

A DAY IN VERNON, TX

Itinerary #3: *Hibiscus Capitol of Texas*

- Grab a Hibiscus Tea at The Humble Texan
- Drive by the Hibiscus field at Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- Visit the Vernon Chamber and Visitor's Center to learn more about the Hibiscus program & get a walking trail map
- Walk the Hibiscus Walking trail & capture a selfie at the Steve Brown Mural
- Enjoy lunch at Three Hearts Steakhouse downtown

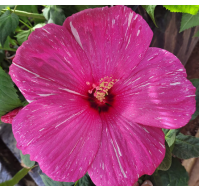
Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, plant physiologist, began his research at Texas A&M AgriLife Research in Vernon in 1998. He is known throughout the world for his work with cool-season forage grasses. Dr. Malinowski is quickly making a name for himself with Winter Hardy Hibiscuses. He was the first to develop a blue-flowering winter hardy hibiscus hybrid called the "Blue Angel". His scientific work lead to 10 cultivars that went on the commercial market through J. Berry Nursery in 2018. The Summer Spice Hardy Hibiscus Collection has since earned the Greenhouse Growers Medal of Excellence Editor's Choice & Readers' Choice awards. Dr. Malinowski's work is far from finished as his ultimate goal is to create winter hardy hibiscus hybrids that have yellow and orange flowers.

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Vernon Main Street
**HIBISCUS
WALKING
TRAIL**





R.B. Experimental

has large flowers with varying combinations of pink & white petal combinations that attract pollinators of all types. It has natural, dark green foliage.



Bleu Brulee™

has large flowers with smoky, steel blue blooms that attract pollinators of all types. It has a natural, well-kept, compact habit with dark green foliage.



Plum Flambe™

has large flowers with sizzling purple blooms that attracts pollinators of all types. It has a natural, well-kept, compact habit with dark green foliage.



Rosé Soufflé™

has large flowers with striking pink blooms that attracts pollinators of all types. It has a natural, well-kept, compact habit with burgundy, heart shaped foliage.

OLIVE STREET

ROBERT BROWN
HIBISCUS
MURAL



TEXAS STREET

MAIN STREET

PEASE STREET

WILBARGER STREET



Amaretto™

has large flowers with scrumptious, apricot pink petals that attract pollinators of all types. It has a natural, well-kept, compact habit with dark green foliage.



Pink Champagne™

Pink Champagne has large flowers with decadent pink blooms that attracts pollinators of all types. It has a natural, well-kept, compact habit with dark green foliage



Crepe Suzette™

has large flowers with decadent pink blooms that attracts pollinators of all types. It has a natural, well-kept, compact habit with dark green foliage



Crème de la Crème™

has large flowers with heavenly white blooms that attracts pollinators of all types. It has a natural, well-kept, compact habit with dark green foliage.