

## *Fragrant Plants*

Mom always would say, "take time to smell the roses". Relaxing in your garden with a variety of scented plants at hand to enjoy is a simple pleasure. Scent in the garden can create an enjoyable and memorable sensory experience. With thoughtful planning and design, it is not difficult to incorporate into a garden the fragrances of fabulous gardenia, the lemony scent of a Magnolia grandiflora tree or the incredible smelling wedding bouquet flowers of Stephanotis vine. Many edible plant species also have strong fragrance, such as, citrus, and of course, herbs and spices.

Some plants release their flower fragrance into the air with the heat of the sun like the Ylang-Ylang, or Michelia trees. If the garden will be used in the evening, include plants that release their fragrance at night, such as Brunfelsia americana also called the Lady of the Night, confederate and night blooming jasmine. Add fragrant plants to your home landscape visit the Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale Saturday and Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the Master Gardener booth with your plant questions. \$10 plant sale entrance fee. The Mounts Botanical Garden is located at 531 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach.



Figure 1 Fragrant Confederate Jasmine flowers drape walkway in Mounts Botanical Garden