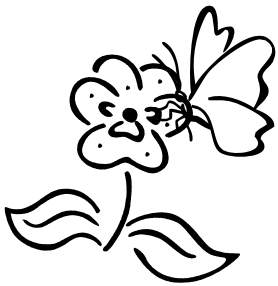


Gardens & Gables 2006

A tour of six beautiful gardens in North Platte.



Saturday
July 15, 2006

7:30 AM—1:00 PM Tours

8:00 AM—1:00 PM Gardening Workshops

This event will take place Rain or Shine!

A litter free event.

Things to Know

- 🌸 Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the map before starting the tour.
- 🌸 Tour organizers have timed the tour of the 6 gardens at approximately 30 minutes of drive time and 2 1/2 hours total to complete the tour depending on how long you stay, look and visit at each site. Estimates used were 15-20 minutes per site.
- 🌸 There are additional handouts in the packets with warning signs for heat illness. Please listen to your body and drink plenty of fluids.

Homeowner Landscape Designs

- 🌸 As you come up to each home, pull out the sheet that corresponds to the home you are at for more information. Legend of symbols on landscape map:

T = Tree

C = Wind Chimes

F = Flag

G = Gazing Ball

P = Planter

W = Water Feature (birdbath, pond, etc.)

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Dr. John & Marilyn Dorwart—homeowner
Stan & Evie Duckworth—homeowner
Allen D. Jared—homeowner
Gib & Bev Larsen—homeowner
Kim & Jean Riley—homeowner
Lisa Arent—MGV workshop presenter
Kaycee Dye—MGV workshop presenter
Faith Fisher—MGV workshop presenter
George Haws—MGV workshop presenter
Dennis Murphy—MGV workshop presenter
Chris Rankin—MGV workshop presenter

Sara Aden—G&G Coordinator
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Linda Broge—raffle ticket sales
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Cheri Erickson—MGV garden guide
Amanda Fox—raffle ticket sales
Naomi Getty—volunteer
Phil & Ellie Grabouski—labeling
Stephen Granger—architect
Gina & Elsie Jensen—garden volunteer
Leona Killham—garden volunteer
Cecelia Lawrence—G&G coordinator
Marvin Rankin—MGV garden guide
Jan & Les Ravenscroft—labeling
Cheryl Roblyer—garden volunteer
Brenda Thompson—raffle ticket sales
Additional Volunteers Lined up by Homeowners
North Platte Public Library Staff

There are more volunteers and if we forgot you, we apologize.

A special thank you to the home owners who have allowed us to peek into their beautiful gardens and willingly share them with us.

...and everyone who purchased tour and raffle tickets for this event!

The proceeds from this event benefit the North Platte Public Library Foundation, a Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation Fund.
The North Platte Public Library Foundation exists to enhance the facility and services of the North Platte Public Library.



Heat Precautions



The North Platte Public Library Foundation thanks you for your support through your attendance at this event. We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time. The following information is provided to help you recognize heat related illness early. If you experience any of these symptoms, please take appropriate actions.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	TREATMENT
<p>Early Heat Illness Mild dizziness, fatigue, or irritability; decreased concentration; impaired judgment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Loosen or remove clothing. •Rest in shade 30 minutes or more. •Drink water.
<p>Heat Rash Tiny blister-like red spots on the skin; prickling sensations. Commonly found on clothed areas of the body.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clean the skin and allow it to dry. •Wear loose clothing. •Rest in a cool place.
<p>Heat Syncope Fainting of an un-acclimated worker when standing still in the heat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lie down until recovered. •Moving around, instead of standing still, in the heat will reduce recurrence. •Acclimate to heat.
<p>Heat Cramps Painful spasms of the muscles; occurs when workers drink large amounts of water without replacing salts. May occur during or after work hours.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Drink electrolyte liquids (i.e., sports drinks such as Gatorade, Allsport, etc.). •Rest. •Massage affected areas. •May require intravenous salt solutions if determined by a doctor.
<p>Heat Exhaustion Extreme weakness or fatigue, giddiness, nausea, or headache. Moist, clammy skin. Pale or flush complexion. Normal or slightly elevated body temperature.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rest lying down in a cool place. •Loosen or remove clothing. •Splash water on body. •Massage legs and arms. •If conscious, drink water or an electrolyte solution, but not salt or salt water. •If unconscious, treat for Heat Stroke (below) until proven otherwise. •Severe cases involving workers who vomit or lose consciousness may require longer treatment under medical supervision. •Medical personnel should evaluate workers who collapse.
<p>Heat Stroke Often occurs suddenly. Sweating stops. Mental confusion, very aggressive behavior, delirium, loss of consciousness, convulsions, or coma. Fast pulse. Rapid breathing. Body temperature of 106 °F or higher. Hot, red skin that may be red, mottled, or bluish. Worker may resist treatment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VICTIMS WILL DIE UNLESS TREATED PROMPTLY. •While awaiting medical help, remove victim to cool area, soak clothing with cool water, fan vigorously to increase cooling, and elevate legs. Treat for shock, if required, after temperature drops. •If conscious, have worker drink as much water at possible. •Prompt first aid can prevent permanent injury to the brain and other vital organs.

