FRAGRANT PLANTS

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INTRODUCTION

Fragrant flowered plants are a great addition to your garden. The beautiful aroma that surrounds the plant and wafts through your garden is an extremely pleasurable experience. In some cases, the fragrance is so abundant that it can drift into your house, like a natural air freshener.

Most of these plants are fragrant during the day; however, some are fragrant only during evening hours. This allows the backyard gardener an opportunity to select plants that will provide a scented garden that starts from early morning and continues on through the evening. Plant upwind from your house to fill your rooms with their sweet scents when the trade winds breezes through your garden. Add a variety of fragrant plants to your garden so that each will give you its own unique perfume when you are up close to it, and blend together as a potpourri as you walk between them.

The fragrance is also not limited to your garden. Pick a flower and pin it to your hair or pocket. Pick a few and spread them on your dining room table or the dashboard of your car. Some varieties also make excellent lei flowers.

Not to be outdone, some plants can produce a wonderful scent through their leaves. While their flowers may not be fragrant, the crushing of the leaves - or even the mere brushing of the foliage - results in a dramatic aromatic release. In most cases, these plants also perform another useful service for your nose: as spices in your cooking. Think of this as another way to bring the fragrance of your garden into your home.

Some words of caution: too many fragrant plants in your garden may be overwhelming to your olfactory system. Start with a few fragrant plants, and add more as you get accustomed to their unique scents. Also, if your nose is very sensitive to smells, test the fragrance at your local nursery first. Better safe than sorry.

The following is a selection of fragrant plants we have at our nursery. Come down and take a sniff.
**Ylang Ylang, Chanel No.5 Tree**

*Cananga odorata*

**Origin**
Tropical Asia, Australia

**Environment**
Grows best in full sun, but will tolerate light shade. It prefers light soils, but will do well in most well drained soils. It is also somewhat drought tolerant.

**Description**
A tall, fast growing tree, up to 45 feet, with gracefully drooping branches. The star-shaped flowers with long petals start off green in color, turning yellow with age. Extremely fragrant and blooms much of the year. The flowers are used to make Chanel #5 perfume.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen or backdrop tree, tall hedge.

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**Tonga Tabu, Sea Mango**

*Cerbera manghas*

**Origin**
Indian Ocean, South Pacific

**Environment**
Grows in full sun or part shade. It is salt and wind tolerant, but not drought tolerant. Grows well in a seaside environment with regular watering.

**Description**
A medium sized tree (10-20') with attractive large green foliage and a very beautiful branching structure. The heavily scented white flowers are produced year round. The sap is irritating to the skin and the seeds are poisonous.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen tree, screen, or windbreak.
Citrus Trees

_Citrus spp._

**Origin**

South East Asia

**Environment**

Grows well in any area that receives regular watering and the soil drains sufficiently. Prefers full sun.

**Description**

Citrus can range in height from 6-10' (Key Lime), to 30+' (Pummelo). These evergreen trees bear strongly fragrant flowers and prized fruits. Largest flowers will be on Lemons, Pummelo, and Grapefruit. Lemons and limes will flower multiple times if water stressed then irrigated. Some perfumes are made from Citrus blossoms and leaves.

**Landscape Use**

Excellent specimen for a back yard. Allow easy access for picking fruits.

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Pak Lan, White Champak, Joy Perfume Tree

_Magnolia x alba_

**Origin**

East Asia

**Environment**

Pak Lan prefers full sun and rich humid soil with good drainage.

**Description**

A large shrub or small tree up to 20' in height. It has flowers and light green foliage all year. Pak Lan is often grafted onto Mu Lan. Fragrant from morning throughout the day, the fragrance intensifies at night. Flowers are used to make Joy brand perfume. This hybrid does not produce seed pods.

**Landscape Use**

Specimen or backdrop tree. Also does well in containers.
Mu Lan, Joy Perfume Tree

*Magnolia champaca*

**Origin**
India, Indonesia

**Environment**
Prefers full sun and rich humid soil with good drainage.

**Description**
Mu Lan is a yellow flowering version of Pak Lan with similar characteristics, produces seed pods. The extremely aromatic orange flowers appear almost all year. You could take the into car, office, rest room, and anywhere you want fragrant atmosphere. Can be used as hair-pin-flower for girls, and chest-pin-flower for ladies. Hardier plant than Pak Lan.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen or backdrop tree.

Southern Magnolia

*Magnolia grandiflora*

**Origin**
South East United States

**Environment**
The Magnolia grows best in full sun and is moderately drought tolerant on deep, fertile, well drained soil.

