

# Bennett Martin Public Library Garden

A Greenspace Stewardship Initiative Project, funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust, a beneficiary of the Nebraska Lottery Administered by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

This "Nebraska-style" landscape reflects the spirit of the prairies with native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs that require very little watering or other care. The naturalistic design provides a contrast to the concrete and glass structures surrounding them. Many of the perennials in this planting are from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's GreatPlants® program.

Walking by the library in early spring, one can see the beautiful pasque flower with its bold blue blossoms; followed by the cheery yellow blooms of basket-of-gold. As the season changes, beauties such as dwarf blue false indigo, a prairie legume with brilliant blue blooms and large black seed pods in the summer months, take center stage.

Grasses add textural contrast and visual rest to soften the concrete hardscaping with their fine foliage. A few shrubs give structure to the landscape year-round.

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## Spring and Summer



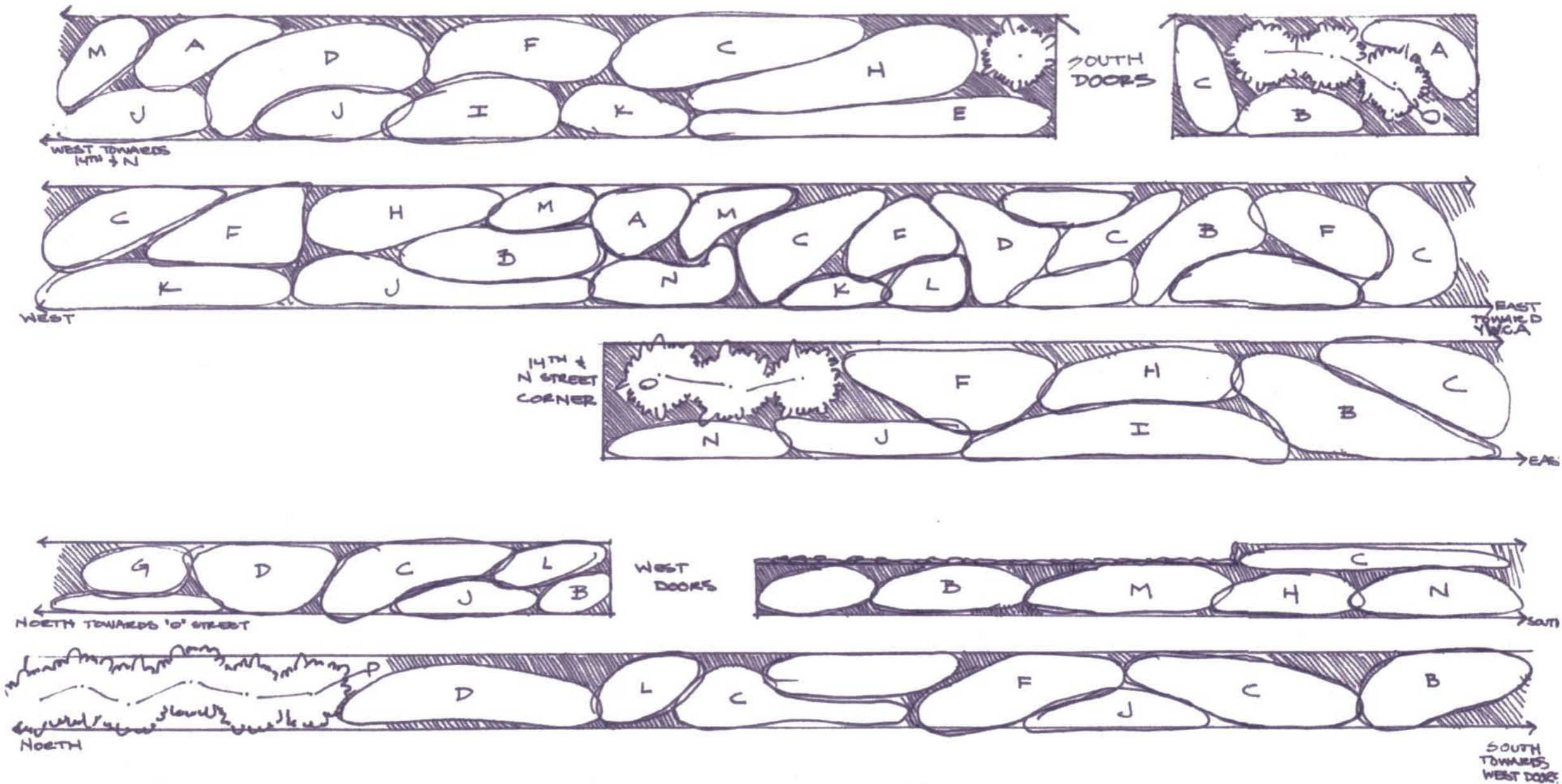
Spring and Summer, across  
 Basket-of-gold, *Aurinia saxatilis*  
 My Antonia Aster, *Aster fendleri*  
 Plumbago, *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*  
 Purple poppy mallow, *Callirhoe involucrata*  
 Dwarf blue indigo (early, mid and late summer)  
 Little bluestem, *Schizachyrium scoparium*

## Fall and Winter



Fall and Winter, across  
 Indiangrass, *Sorghastrum nutans*  
 New England aster, *Aster novae-angliae*  
 Coralberry, *Symphoricarpos x chenaultii*  
 Sideoats grama, *Bouteloua curtipendula*  
 Prairie dropseed, *Sporobolus heterolepis*





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Key	Common Name	Scientific Name	Height x Spread	Color
A	Aster 'My Antonia'	<i>Aster fendleri</i> 'My Antonia'	10"/12"	White
B	Basket-of-gold	<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	10"/12"	Yellow
C	Dwarf false blue indigo	<i>Baptisia minor</i>	3'/3'	Blue
D	Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	4'/2'	Bronze
E	New England aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i> 'Purple Dome'	3'/2'	Purple
F	Pitcher sage	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	3'/2'	Blue
G	Plumbago	<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	10"/12"	Blue
H	Prairie dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	18"/18"	Straw
I	Purple poppy mallow	<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	10"/12"	Magenta
J	Sideoats grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	18"/18"	Straw
K	Wild petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	8"/12"	Pink
L	Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> 'Cassis'	12"/12"	Red
M	Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	20"/18"	blue cast
N	White indigo	<i>Baptisia</i>	3'/3'	White
O	Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos x chenaultii</i>	2'/3'	red berries
P	Shrub rose	<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	3'/3'	white