

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Perennial Garden



Photo by Paula Billman



Mexican Petunia

This evergreen perennial is loved by butterflies and will bloom in full sun or partial shade in the heat of summer. It can become aggressive, reseeding prolifically.

Rose of Sharon

Also called Althea, this deciduous shrub or small tree blooms all summer and fall until frost with many varieties of single and double blooms. New plants can be started from seed.

“What’s Bloomin’ NOW?”

September



Topics for this month are:

- What’s Bloomin’ NOW?
 - Mexican petunias (*Ruellia brittoniana*) – pink, purple and white flower varieties on both dwarf and full-size plants are blooming all over the garden
 - Cut-leaf daisy
 - Crape myrtles are still lovely
 - Old-fashioned garden phlox
 - Allium – an ornamental onion
 - Turk’s cap
 - Rose of Sharon (see photo to left)
 - Spider lilies in red, yellow, and white
 - Cestrum – draping yellow blooms in partial shade
 - Coral tree
 - Salvias are still blooming (see banner photo)
- Summer Foliage Beauties:
 - Chocolate mimosa tree
 - Mint Chip ajuga
 - Variegated, hidden and butterfly gingers
 - Leopard plants
 - Aspidistra
 - Texas wood fern
 - Perennial elephant ears
 - Arum