Bruce & Marlene (Marlayna) Blanchard

1720 W Leota Street



Home Owner Summary

Our dream home came true when we purchased the land at 1720 Leota Street. Shults Construction built our home with our floor plan. We have large windows and a loft facing the wilderness area since we have a very large lot. Each year we add a little more landscaping not knowing so much about the name of the plants we have planted! My husband, Bruce, watered the artificial flowers on the patio for some time. Ha!

I think being an artist has helped me with design and color. And because I like different and unusual plants, we actually include some weeds to tie in with our wilderness area.

My granddaughter, Nicole Nickerson, 12 years old has also created beautiful areas planning flowers. Jay Nickerson, my son and Nicole's father does creative coating, and he designed our driveway.

Our latest project was hauling seven (7) loads of dirt into our back yard. It could have been a road! But it turned out to be a circle berm with wild flowers, few tomato plants (first time). We have had many animals at different times check out our wilderness area – a red fox, rabbits, squirrels, deer and their fawns. The deer packed their lunch with our tomatoes! Where was our camera when we needed it!

Bruce & Marlene

Architectural Description by Stephen Granger, AIA

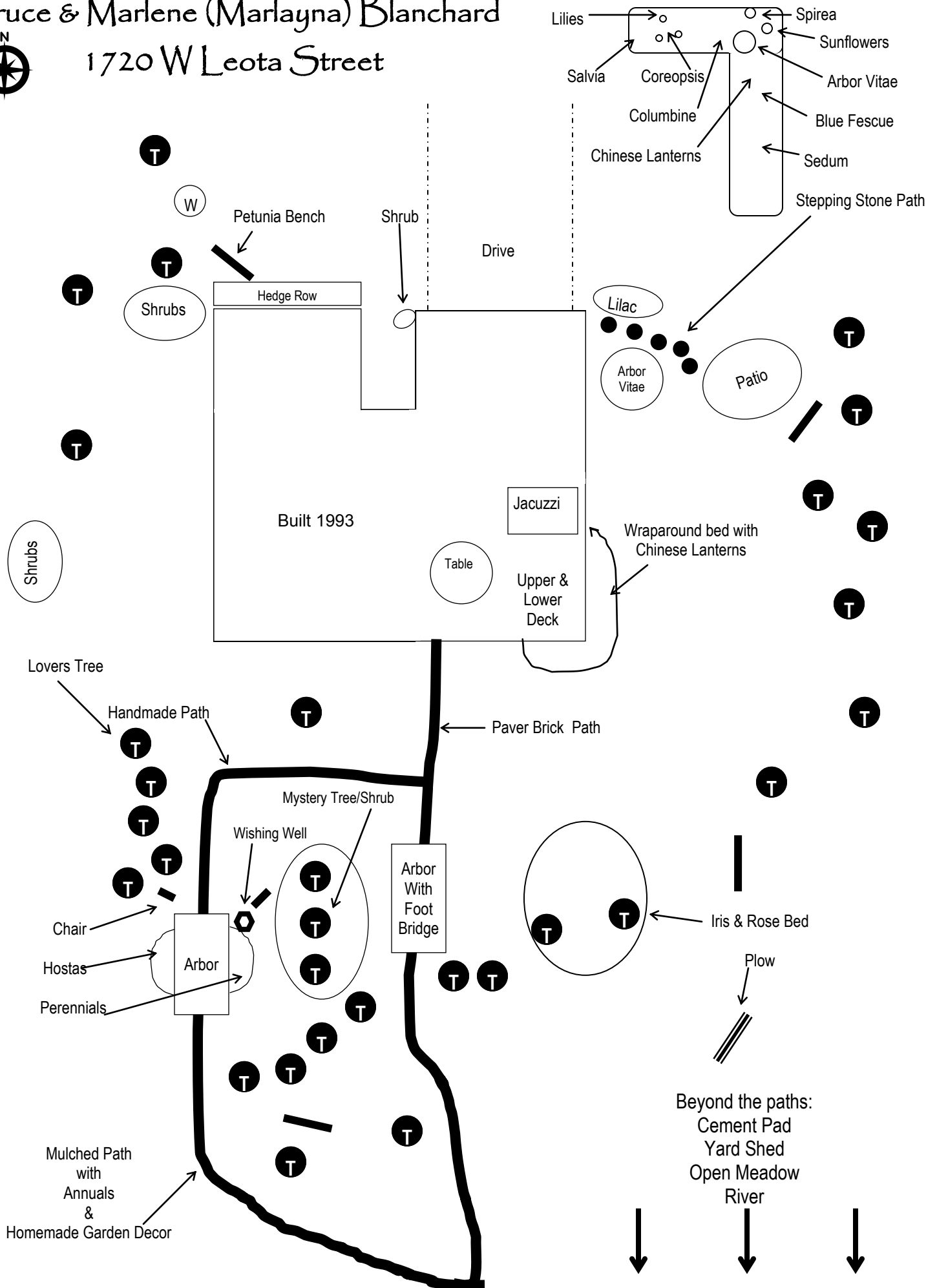
Welcome to the home of Bruce and Marlene Blanchard. This home was built by Schults Construction approximately 12 years ago. The home is a beautiful two story contemporary style, with 3 bedrooms, two baths along with a loft that is utilized for painting. The exterior is a multi colored brick which is tied together with a stained wood siding. The combination of the brick, stained wood siding and cedar shingles provide a natural wilderness setting for the house. The large established cotton wood trees, along with all the mature landscaping, creates a wonderful wilderness setting for the Blanchard's. The house is set back further from the street than most homes, allowing more landscaping opportunities for the Blanchard's. The cottonwood trees frame both sides of the home, while the roof lines blends in with the natural beauty of the trees. The backyard is also surrounded by natural features creating a private oasis.



