

## What's Blooming – Summer 2015

### **Sun Coleus**, *solenostemon scutellarioides*:

Likes lots of water and will droop when it doesn't get enough.

Likes shade to full sun but best in part sun areas.

Flowering spikes in mid to late summer. Some gardeners love to cut these off but bees like them and they are attractive so I leave them.

### **Dragon Wing Begonia**, *begonia*:

Water couple times a week, likes well drained soil.

Full shade to full sun, but will burn in full sun if it doesn't get enough water.

Blooms from Spring to Fall

Good container plant; will overwinter inside and be ready to go back out in Spring

### **Vinca**, or **Periwinkle**; *vinca cora*

Loves hot weather, drought tolerant

Occasional death due to humidity and too much water, esp. early in the Summer season

Likes full to part sun and well-drained soil

Blooms available in five colors and will bloom strongly all Summer.

### **Sweet Potato Vine**; *Ipomea batatas*

Loves heat and humidity

Average water requirements

Spreading, mounding vine, fast growing

Forms tuber underground, said to taste like a cross between Irish potato and sweet potato!

Because we strive for continuity on both north and south sides of Dauphin Street, we look for plants which will do well in both full sun and full shade, not an easy thing. Typically the plants on the sunny (North) side of Dauphin need more water than the ones on the shady (South) side. All of our plants are available at local retailers as well as Shore Acres Nursery on Bellingrath Road.