

**All Gardens
Great & Small**
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Flowering Vines

You've added a shade trellis to your landscape. Now what? Many annual flowering vines grow fast enough to cover a trellis in only 4 to 6 weeks. By mid-summer, you can have an entire trellis, covered with foliage.

Try a living curtain with morning glories. Embellish a privacy fence with black-eyed susan vines, or disguise an unsightly service area with the clove-scented sweet peas, Hang vines from a window frame, train vines on a downspout or wrap a tree with a flexible trellis, or use annual vines in a planter box, a large landscape pot, a topiary frame, or a hanging basket or window box. Be creative when using annual vines, what is your landscaping goal? Ask yourself the question. Where do you need to block the wind, offer shade or add privacy?

Most annual vines attach themselves to a supporting structure with twining stems or tendrils. Train the first several vines on the trellis with twist ties. This allows them to attach more easily to unusual trellis frames like chain link, wire or wood fencing.

Some vines climb up to 20 to 30 feet in a season covering existing landscape structures like fences, garden sheds, patio roofs, decks, balconies, doorways, ponds or bird baths. Unfortunately most vines do not climb to a brick or wooden wall, without a trellis frame. Or, help plants onto a trellis with vinyl-covered fencing. Vines and tendrils twine readily around vinyl-coated wire.

Choose an old-fashioned vine to celebrate the start of spring. Sweetpeas (*Lathyrus odorata*), reach to only two-feet high while other types become bushy and climb to eight-foot climbers. Look for scarlet, soft pink, white or purple flowers with all combination of bi-color flowers. Their flowers release a pleasing perfume.

Sweetpeas bloom best in full sun in the cooler weather of spring and summer. They need rich soil that retains moisture. Plant directly outside after the last spring frost (May 5) or start indoors six weeks prior.

'Morning glories (*Impomoea purpurea*), offer, clear blue, pink, scarlet, or magenta trumpet flowers. A fast growing annual vine, the whorled buds of morning glory unfurl each morning, and fade by early evening, only to be replaced by new buds for the next morning.

Morning glories ramble from containers or trellises. Place in full sun or partial shade. Start them directly in the garden after the last frost. Soak the seed overnight or nick the seed coat with a file before sowing seed in prepared garden soil.

Avoid the rampant growing habits of the Morning glory by using Moonflower or Moon Vine

(*Impomoea alba*). Its crystal white scented flowers resemble morning glory blossoms, but unlike morning glories which peak in the morning, its blossom open as dusk approaches and remain open through the night.

For a dense screen, consider the Balloon Vine (*Cardiospermum halicacabum*) or Cup-and-Saucer Vine (*Cobaea scandens*) Both vines cover a trellis or pergola quickly to provide shade or a solid privacy screen. These prolific vines can stretch to 20 feet in one season.

Nasturtiums (*Tropaeolum magus*), another old-fashioned flower, grows only to about six feet. It's a beautiful companion to other vines that grow higher. The nasturtium offers bright yellow, orange, red or white spurred flowers on dusty green leaves. The blossoms have a sweet scent that fills a room when cut and brought indoors. All Nasturtiums grow and bloom in poor soil. Rich soil produces abundant foliage and few flowers.

Black-eyed Susan vine (*Thunbergia alata*) is a delicate vine that grows only to about six feet. Although it can be trained onto a trellis, its best use is in a hanging basket or window box. The blue-green foliage is decorated with bright orange, gold, yellow or white flowers with dark brown eyes. The aging flowers turn varying shades of cream to yellow, so the plant is covered with many variations of color at one time. Start seeds indoors six weeks before the last frost, and provide well-drained soil and full sun.