**Description**
Fast growing, evergreen tree. Can become a large tree (up to 90 feet in height) but responds well to pruning to keep its height down. The very large white fragrant flowers contrast with the shiny green foliage.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen or backdrop tree.
Coral Jasmine, Night-Flowering Jasmine

*Nyctanthes arbor-tristis*

**Origin**
South Asia, India

**Environment**
Coral Jasmine requires full sun or part shade, moderate watering and well-drained soil.

**Description**
A large shrub to small tree (10'-20').
The strongly perfumed large white flowers with orange-red centers grow in clusters. The individual flowers open at dusk and drop at dawn, carpeting the ground. Coral Jasmine is commonly found in Buddhist temples.

**Landscape Use**
Entry specimen or informal hedge. Does well in containers.

Plumeria Hybrids

*Plumeria rubra*

**Origin**
Mexico

**Environment**
Plumeria prefer full sun and well-drained, somewhat acidic soils. They are drought tolerant but will also do well in wet areas with good drainage. Plumeria is somewhat tolerant of wind and salt.

**Description**
Some plumeria hybrids remain dwarf, while others grow up to 30' in height and width. There are also small and large flowered cultivars and a myriad range of colors. The fragrant flowers appear following the leafless winter period and continue for six months. The small flowered cultivars are popular for lei making.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen or backdrop tree.
Plumeria c.v. ‘Singapore’

*Plumeria abtusa*

**Origin**
From New World Tropics, to Singapore, to Hawaii in 1931. Original Hawaii introduction is still growing in Foster Garden, Honolulu.

**Environment**
Same as Plumeria hybrids.

**Description**
The Singapore Plumeria grows compact and upright. The rigid, dark green leaves are persistent and do not drop off in the winter months, although they are very susceptible to rust spots. The large (3.5”-4”) white flowers with yellow centers are among the most fragrant plumerias. They are intensely lemon scented.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen or backdrop tree.

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**Needle Flower**

*Posoqueria longiflora*

**Origin**
Mexico to Brazil

**Environment**
A tropical rainforest tree, it requires rich, well-drained moist soil and a humid environment. Full sun to filtered light. Needs protection from strong winds. Not salt tolerant.

**Description**
Medium sized tree (up to 30' tall). Has a narrow canopy and produces lightly fragrant, white tubular flowers in clusters. Flowers most heavily in the spring, and sporadically the rest of the year. It produces yellow ornamental fruits.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen or backdrop tree.
**Alahee**

*Psydrax odorata*

**Origin**
Hawaii

**Environment**
Drought, wind, and salt tolerant

**Description**
In ideal conditions, can grow up to 40 feet tall, but is normally found as a shrub to small tree (6-20 feet tall). Has a pyramidal shape, reminiscent of a Christmas tree. The elliptical leaves are glossy green on the top surface and up to 3.5 inches long. The small, white flowers bloom through the year and are born in clusters. The flower clusters and leaves are used for lei making.

**Landscape Use**
Use as an entry or courtyard tree. Massed as a hedge, windbreak, or screen.

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**Gardenia Tree, Milky Way**

*Stemmadenia litoralis*

**Origin**
Central America

**Environment**

**Description**
Grows to 20 feet in height with a natural graceful canopy. It has beautiful shiny green leaves. It blooms prolifically from April to late winter. The large white flowers are outstandingly fragrant.

**Landscape Use**
Does well in containers (topping out at 8 feet in height). Specimen tree for a small garden. Mass planting in larger yards.
Spider Lily

*Crinum asiaticum*

**Origin**
Southeast Asia

**Environment**
Best in full sun with well drained soil. It will tolerate poor soil, salt winds, drought, and light shading.

**Description**
Evergreen plant clumps up to 5’ high. It produces clusters of fragrant flowers most of year. Queen Emma sports a mixture of green and purple leaves with purple tinged flowers. A purple leaf and flower variety is available.

**Landscape Use**
Mass planting, borders, and containers.

Night Blooming Jasmine

*Cestrum nocturnum*

**Origin**
Tropical America, West Indies

**Environment**
Prefers full sun to light shade, a rich, well-drained soil, and regular watering. Not tolerant of heat, drought and/or salt.

**Description**
Night Blooming Jasmine is a fast-growing shrub that can be pruned into a tree reaching 12’. The light yellow to white flowers give off a powerful and pleasant scent from dusk to dawn.

