

Trellises: Cheap, Fast, and Easy

Note: We have round and oval raised beds.

Our first trellis experience was lashing water shoots from the apple tree together into tripods and then lashing on crossbars. The only expense was a bit of string for tying. These lasted about seven years, even with standing out in the rain all winter. They did need to be retied once or twice because we used cotton string.

Our second experience was of bolting two 2 x 4s together a few inches from the ends, making an "X" with long legs. We straddled two of them over the ends of an old clothes line pole in our yard around which we made a large raised bed.

We screwed in "L" hooks about 12" apart down the length of the 2 x 4s, laid bamboo poles in the "L" hooks, then laid additional poles across the ends of the first poles at right angles (the side poles support the end poles and make a square,) then lashed them together with twist ties.

Cost was the cost of the four 2 x 4s, a few "L" hooks, two bolts, washers, and the bamboo poles, some of which were obtained for free from a bamboo grower's compost pile. The bamboo doesn't weather particularly well, so we bring these poles indoors. We sometimes fold down the 2 x 4s and bring them in also.

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Requirements for Accessing the 2008 JGS Show

What is required to get into the 2008 IGS Show?

Tickets, Tickets, Tickets, Tickets, Tickets!!!

And, of course, a good map to find the fairgrounds and the buildings we will be in (see prior issues).

If you are placing items into competition you will need a ticket to get into the grounds to do so.

If you are volunteering at the show you will need a show pass to get into the grounds. You need to Volunteer EARLY to get your pass. We really want and need our volunteers, however, if you wait too long we may not be able to supply the pass as the volunteers require Pre-Show Registration. Register at the latest two weeks PRIOR to the start of the show.

If your are attending Workshops you WILL need a ticket to get into the grounds. The ticket is NOT included in the price of your Workshop.

If you are a Vendor you will need your Gate Pass to access the Fairgrounds, otherwise you will have to purchase a Ticket!

Tickets and gate passes will be sold (\$5.00 for all three days) and/or identified just off of the main roadway into the Fairgrounds far from the buildings.

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