

PLANT MATERIALS INFORMATION TABLE

Plant Common Name	Plant Scientific Name
1. Paurotis Palm	Acoelorrhaphe Wrightii
2. Variegated Spider Lily	Hymenocallis caribaea
3. Aechmea	Aechmea
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In the table below, specify your selected plant and include its one-sentence conservation message.

Plant Common Name	One Sentence Conservation Message
variegated Spider Lily	Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn. ~Elizabeth Lawrence



In the space provided below, please include a 500-word rationale for plant selections.

When choosing the plants for the Fairchild Challenge Olympic Wreath, we wanted to represent South Florida. Most of the plants were chosen for the fact that they are easily identified as local plants. We find them in gardens, yards, indoors, and in local parks. Anyone that thinks of South Florida vegetation immediately thinks of palm trees. Their resilience to hurricanes allows them to flourish throughout South Florida providing an oasis feel to many private landscapes. For this reason, we chose the Paurotis Palm scientific name *Acoelorrhapha Wrightii* as the foundation for our Olympic Wreath. The Paurotis Plant naturally grows as a clumping tree in swampy areas in Florida, the Everglades, the Caribbean islands and Central America. It is named the Silver Saw Palmetto because the leaves are silver underneath with saw-like teeth along the edges. It is called the Everglades palm because it is native to the Everglades. To add color and more vibrancy to the wreath, we chose the Variegated Spider Lily scientific name *Hymenocallis caribaea variegata* being that it has a beautiful green and white striped leaves. The flowers look like the blooms on the regular spider lily except the stamens are orange instead of yellow. The final plant that we used in the making of the Olympic Wreath is the Aechmea which grows epiphytically and terrestrial in the Rain Forests of South America. The leaves of Aechmea's are sturdy, tough and armed with sometimes very vicious spines and often covered with silvery scales (Silver Vase).

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