.