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An Angelic Scent

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Opening the door, I was immediately met with a heavenly scent, like a soft perfume. The entire garden was enveloped with this sweet fragrance, and the aroma was intoxicating. "Which plant is emitting that scent?", I wondered.

I began to walk around the garden with my nose in the air. It was a fun game to play. The roses, although lovely to smell, did not have the right ambrosial fragrance. I considered the sweetly scented jasmine and the fragrant tuberose before I finally found the plant that I was searching for: angel trumpet (*Brugmansia*).



Angel trumpet is a wonderfully descriptive common name for the *Brugmansia* as its large trumpet-shaped blooms hang from tall stalks, as though suspended from heaven. If you have an imagination, you can envision lovely angels blowing the trumpets, leaving behind a blissful scent.

Blooms increase from year to year, and their scent wafts through the entire garden. Angel trumpets usually beginning blooming just as the weather begins to cool, in late August or September. They come in varying shades of white, yellow and pink. Some blooms are single, but there are also doubles which have extra ruffles.

Angel trumpets can be rooted in soil or water. Be aware, however, that parts of this plant are considered poisonous.

You may wish to incorporate an angel trumpet into your garden for several reasons. If you work outside your home during the day, its lovely fragrance will welcome you home, and soothe the day's worries away. If you entertain frequently, it will be the topic of conversation at a gathering. If you use your patio at night it will contribute a delightfully pleasant aroma to a quiet moment of relaxation.

No matter why you choose to add an angel trumpet, this plant will add a little piece of heaven to your garden.

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