PLANTS OF THE YEAR FOR 2002

Common name: Compact Walter's Viburnum
Botanical name: Viburnum obovatum (compact form)
Hardiness: Zones 7-10
Mature height and spread: 4'-6' tall, 3'-4' wide
Classification: Native evergreen shrub
Landscape use: Low hedge or specimen plant
Characteristics: This Florida native features white flowers in early spring. These selected shrubs have red new growth and a more compact growing habit. The red fruit turns black in the fall and in North Florida is semi-deciduous.

Common name: Perennial Peanut
Botanical name: Arachis globrata
Hardiness: Zones 8B - 11
Mature height and spread: 6"-12" tall, 1'-3' wide
Classification: Ground cover
Landscape use: Flowering ground cover, turf replacement
Characteristics: This plant is a good ground cover for well drained soil in a sunny area that tolerates mowing. Bears yellow flowers during late spring, summer and fall.

Common name: Oak Leaf Hydrangea
Botanical name: Hydrangea quercifolia
Hardiness: Zones 5-9
Mature height and spread: 5'-8' tall, 5'-6' wide
Classification: Deciduous flowering shrub
Landscape use: Specimen or mass planting
Characteristics: This native plant needs light to medium shade and has large, fragrant creamy-white terminal bloom-clusters in spring. The large, coarse rusty-brown foliage turns red-orange in the fall.

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