**Landscape Use**
Mass planting and containers.
Cofee, Catui

*Coffea arabica*

**Environment**
The plants are most attractive in partial sun, but will tolerate full sun and full shade. Good well-drained soil with regular feeding and watering are required.

**Description**
A large shrub that is easily maintained to 6-10 feet high. The white jasmine scented flowers are abundant in the axis of the shiny dark green leaves. Flowers heavily after the first rain of spring and sporadically thereafter. The attractive red or yellow berries may be harvested, dried, roasted and ground at home.

**Landscape Use**
An excellent choice for containers (makes a good interior plant). Hedge or specimen shrub.

Dracaena fragans, Cornstalk Dracaena

*Dracaena fragrans ‘Massangeana’*

**Origin**
Tropical Africa

**Environment**
Height reaching 20 feet. Moderate drought tolerance. Can be used as a wind break. While it tolerates full sun, foliage looks best in light to moderate shade.

**Description**
The upright, unbranched stems with broad evergreen leaves have a white, central yellow stripe. Extremely fragrant flowers are occasionally produced and open during the evening.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent container plant (makes a good interior plant). Hedge or specimen shrub.
Pua Keni Keni

*Fragraea berteriana*

**Origin**
Pacific High Islands

**Environment**
Pua Keni Keni grows best in full sun with regular watering. It will grow on all soils with good drainage.

**Description**
A large spreading shrub (10 to 15 feet tall) that can be pruned to a small tree. The 3" extremely fragrant flowers are creamy white, turning golden orange. All plant parts are poisonous. A popular lei flower.

**Landscape Use**
Informal hedge or specimen shrub.

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Common Gardenia, Cape Jasmine, Kiele

*Gardenia augusta*

**Origin**
East Asia

**Environment**
Requires an acid soil. Prefers partial shade to sun. Provide well-drained soil with rich organic matter.

**Description**
Up to 8 feet high with an equivalent spread. Round shapes shrub with medium textured leaves. Blooms in mid-spring to early summer. The white flowers turn yellow as they age, and have a waxy feel. Good air circulation needed to help keep pests down.

**Landscape Use**
As a specimen shrub, place near patio or other outdoor living area. Also as a background, hedge, or foundation plant.
Gardenia Nanu

_Gardenia brighamii_

**Origin**
endemic to Hawaii

**Environment**
Prefers full sun for good flower production. Tolerates drought and wind.

**Description**
Somewhat resemble the commonly cultivated Tahitian gardenia. Gardenia Nanu is a small tree up to 15’ tall. Leaves are few and clustered toward the tip of branches. The flowers are tubular with 6 or 7 lobes and have a fragrance similar to the common gardenia. The flowers open in the late afternoon and last about a day. Can retain the foliage for much longer and are much fuller in appearance.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen shrub or tree.

Mystery Gardenia

_Gardenia jasminoides ‘Mystery’_

**Origin**
East Asia

**Environment**
Prefers partial sun to full sun. Provide well drained soil with rich organic matter. Regular watering.

**Description**
Upright compact evergreen shrub up to 5 feet tall by 3 feet wide. Large pure white flowers with glossy green foliage. A single shrub can scent an entire entry. Rangy growth needs pruning to keep neat.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen shrub or informal hedge.
Tiare (Tahitian) Gardenia

Gardenia taitensis

Origin
Highland shores of Melanesia and Western Polynesia.

Environment
Full sun to part shade. Well-drained, acid soil. Needs regular watering, but do not over water, especially in containers. Heavy feeders and should be well fertilized. Moderate wind tolerance and good salt tolerance.

Description
This medium sized shrub has beautiful leaves and large, heavily perfumed white flowers. Quite demanding to grow successfully. Can be shaped into a small tree. Flowers are short-lasting when picked, but can be worn in your hair for a day. A dwarf variety is available.

Landscape Use
Good container plant. Screen, bank cover, background or foundation planting. Can be successfully trained into a small tree (up to 20 feet in height).

Gardenia Heaven Scent

Gardenia taitensis ‘Heaven Scent’

Origin
Tahiti

Environment
Full to part shade. Moderate watering.

Description
Dark green ovate leaves. Flowers for most of the year, especially during Spring. Huge, white flowers (5”-6” in diameter) are very unusual for gardenias. Flowers vary, sometimes single, other times semi-double.

Landscape Use
Screen, bank cover, background or foundation planting.
Kula Gardenia, Golden Gardenia

*Gardenia tubifera kula*

**Origin**
Asia

**Environment**
The Kula Gardenia requires acidic, organic and fertile soil. It prefers full sun to light shade and should be watered regularly.

