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Gardening Without a Yard – Popularity in Vertical Gardening

Treillis Collection by Feeney helps make Gardening Available to Everyone

OAKLAND, Calif. (June 2013) – When the weather warms, many people turn to the joys of gardening. But, if you live in a high-rise apartment, condo or patio home, you may be yardless. No worries. Yardless or vertical gardening is one of the most popular gardening trends. The Treillis Collection from Feeney, Inc. is ideal for letting anyone – young or old, urban or suburban – become one with their gardening roots. With three distinct trellises, the Treillis Collection is perfect for wall or fence-mounted applications as well as a freestanding trellis application. So whether you have aspirations for growing beautiful climbing flowers or your own vining vegetables, check out the following steps from Feeney on starting your vertical garden.

Step 1: Selecting a site
If you are a DIY gardener with no plot to garden, you may enjoy the minimal space requirements of vertical or trellis gardening. Even a small porch or patio can provide ample room for a garden given the proper resources. When selecting a site, understand the amount of direct sun or partial sun/shade that bathes your site each day. A porch or patio with a wall or fence can also form a support for a trellis.

Step 2: Picking your plants and container
Climbing plants, such as roses, clematis and jasmine as well as vining varieties of tomatoes, pole beans and cucumbers, are perfect for trellis gardening. Prior to choosing the plants for your vertical garden, understand your climate zone and your plants’ sun exposure requirements. Then decide what makes you happy when you are playing in the dirt – vining vegetables or climbing vines or flowers that fit these climate and sunlight parameters. Now do some homework about the right container for your plants. For example, wood containers offer good water retention, while metals help stabilize taller plants but also require more frequent watering. Clay containers are common choices for plants due to their weight and ability to insulate plants. Gardeners looking for inexpensive containers that are easily transported may consider fiberglass or plastic. Glazed ceramic containers do not lose moisture easily, but are heavy and can break easily. Aside from the material, size is also a factor in selecting the proper container. Larger containers can hold more soil and water, which is good for people who do not have time to water their plants frequently. Smaller containers require more frequent watering but are also lighter, allowing plants to be easily moved to different areas depending on available sunlight.

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Step 3: Choosing the right trellis

Now it’s time to select the proper trellis. Perfect for growing climbing plants in small areas, trellises increase your growing space by allowing vines to extend upward instead of sprawling across the ground. Having vegetables supported by trellises also helps prevent rotting, as ripe crops can be identified sooner. Growing plants vertically may also protect them from certain pests and diseases.

Beyond function, a trellis can offer a design aspect. The 3-in-1 Trellis by Feeney is an easy-to-assemble, wall-mounted trellis made from 316-grade stainless steel for weather durability and lasting beauty. This trellis kit can be configured into one of three designs – Fan, Grid or Diamond – and includes all the mounting hardware needed for installation.

Another trellis that can be mounted on walls as well as fences is the Somerset II Trellis. This lighter, sleeker trellis features powder-coated aluminum top and bottom brackets that can be spaced from two to six feet apart to allow for a variety of wall heights. Multiple kits can be used in conjunction with one another to create wider trellises.

If you are more interested in creating a living privacy wall for your balcony, deck or patio, check out the Greenway Trellis from Feeney. It is a freestanding trellis with a durable, powder-coated aluminum tubular frame that is quick to assemble. The legs can be set in compacted dirt, gravel or concrete footings or surface mounted using optional base plates. Another option for serious do-it-yourself enthusiasts is to build a small wooden platform with casters. The trellis and plants can be mounted to the dolly, creating a moveable wall that can be placed strategically to create a desired look for your yardless garden.

Where to buy

Aspiring trellis gardeners can visit www.feeneyinc.com to purchase the Trellis Collection directly from Feeney as well to view photos, installation instructions and other useful information.

About Feeney

Feeney, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of high quality stainless steel and aluminum architectural products and railing systems. Feeney residential and commercial construction products for exterior or interior applications include CableRail stainless steel cable assemblies, Quick-Connect® auto-locking cable fittings, DesignRail® aluminum railing systems, Sta-Lok® stainless steel rods, Lightline® door canopies, and the Trellis Collection line of garden trellises. For 65 years, the Oakland, California-based company has been committed to providing construction professionals and DIY homeowners with innovative, easy-to-use products with unsurpassed service.

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