Bruce & Marlene (Marlayna) Blanchard



1720 W Leota Street



The Dorwart Gardens

3410 Reagan Court



Home Owner Summary

Our home is unique in that the house is placed on a pie wedge shaped lot. This in itself presents a challenge in landscape design. Since we have been flower gardeners for many years, using our parents skills and knowledge as inspiration, we chose perennials as our main interest adding annuals only when necessary.

The back yard was planned for our enjoyment which includes a perennial garden, a 3300 gallon Koi fish pond and waterfall, rock garden and shade garden. The front side yard shape lends itself to a kidney shape flower bed anchored by a flowering pear tree. The studio located behind this flower bed with its showy window box of flowers is further embellished by fall-flowering clematis and supported by various species of hostas.

Foundation plantings on the north and east side of the house include hostas, potentilla, pyracantha, red-leaf barberry and magnolia. Other trees and shrubs on the property include magnolia, flowering crab, maple, althea, ninebark, red twig dogwood, cranberry bush, butterfly bush, dwarf lilac, spirea burning bush, variegated leaf dogwood and rhododendron.

We wish to thank Garden Glove Landscaping for the very professional design and installation of our Koi pond and waterfall.

John and Marilyn Dorwart

Architectural Description by Stephen Granger, AIA

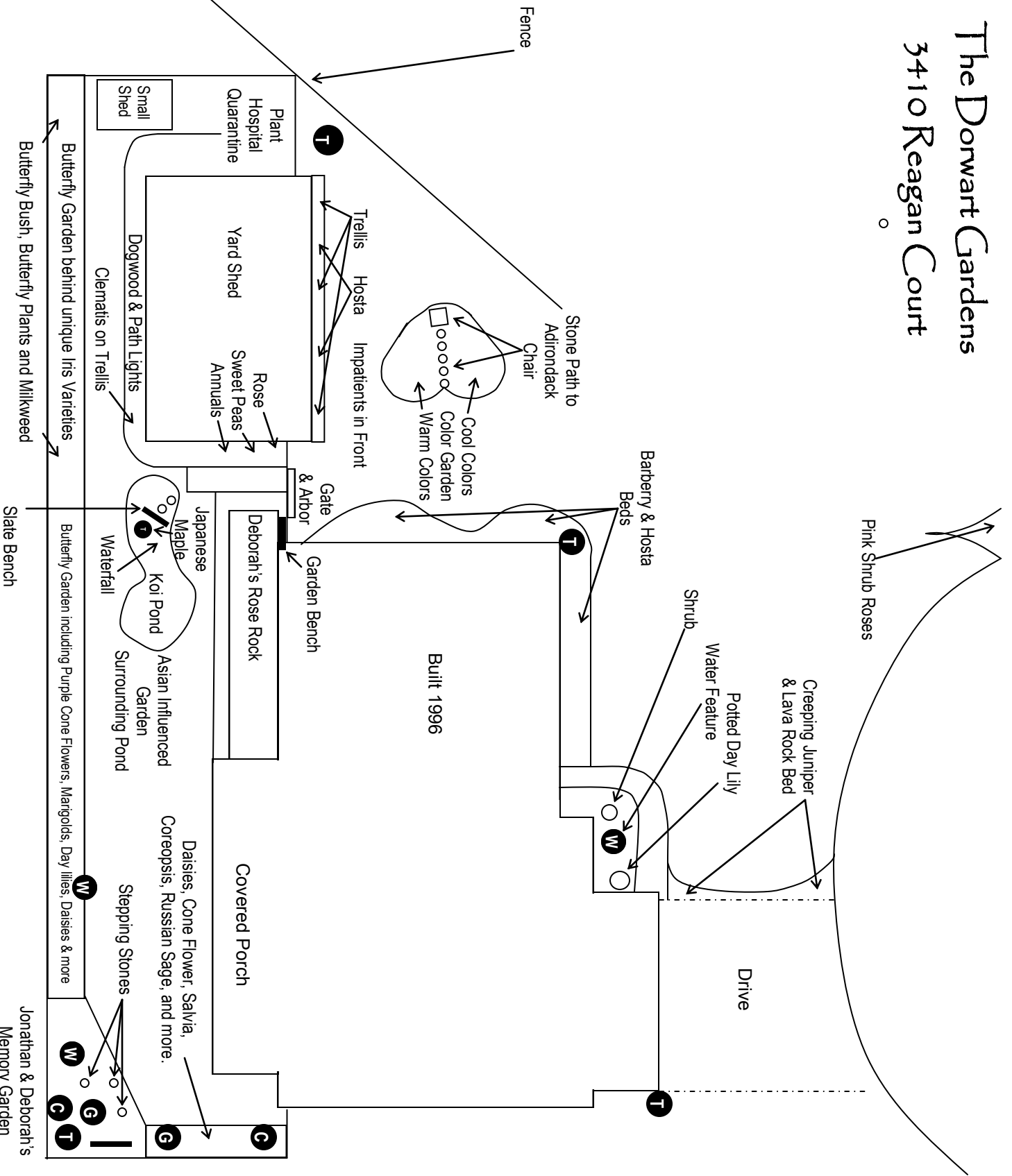
The residence of Marilyn and John Dorwart was built in 1996 on one of the new cul-de-sac streets in North Platte. The home is a pre-manufactured home providing 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a formal living room, kitchen and dining area along with a family room. The home has a two stall attached garage, an inviting front porch area, as well as a covered patio in the back yard facing the south. Along with the home structure, the Dorwart's have a couple additional work shop and storage buildings which have been utilized very well. All the buildings on the property are tied together with similar architectural features. Those similar features consist of siding, shingles, white shutters & white trim. The color white has been utilized as a framing feature for the house, as well as the perimeter of the lot. The lot is a "pie shaped lot" providing a narrow front property line and a long linear line for the back and side yards. Marilyn & John had a life altering experience which is reflected in the home they occupy today. The interior of the home reflects personal decisions that represent a unique approach to design. When talking with Marilyn I found out she is not afraid to break the mold. The phrase "who says it has to?" was stated several times during our visit. She and her husband have defined their new space with features that pleases them!