**Description**
A large shrub to 10 feet high with an equivalent spread. The large, single golden-yellow flowers become orange-yellow with maturity. The flowers have a very strong fragrance and bloom from late spring until mid-fall.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen shrub or informal hedge.

Native White Hibiscus, Koki’o Ke’okeo

*Hibiscus arnottianus, Hibiscus waimeae*

**Origin**
Native Hawaiian

**Environment**
Prefers partial to full sun and prefers well-drained soil. Protect from strong wind and water moderately. This Hawaiian Hibiscus is native to moist mountain forests.

**Description**
The Native White Hibiscus can grow to 15-20' as a tree, but is generally kept pruned to a small bush. They have dark green leaves and fragrant, white pinwheel shaped flowers with red stamens. Hawaiian White Hibiscus is unique in being the only fragrant hibiscus. H. waimeae is native to the island of Kauai, while the arnottianus is native to Oahu.

**Landscape Use**
It makes a dense, tough hedge, windbreak, or screen. Also as small entryway tree or as accent.
## Pikake

*Jasminum sambac*

**Origin**
India

**Environment**
Pikake will grow in full sun or partial shade. It prefers rich soil and moderate humidity.

**Description**
It is a beautiful year-round blooming small shrub. The flowers are used to flavor Jasmine Tea and are also used in perfumes. There are many cultivars, i.e. double flowers, vining, etc.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent for containers. Mass, filler, and foundation planting.

### Texas Privet, Waxleaf Privet

*Ligustrum japonicum ‘Texanum’*

**Origin**
Japan

**Environment**
It grows full sun to partial sun. Tolerates drought, heat, salt, and pollution.

**Description**
Fast growing shrub has shiny dark green leaves. Has clusters of fragrant, creamy white flowers. It’s tough plant and can be pruned, trimmed into shapes or a small tree. Common allergy plant in olive family and reseed prolifically.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent for dense hedge.
Dwarf Magnolia, Banana Magnolia

*Magnolia figo*

**Origin**
China

**Environment**
Prefers light shade. Acid, humus-rich, and well drained soil with regular watering.

**Description**
Slow growing, compact shrub has small shiny dark green leaves. Has tiny, heavily-perfumed, cream-colored flowers streaked with purple. blooms late spring through summer. Flowers have a sweet banana-like aroma.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent as a specimen in an oriental garden.

Mock Orange

*Murraya paniculata*

**Origin**
India, Southeast India

**Environment**
Full sun to light shade with rich, well-drained soil and regular watering. Wind tolerant.

**Description**
A tall, evergreen shrub that can be pruned into tree form, reaching 25 feet in height. Blooms in cluster and can be used in centerpieces. Small, dark green glossy foliage and white flowers, which have a citrus scent. Often trimmed to a hedge or topiary. Bears attractive small red berries.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent large privacy screen or a mass planting capable of absorbing noise from busy streets. Use as a foundation plant on large bare building walls. Disguises chain-link fences around tennis courts. Excessive trimming reduces flower production.
Sweet Olive

*Osmanthus fragrans*

**Origin**
Asia

**Environment**
Sweet Olive need partial shade when young but can grow in full sun when mature. It needs regular watering.

**Description**
Slow growing upright shrub to 10 feet high. Produces an abundance of small white strongly apricot scented flowers in winter and spring. The flowers attract butterflies. Attractive, glossy green leaves.

**Landscape Use**
Makes an excellent container plant. Specimen shrub in oriental garden.

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Samoa Gardenia

*Tabernaemontana africana, Tabernaemontana grandiflora*

**Origin**
Tropical Western Africa

**Environment**
Prefers an acidic, well-drained soil and high humidity. Does well in filtered light locations or in morning sun.

**Description**
Slow growing, up to 15 feet high with attractive foliage. 4 inch wide, white pinwheel shaped flowers. The flowers bloom year round and give off a spicy fragrance day and night.
**Crepe Jasmine, Paper Gardenia**

*Tabernaemontana divaricata*

**Origin**
North India to Thailand

**Environment**

**Description**
A large shrub to 15 feet tall that can be pruned as a tree. Shiny dark green leaves. White flowers with a yellow throat that are extremely fragrant at night.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent in containers. Specimen small tree or large shrub. Informal hedge.

