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Sometimes you just need a graceful vertical element in your garden. A well placed vine can be used as a focal point or perhaps to screen something unsightly. Caution and careful planning are the watchwords however; you don't want to deal with something like Audrey from Little Shop of Horrors.

Most all vines need some type of support, be it a trellis, a post, a wall or even a nearby shrub or tree. Some vines have tendrils that reach out and grab on to climb. Others are leaners; they lean against and scramble over and around support structures or nearby foliage as they climb to even greater heights. Some vining plants are not even considered vines.

When is a vine not a vine? Climbing roses behave like and are usually treated like a vine. By the time this paper goes to press the antique Lady Banks rose should be in full bloom. The one we see the most would be the variety called *Rosa Basksiae* 'Lutea

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