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Scents for All Seasons

They say that just the slightest smell of a flower can take you to another time and place. Whether that was the summers spent at Grandma and Grandpas or maybe your honeymoon in Hawaii, there is nothing that can compare to the beauty of fragrant plants.

We will cover the fragrant shrub, trees, flowers, perennials, and bulbs by the season in which they bloom.

Winter Bloomers

There are few shrubs that are busy blooming before we even have a chance to get out into the garden, as it's still too cold. These plants are ones that you should have close to the house so that when you are outdoors or company arrives they will be able to enjoy the beauty of these shrubs.

- **Daphne odora** is coveted for its sweet pink flowers. A neat, handsome plant that can be a little finicky to grow but well worth it for the flowers are intensely fragrant. Usually grows to 4-6 feet high and has thick, glossy leaves. Other varieties include 'Alba' which has white flowers and 'Aureo-marginata' which has yellow edged leaves.
- **Saracococca hookeriana humilis** is a dwarf evergreen shrub that blooms in early February and alerts us that spring is coming. Also known as Sweet Box it has shiny dark green leaves that are quite striking year round, making it a great foundation plant. The flowers are not that noticeable to the eye, for it is the nose that lets you know it's in bloom. Grows to 1 ½ feet high, but can spread up to 5-6 feet by underground runners. Has glossy blue-black fruit.
- **Chimonanthus praecox** is a winter blooming shrub that can reach 10-15 over along period of time. Spicy-scented, pale yellow flowers appear on leafless branches in winter to early spring. These branches are great for bringing in the house to force in flower arrangements.
- **Corylopsis glabrescens** is also known as Fragrant Winter Hazel, has sweet scented, yellow flowers that hang in clusters on bare branches. Grows to an 8-10 foot high shrub or can be train into a small tree. Like same soil conditions as rhododendrons and azaleas.
- **Hamamelis mollis** is a slow growing shrub 8-10 feet tall with sweetly fragrant golden yellow flowers that appear on bare stems in winter. Flowering branches are great for cut flower arrangements.
- **Viburnum bodnantense** is a deciduous shrub that grows to 6-10 feet, bearing loose clusters of very fragrant deep pink flowers that bloom from fall until spring. Has dark green deeply veined leaves and red fruit.

- **Viburnum burkwoodi** is semi-evergreen, grows to 6-8 feet tall and has glossy dark green leaves. Dense clusters of very fragrant pink flowers open up in late winter or early spring.
- **Mahonia 'Charity'** is a hybrid mahonia that has a better growth habit than its parent plant. Reaching 8-10 foot heights, with annual pruning it can be kept smaller. Plants bear clusters of fragrant yellow flowers from late fall through winter. Flowers are followed by blue-black berries that attract birds.

Spring Bloomers

- **Philadelphus virginialis** is a double flowering Mock Orange, deciduous shrub reaching 6-8 feet high with beautiful white flowers that are very fragrant and showy. Plants can be quite vigorous and form a fountain like form that is well suited to the back of a perennial bed. Prune every year just after blooming.
- **Syringa vulgaris** is the Common Lilac and one of the most popular flowering shrubs. Coming in a wide variety of colours and all being quite fragrant, every garden should have a lilac bush. They can reach 15-20 feet and flower better after a good winter chill.
- **Syringa pubescens patula 'Miss Kim'** is a beautiful dwarf lilac that has all the same characteristics as a common lilac but in a much smaller package. So if you don't have the room for a large shrub then this is for you. They also make a great container plant for on the patio and then you can enjoy the fragrance close up.
- **Magnolia stellata** is a slow growing shrub that can reach 10 feet. Profuse blooms cover the bush in late winter or early spring and look like white stars bursting all over the bare branches. There is also pink varieties like 'Rosea' that have pink buds that open to white flowers or 'Rubra' that has large 5" blooms in rosy pink. Some varieties are more fragrant than others; 'Waterlily' is a very fragrant one.