**Wrightia**

*Wrightia religiosa*

**Origin**
Thailand, Vietnam

**Environment**
Prefers part to full sun, and a well-drained soil with regular watering

**Description**
A small shrub that can be pruned into a small tree, hedge, bonsai or topiary figure. The very fragrant small white flowers hang in clusters from the thin branches and bloom year round.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen small tree or shrub. Can be used in containers.
**Star Jasmine**  
*Jasminum multiflorum*

**Origin**  
India

**Environment**  
The Star Jasmine will grow best in sun and prefers fertile soil with good drainage, but is adaptable to various conditions.

**Description**  
Spreads 4 to 6 feet wide in the open, but reaches 20 to 30 feet with trellis support. Thick, glossy green leaves and a profusion of very fragrant white pinwheel flowers in the spring and summer. It can climb up trees and walls.

**Landscape Use**  
Use as a vine to cover a fence or trellis. Mass plant as an effective bank cover. Low hedge.

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**Stephanotis, Hawaiian Wedding Flower**  
*Stephanotis floribunda*

**Origin**  
Madagascar

**Environment**  
Prefers partial sun and moderate moisture.

**Description**  
Evergreen vine attaining up to 20 feet in vine length, but is easily controlled. Flowers several times per year, producing extremely fragrant clusters of waxy white flowers. Very popular for Lei making.

**Landscape Use**  
Twine up posts and trellis in a sheltered garden. Excellent container or indoor plant.
# Pakalana Vine

*Telosma cordata*

**Origin**
China

**Environment**
Grown best in full sun with regular watering.

**Description**
A slender vine to 10 feet in length. Pale yellow flowers are mostly hidden by foliage. Fragrant day and night during Summer and Fall. Popular lei flower.

**Landscape Use**
Twine up posts and trellis in a sheltered garden.

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# Star Jasmine, Confederate Jasmine

*Trachelospermum jasminoides*

**Origin**
China

**Environment**
The Star Jasmine will grow in full to partial sun and prefers organic soil with good drainage. It is drought tolerant once established.

**Description**
It is a strong vigorous evergreen vine that reaches 40’. This vine has thick, glossy green leaves and a profusion of very fragrant white pinwheel flowers in the spring and summer. It can climb up trees and walls and also makes a good ground cover.

**Landscape Use**
mixed borders and as a formal or informal groundcover, trellis.
Trailing Gardenia (Dwarf Gardenia)

_Gardenia jasminoides ‘prostrata’ / Gardenia augusta ‘Radicans’_

**Origin**
East Asia

**Environment**
Prefers an acid, well-drained soil in full to partial shade. Fairly drought tolerant. Use a fertilizer formulated for acid-loving plants. Do not fertilize while the plant is in bloom.

**Description**
Will reach 12” high and 2-3’ wide. Branches root when they touch ground. Narrow, dark leaves 2 to 3 inches long sometimes streaked with white. The small (1 inch wide) white double flowers bloom from spring to summer.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent container plant and groundcover. Use to cover unsightly bare area in shaded gardens. Suitable for bonsai.

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Trailing Lantana

_Lantana montevidensis_

**Origin**
South America

**Environment**

**Description**
The weeping lantana is a low woody shrub growing to 2 feet high, but vine-like stems can travel over 5 feet, rooting as it goes along. A continuous bloomer, producing profuse quantities of small lilac flowers, arranged in small clusters 1 inch across. Hybrids with different colored flowers are available.

**Landscape Use**
Groundcover for sunny dry areas. Use in planter boxes, hanging baskets, and draping over a retaining wall.
Grape Orchid
*Spathoglottis unguiculata*

**Origin**
Australia, Singapore

**Environment**
Full sun to light shade locations in a well-drained soil.

**Description**
Foliage makes it look like a clump of grass, rather than a tropical orchid – until flower blooms appear. Short flower spikes protrude from the foliage. Fragrance is reminiscent of grapes. Blooms most of the year.

**Landscape Use**
Accent groundcover for sunny area. Need to be protected from wind.
Night Blooming Cereus

*Hylocereus undatus*

**Origin**
Central America

**Environment**
Full sun to partial shade. Well-drained soil with high organic matter.

**Description**
A climbing cactus, the main stem should be trained up on a support. Branching is encourages more flowering and fruits. Flowers are usually white, large, and frequently fragrant. Most of the flowers open after nightfall, wilting by dawn. The plant can be tall, columnar, and sometimes extremely large and tree-like, but more frequently are thin-stemmed climbers.

