

dense, round head.

- *Viburnum obovatum*. This compact viburnum is another Florida native. It features masses of small, white flowers in early spring and again in fall.

- *Zamioculcas zamiifolia*. (ZZ plant) is an interesting succulent that can be used indoors and out.

For more: FNGLA, (407) 295-7794; www.fn gla.org/PlantsOfYear/download/2009-PlantsOfYear.pdf.

AWARDS

Tiki Torch earns most votes at New Plant Pavilion

Echinacea Tiki Torch was named the top plant in the New Plant Pavilion, which was presented at the ANLA Management Clinic Feb. 7-9.

Garden Splendor submitted Tiki Torch to the Pavilion. It is a Terra Nova



Echinacea Tiki Torch

Photo courtesy of Garden Splendor

Nurseries introduction.

Plants have large, glowing-orange flowers with a burnished-copper cone. Flowers have a spicy fragrance and appear on sturdy, upright stems. Plants have a bushy habit and exhibit strong, vigorous growth. It grows from 24-30 inches tall and 24 inches wide. It's hardy in USDA Hardiness Zone 4.

For more: Garden Splendor; www.gardensplendor.com. Terra Nova Nurseries, (800) 215-9450; [www.terrannova nurseries.com](http://www.terrannovanurseries.com).

LEGISLATION

H-2B legislation calls for returning worker extension

Sens. Barbara Mikulski and Arlen Specter introduced Senate Bill 388, "Save Our Small and Seasonal Businesses Act of 2009." The act is intended to extend the H-2B returning worker exemption for three years.

"Without these seasonal workers, many businesses will not survive — they'll be forced to limit services, lay off permanent U.S. workers or, worse yet, close their doors," Sen. Mikulski said in a released statement.

The Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) has a letter on its Web site to send to representatives and senators encouraging them to support the bill. The site also lists the bill's cosponsors.

For more: PLANET, (800) 395-2522; www.congressweb.com/cweb4/index.cfm?orgcode=pln&hotissue=55.

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