This year marks Delaware Nursery & Landscape Association’s Nineteenth Annual Plant of the Year selection. The 2013 Herbaceous plant is *Heuchera macrorhiza* ‘Autumn Bride’. The 2013 Woody plant is *Rhus aromatica* ‘Gro-Low’. These plants were chosen because they are particularly well suited to thrive in Delaware.

**Heuchera macrorhiza** ‘Autumn Bride’

Large velvety, triangularly-lobed (maple-like) light green leaves, as much as 5” across, give this native plant its common name of hairy alumroot. Leaves typically form a rounded basal clump 18” tall and wide. In late summer to early fall, tiny white flowers appear above the foliage mound on slender fuzzy stems. Autumn Bride makes a great groundcover, is drought tolerant and semi-evergreen. It thrives in moist soil, and full to part shade. Divide clumps in the spring every 3-4 years.

**Rhus aromatica** ‘Gro-Low’

This cultivar of our native fragrant sumac is a dense, low-growing deciduous shrub that provides multi-season interest. ‘Gro-Low’ is known for its glossy, dark green, trifoliate leaves that turn showy shades of orange and red in autumn, and are aromatic when bruised. Small clusters of hairy, red berries appear in late summer and may persist into winter. The plant is attractive to both birds and butterflies. ‘Gro-Low’ typically grows only to 1.5-2’ tall but can spread 6-8’. It prefers full sun to part shade and well-drained soil. It really makes an impact when planted in masses. Because it has the ability to develop roots as the stems touch the soil, it is extremely useful for stabilizing banks and slopes.