## INDUSTRY NEWS

## **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.



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: Sepcimen 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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