

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 led 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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