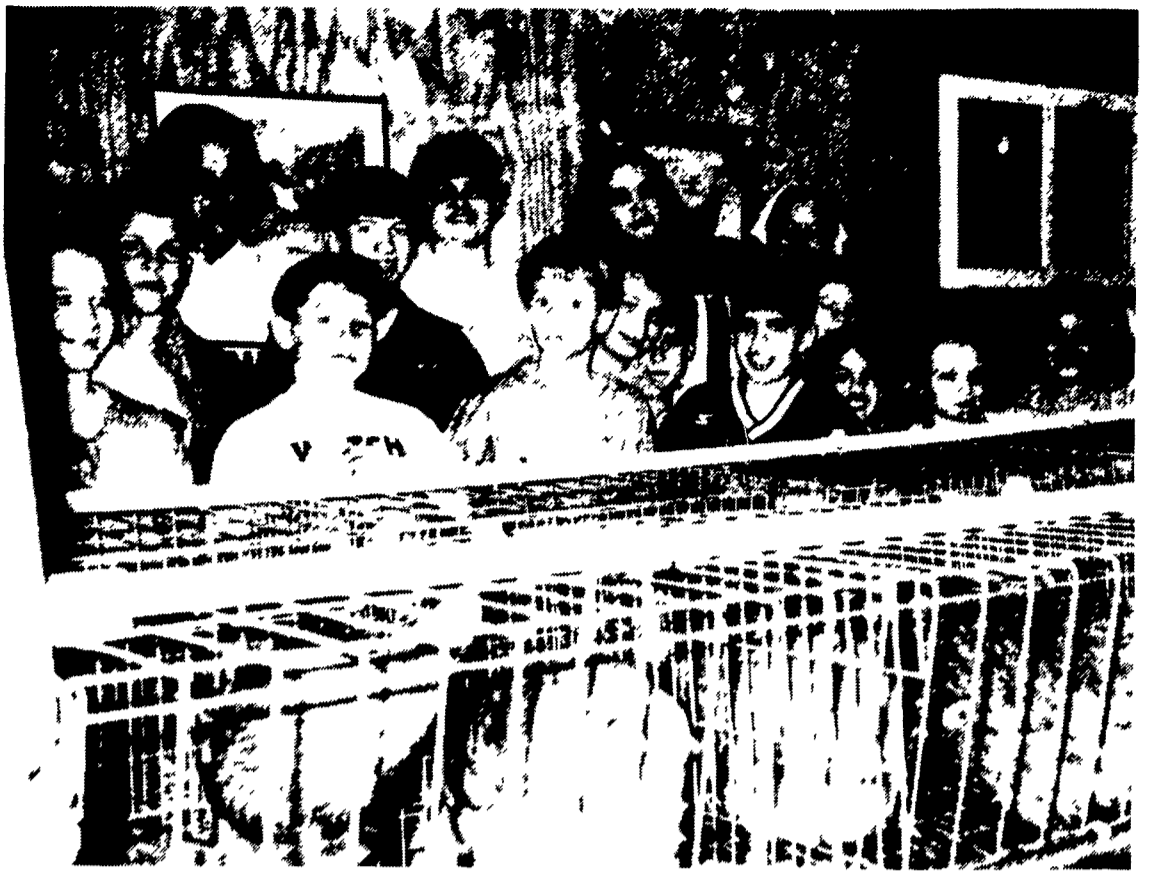
Hyacinth Bean (*Dolichos lablab*) produces attractive blue-green leaves to complement its striking dark purple pea-like flowers and lovely purple bean pods. Hyacinth beans can grow to 15 feet or more in a summer if given average garden soil and plenty of water. Sow seeds directly in the garden after danger of frost has passed.

Any questions concerning this article can be directed to Tom Becker at 717-840-7408.

The Trailblazers 4-H Horse and Pony Club will be sponsoring a Grooming and Showmanship Clinic on Wednesday, May 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Northhampton County 4-H Center.

There will be a \$5 entry fee for each horse and rider combo. You are welcome to come and join in the fun while you learn or brush up.

The instructor for the evening is Cindy Carruthers. Each horse and rider team will have their own review and instruction on grooming and



Delaware County 4-H members with their laying hens in the new equipment donated by Hershey Equipment Company of Lancaster and Big Dutchman of Holland, Mich. Pictured are Danielle and David Kays, Katie O'Keefe of Havertown; Andrea Oleykowski and adult leader Julie Barrett of upper Darby; Elizabeth Hanna, Anthony Skalski, Richard and Theresa Salvucci of Newtown Square; Michael and Michele McClellan of Aston; Aaron Murphy of Collingdale; Sam Garfield and Sara Warren of Ardmore; Andrew Marshaleck of Narberth; and Matthew Shaw of Merion Station.

