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Think Outside the Box (Store): Different Plants For the Florida Landscape

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TREES
Chinese Pistachio

- **Pistacia chinensis**
- Medium to large size deciduous tree with pinnate leaf and varied branching structure.
- One of the few trees in Central and South Florida to have fall color: yellow to a bright orange and red, often on the same tree.
- Grows 35' tall and 30' wide
- Deciduous
- Full sun
- USDA 6-9

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Florida Sugar Maple

Acer saccharum var. floridum

- Florida maple is ideal for use as a specimen, park or street tree, or for use in woodland areas.
- The round- to oval-growth habit makes it an ideal shade or street tree.
- Grow to 20’ and 20’ wide
- Holds muted gold leaves all winter long
- Grows USDA 6b – 9a

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Pond Cypress

*Taxodium ascendens*

- Grows well in drier landscapes, tolerates drought
- Attractive upright “needle” arrangement
- Preferred over bald cypress because they're comparatively smaller and more compact
- Less likely to put up "knees"
- 'Prairie Sentinel' grows in a very upright, narrow form.

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Sentry Ginkgo
Ginkgo biloba ‘Fastigata’

- Tolerant of alkaline, acidic, and compacted soils. Also tolerant of saline conditions. Prefers moist, sandy, well-drained soils.
- Adapts well to most urban environments
- Grows to 40’ and 10’ wide
- Leaves turn bright yellow in fall.
- Fabulous street tree
Japanese Silver Tree
Neolitsea sericea

- Beautiful pubescent bronze leaves when young
- Moderate sized broadleaf evergreen tree to 30’
- Forms a rounded crown

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Mexican Sycamore
Platanus mexicana

- Similar to American Sycamore but it is resistant to Anthracnose
- Height: 50 feet.
- Width: 30 feet
- Tolerates highly acidic to highly alkaline soils.
- Drought tolerant
Perennials
Giant Salvia
Brilliantasia subulugurica

- Incredible purple blue flowers on 12” spike
- Part to deep shade
- Moist well prepared soil is best
- 8b – 10b
Alligator Plant
Acanthus montanus

- Spiny leaved perennial to 30”
- Lavender, black and white flower spikes to 36”
- Partial to full shade
- Zones 7 - 11
Blackberry Lily

*Iris domestica*

- If you are going to plant one perennial this season, this should be the one!
- Unique Iris fan-like foliage
- Grows to 36” tall
- Full sun
- Zones 5-10

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Maryland Golden Aster  
*Chrysopsis mariana*

- Bright golden yellow flowers in summer and fall
- Grows to 36”
- Full sun
- Very drought tolerant
- Zones 5-9
Strobilanthes cusia
Asian Bells

- Tender perennial to 60” and 72” wide
- Full sun to deep shade
- Blooms early spring to late fall
- Zones 8b-11

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Trimezia martinicensis

- Yellow-flowered iris to 30” tall
- Prefers moist, well-drained soil but tolerates drought
- Full sun
- Very long bloom season, later forms “babies” on stems.
- USDA 9a-11
**Cortaderia**

‘Silver Comet’

- Only variegated grass that is rust free
- Very rarely flowers
- Thin leaves to 48”
- Enjoys a variety of soils
- Full sun to part shade
- Zones 7-11
Mat Rush
*Lomandra longifolia*

- Full sun
- Never needs to be cut down
- Grows in a variety of soils
- Grows to 48”
- Flowers disappear
- USDA zone 8-11
Pennisetum ‘Vertigo’

- Grows to 60”
- Burgundy-black leaf blades are 2” wide
- Full sun
- Zones 8a-11
- No question – best purple grass on the market!

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**Thysanolaena maxima**

**Tiger Grass**

- Best tall grass (to 12’)
- Zone 8b – 11
- Freezes at 27°F but re-sprouts quickly
- Individual leaves are 9” wide
- Seed heads are many and long lasting
- Individual clump can reach 15’ wide in three years
Farfugium japonicum
‘Giganteum’

- Large, shiny, thick, round foliage
- Grows to 24” with 30” golden yellow flower spike
- Zones 8-10
- Partial to deep shade

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Artemesia ‘Limelight’

- Groundcover to 10” tall
- Full sun to part shade
- Zones 8-11
- Grows in a variety of soils including wet
- Mow annually

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Agapanthus ‘Queen Mum’

- The “gold standard” for Agapanthus
- Strong flower stems to 30”
- Large number of flowers that bloom over a long period
- Large flower cluster to 10” across
- Zones 7-10

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Shrubs
Elegia tectorum
Small Cape Rush

- Scouring rush texture and color without invasive qualities
- Wet or dry
- Full sun
- Grows to 24”
- Zone 8b - 10
Dichroa febrifuga
Blue Evergreen Hydrangea

- The 4 to 8 inch long dark green leaves resemble the foliage of Hydrangea.
- The terminal end of the branches hold clusters of hydrangea-like flowers with white buds opening to bright blue flowers in spring and summer that are followed by metallic blue berries.
- Part sun to light shade with moderately moist soil.
- USDA zone 8-10
Japanese Plum Yew

Cephalotaxus harringtonia 'Prostrata'

- Partial to deep shade
- Groundcover to 14" tall
- Lustrous dark green needled foliage
- Zones 6 - 9

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Berberis (Mahonia) ‘Soft Caress’

- Grows to 36”
- Yellow flowers in winter
- Partial to deep shade
- Zones 7b-11
- Drought tolerant
Hybrid Tea Rose ‘Beverly’

- Perfectly formed, high-centered hybrid tea blooms
- A 'can't miss' perfume
- Blackspot free

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Rhododendron scabrum (sublanceolata)

- Very large blooms (to 4”)
- Blooms late
- Large plant to 8’
- Intense orange/red

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Sunshine Ligustrum

*Ligustrum sinense 'Sunshine'*

- Sterile, non-invasive cultivar will not re-seed into the landscape
- Ideal as a hedge in the landscape
- Full sun
- Zones 6-10

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Clerodendrum paniculatum (Yellow form)

- Creamy white flowers heads 14” x 12”
- Zones 8-11
- Grows to 6’ tall
- Colonizes a planted area
- Dark green foliage
Vines

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Dalechampia aristolochifolia
Bow-tie Vine

- A “slight” vine – perfect for planting with other “heftier” vines
- Beautiful purple flowers to 4” wide
- Twining habit
- Full sun – part shade
- Zone 9b - 11
Yellow Butterfly Vine
*Mascagnia macroptera*.

- Blooms spring – fall
- Evergreen, zone 8-11
- Full sun
- Fast growing vine to 12’
- Incredible heat tolerance, perfect for that hard to grow area on west walls.

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Purple Bauhinia Vine
*Bauhinia yunnanensis*

- Delicate appearance but tough
- Grows to 20’
- Zone 9-11
- Full sun to partial shade
- Blooms spring - fall
Climbing Aster
*Ampelaster carolinianus*

- Great native vine
- Butterflies love it!
- Very vigorous grower
- Full sun
- Minimal care required
- Light lavender flowers
- Zones 6-9b
Thank you for your kind attention.

Q & A