**Landscape Use**
Specimen vine on a sturdy trellis.

Lavender

*Lavendula angustifolia*

**Origin**
Western Asia

**Environment**
Requires full sun and a dry, well-drained sandy soil.

**Description**
The small 1 to 2 foot tall shrub has grayish leaves and spikes of lavender colored flowers above the foliage.

**Landscape Use**
Mass plant as groundcover or a small grouping for a specimen.
Lemon Balm

*Melissa officinalis*

**Origin**
Southern Europe and the Mediterranean region.

**Environment**
Moderately shade-tolerant, much more so than most herbs

**Description**
An aromatic, sweet herb in the Mint family. Grows 3 to 5 feet tall. Leaves have a mild lemon scent. It’s often used to flavor ice cream and herb teas.

**Landscape Use**
Mass plant as groundcover or a small grouping for a specimen.

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Mint

*Mentha spp.*

**Origin**
Europe and Asia

**Environment**
Full sun to partial shade. Requires moist soil.

**Description**
Common Mint has a clean, astringent smell. However, the many varieties available will provide alternate fragrances, such as apple, peppermint, pineapple, and spearmint aromas.

**Landscape Use**
Mint can be very invasive, so it is best grown in containers.
Basil

*Ocimum basilicum*

**Origin**
India

**Environment**
Full sun. Mulch in hot areas to prevent soil from drying out.

**Description**
An annual by nature, growth can be extended by cutting off flower stalks.

**Landscape Use**
Best grown in containers or dedicated herb garden.

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Orchids

**Origin**
Cosmopolitan (occurs almost everywhere except glacial)

**Environment**
Orchid light requirements range from full sun to shade depending upon variety. A very porous soil is necessary.

**Description**
A wide variety of shapes and sizes. Some include Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom 'Orange', Brassia verrucosa, Cymbidium Peter Pan 'Greensleeves', Dendrobium anosmum, and Oncidium Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'.
Note that not all orchids are fragrant.

**Landscape Use**
Excellent container plant. Mass plant in a well-drained bed or mount individually on trees. Shade-loving varieties make good interior potted plants.
**Tuberose**

*Polianthes tuberosa*

**Origin**
Mexico

**Environment**
Full sun and well-drained soil. Water lightly and regularly. It is a heavy feeder and appreciates organic fertilizer.

**Description**
The 18-24 inch tall flowers spikes above 12 inches high foliage. The white flowers are heavily scented and used in leis and perfumes. Flowers in the summer.

**Landscape Use**
Good container plant. Create a small mass for a specimen bed.

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**Rosemary**

*Rosemarinus officinalis*

**Origin**
Mediterranean Region

**Environment**
Prefers full sun and a well-drained soil with a neutral pH. Very drought tolerant.

**Description**
5-6 feet high and just as wide. It can easily be pruned to any size and shape. Fragrant greenish gray leaves and white, pink or blue flowers. Rosemarinus officinalis ‘Prostratus’ is a trailing form, great as a groundcover.

**Landscape Use**
Outstanding container plant. Excellent massed in a xeriscape garden.
Thyme

*Thymus vulgaris*

**Origin**
Southern Europe

**Environment**
Requires a well-drained soil. Can grow in nutritionally poor soils. Prefers a neutral to alkaline soil pH with full sun. Tolerates strong winds but is not salt tolerant.

**Description**
Low growing herbaceous plant growing to 12 inches tall. Occasionally becoming partially woody. Other cultivars include lemon and lavender thyme.

**Landscape Use**
Good container plant. Groundcover in a herb garden.

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Society Garlic

*Tulbaghia violacea*

**Origin**
South Africa

**Environment**
Society Garlic does best in full sun and in light. They enjoy well-drained, sandy soil, but are known to thrive in wet conditions as well.

**Description**
Society garlic is clump forming plants with sweet scented flowers but the leaves and rhizomes smell like garlic. It’s excellent as an ornamental potted plant in the kitchen. The leaves can be chopped like garlic chives for dish. ‘Silver Lace’ is a variegated variety.

**Landscape Use**
Good container plant border, or pond margins.
Day Blooming Tropical Water Lilies

*Nymphaea hybrids*

**Origin**
N/A Hybrids

**Environment**
Needs at least 6 hours of direct sunlight to bloom well. Container should correspond to their spread. Requires 4-12 inches of water over their crowns. Requires regular fertilization.

**Description**
Tropical Day Bloomers are very fragrant and open from mid-morning until afternoon. Individual flowers will bloom for 4 days. They make excellent cut flowers as well.

**Landscape Use**
Container or pond water gardens.