

PLANTS FOR ARBORS & TRELLISES

Structures like trellises and arbors can be an unexpected focal point in the garden. Many gardeners think trellises are only for flat walls, but they can also be used in pots or in the middle of a garden bed, with proper support. Arbors can define an opening in a fence, or provide a shady place to sit. Pergolas (usually considered a permanent structure with some size) and obelisks also fall into this support structure grouping.

There are a lot of different plants that can be grown on trellises and arbors. Some are annuals and some are perennial. There are very few evergreen vines—ivy, evergreen clematis, Carolina jasmine and Lady Banks Rose are the ones typically grown in Richmond. Listed below are a number of different vines that we've attempted to group together by some common trait, such as annual or perennial or forever (you'll never get rid of it no matter how hard you try).

ANNUALS:

morning glory
moonflower
cardinal climber
diplodena
mandevilla
hyacinth bean vine
Chilean glory vine
scarlet runner bean
nasturtium
sweet pea
thunbergia

PERENNIALS:

clematis
passionflower

SEMI/EVERGREEN:

honeysuckle
ivy
evergreen clematis
Carolina jasmine
Lady Banks Rose
climbing rose
cross vine
climbing hydrangea

FOREVER:

wisteria