**Hershey, Big Dutchman
Donate To 4-H**

Hershey Equipment Company, Inc. of Lancaster and Big Dutchman, Inc. of Holland, Mich. recently donated layer cages and equipment to the Delaware County 4-H program, according to Bud Bryan, 4-H coordinator.

The equipment was installed at the Delaware County 4-H Farm and Educational Center on the property of the Garrett-Williamson Foundation at Newtown Square. The 4-H farm is the site where 55 members own and raise livestock and poultry for their 4-H projects. Twenty-two of these members own laying hens, with each member doing "chores" one day every week. Broiler chickens, turkeys, sheep, market hogs, and beef cattle are also raised by members on a cooperative basis at the 4-H Farm.

Delaware County 4-H also conducts an Ag in the Classroom program with about 1,000 school children visiting the 4-H Farm each spring. Approximately three quarters of these children are 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Food

showmanship as well as against other teams. For more information or to register, call Joyce Daley at (610) 837-3573.

The Northhampton County 4-H Center is also hosting an Open Youth Schooling Horse Show on Saturday, June 27, starting at 9 a.m. This schooling show is open to youths between the ages of 8 and 19. It is offered as a learning experience and will be held in an informal atmosphere. There is no formal dress code for this event, although hard hats, where necessary, and riding boots are required. All horses being exhibited must produce proof of rabies vaccination.

For more information about 4-H activities, call Phyllis Laufer at (610) 746-1970.



Production Education project. They complete seven lessons in their school classroom in which they learn about the history of farming, livestock, poultry, and basic human nutrition. As a culmination to their project, they visit the 4-H Farm for a full-day field trip. Lessons are taught by 4-H instructors and they get "hands-on" experience with the farm animals.

The 4-H Farm is not a petting zoo, but is designed to look like commercial production facilities as much as possible on a small scale. The newly remodeled layer house has 78 hens in commercial type cages. Children can easily

move through the facility for instruction as well as caring for the hens. The entire barn is handicapped accessible and children in wheelchairs regularly come to the farm for tours.

Delaware County 4-H has a long history of providing opportunities for suburban and urban kids to have farm animal projects. In addition, more than 100 members enrolled in basic horsemanship at the farm last year. The Garrett-Williamson Foundation has provided the barn and pasture free of charge to 4-H for the past 10 years as part of its mission to serve urban and suburban youth.

Farm Women Rally

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attacks happen on a Monday morning. Experts think this happens because 60 percent of the population works at a job they enjoy.

- Love makes you who you were meant to be.
- Have a goal.
- As you go through life, you become like the people around you. Stay away from the "can't, shouldn't, wouldn't" people.
- Change your attitude to live life fully, not just exist.
- Be responsible for self. People who fight for their lives live longer.
- Call someone you need to heal with.
- Communicate with those you love.
- Make good choices.
- Laugh.
- Hug.
- Develop spirituality. Those who pray live an average of seven years longer than the atheist, according to Frangipane.

While many people prefer to have circumstances changed, Frangipane said that attitude toward circumstances is more important. "Cancer makes you see life for what it really is," he said. Bad things often cause people to

change directions and to find good things because of the bad," he said.

Communication often breaks down between those we love best, according to Frangipane. This is often the result of male and female differences.

"Women," he said, "ask lots of questions. They communicate feelings. Men make statements and let their needs be known, not feelings."

Studies show that the average male communicates 15,000 words daily while the average woman uses 45,000 to 60,000 daily.

Frangipane promotes love, communication, and enthusiasm for healthy living. He said, "Youth is a state of mind. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm is to wrinkle the soul."

In other business, Mayor Paul Angstadt shared a bit of history about Reading, which is celebrating its 250-year anniversary this year.

Connie Copp sang several songs and spoke about unconditional love in a devotional.

A group of men called the Pretzel City Chorus provided afternoon entertainment.

