Theodore Klein Plant Awards
Promoting New and Superior Plants for Kentucky Landscapes

Platanus × acerifolia
'Yarwood’ – London Planetree

This selection is the most disease-resistant form of Planetree available! This large (60’ tall) and adaptable shade tree offers beautiful exfoliating bark of bright green/white, highlighted with bits of olive and tan. Tolerant of a wide range of soils and exposures and useful as a lawn or street tree.

Magnolia × loebneri
‘Leonard Messel’ – Loebner Magnolia

One of the very best magnolias for Kentucky! This compact grower to 18’ tall, produces wonderfully frost-tolerant and sweetly fragrant spring blooms of bright fuchsia and white. Plant in full sun in any reasonable soil.

Nepeta
‘Walker’s Low’ – Catnip

This vigorous, low (12”) spreading (3’) perennial is an excellent choice for sun gardens. Gray-green foliage forms the perfect foil for blue-lavender spring blooms. Will rebloom in summer if sheared after spring bloom. Provide well-drained soil. Perennial Plant Association Plant of the Year 2007!

Calycanthus
'Hartlage Wine’ – Hybrid Sweetshrub

This outstanding hybrid of our native North American and the Asian sweetshrub is a robust grower (8’-10’ tall) with glossy deep green leaves and golden yellow fall color. Spring flowers of deep burgundy-red are highlighted with bits of yellow and offer a pleasant fragrance. Reblooms occasionally in summer. Full sun or part shade.

Panicum virgatum
‘Cloud Nine’– Switchgrass

This vigorous North American native grass will grow to 6’ tall or more, producing fine clouds of summer/fall blooms/seed heads that give the entire plant an airy feel. Best when planted in masses in full sun. Excellent for back of the border and naturalized masses.

Theodore Klein Plant Awards were created to promote superior plants for the Kentucky landscape. The program is sponsored jointly by the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association and Yew Dell Gardens. For more information on the Klein Awards and for a downloadable version of the 2009 poster, go to UK’s Dr. Win Dunwell’s web site: http://www.ca.uky.edu/HLA/Dunwell/TKleinPA.html