

## VERTICAL GARDENING/VINES speaker notes

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- 5 Kudzu vine in process of covering a car; completely swallowing an old shed
- 6 Virginia creeper and morning glory on wire fences
- 10 Old pallets make great containers, with or without a coat of paint
- 12-14 Window boxes perk up blank houses. Geraniums, sweet potato vine, and petunias are all good choices since they handle wind and occasional drying out quite well.
- 15 Other containers can be hung from rafters or attached to walls for vertical interest
- 16 Emphasize containers by raising them on tables, chairs, or even trees
- 18-21 Actual vertical gardens may be created using a shallow wooden frame lined with moss, soil, more moss, and chicken wire to hold it together. Insert plants and grow flat on ground or table until roots are established, then hang. Be sure to take down at least weekly for watering.
- 22-23 Consider espalier as a space-saving method. "Climbing" roses are actually espalier when trained to a trellis
- 25 Vining structures shown, clockwise from lower left: Stick-tights, twining young stems, twining woody stems, twining leaf petioles, tendrils. See handout for more information
- 26-27 Decorative vine supports
- 29 - 42 Perennial vines. Photos of overall plant growth with fruit, flower, and/or leaf details. Slides include climbing type, pruning hints, light exposure
- 32 Take this opportunity to mention Oriental Bittersweet, currently on the MDA list of prohibited noxious weeds that must be eradicated by killing any existing plants.
- 34 Cinnamon Vine is not easily available, but Jackie Smith has access to seeds and is willing to share with anyone who is interested. The plant grows easily from seeds, which are actually arial tubers.
- 39 Caution to people harvesting in the wild or growing near grapes: Virginia creeper berries look similar to grapes, but are very toxic to humans.
- 45-59 Annual Vines. Desirable cultivars are listed, along with climbing method. Edible varieties are mentioned.
- 61-76 Vertical Vegetable ideas
- 62 Rain gutters for lettuce

- 63 Pallets for salads, herbs
- 64 Espalier especially great for fruits due to air circulation and better light
- 66-70 Consider moveable supports to allow crop rotation
- 67 Fence posts 6 feet apart (every other plant), with twine tied every 6-10" to support plants
- 68 Stakes for tomatoes require regular pruning to keep in bounds
- 70 Bush peas benefit from brushy prunings inserted into the rows