One of the greatest features of the home is the placement of the garden areas in respect to the views from the inside of the house. The personal touches on the inside are also brought outside to the different garden areas. The garden area also displays a stone bench that John inherited from his grandfather. Marilyn and John have also dedicated some of the garden areas to the memories lost loved ones.



The Dorwart Gardens

3410 Reagan Court



Stan & Evie Duckworth

2112 West A Street



Home Owner Summary

We enjoy our yard because we use the little stoves to decorate: one was my mothers and two small ones were obtained by mere chance – I saved them from an iron pile.

The birdhouses were all built by Stan and are original. The pond was built on a whim and developed into a big project and a learning experience. Stan's work area is great, we enjoy working together building benches, bird houses, garden stakes, bird feeders and any new idea we think of. We enjoy seeing the birds use the bird bath and the feeders hanging in the trees in full view of the dinette and patio where we sit – if time permits. I love the special stepping stones that my son and his family gave me a couple of years ago.

One of the old garden gates was from the farm home south of Trenton, NE. Stan built the bridge as one of my first additions to the yard. It is a nice focal point. The old wheelbarrow I salvaged from my neighbor in Bertrand. It's a very fun place to live except for all the traffic on West A! We have wonderful neighbors. The house is a modular placed here in 1996.

Stan & Evie

Architectural Description by Stephen Granger, AIA

This home is located on the south side of West A Street, representing the newer trend in modular home buildings. The home is the equivalent of a two part pre-built home resting on a structural footing system. The property has a detached double garage on the west. The design of the home is similar to that of a ranch style home with the exception of the exterior materials utilized in the manufacturing of the home. The entry to the home is located away from the driveway, creating a longer path way to the front door. This provides a nice linear flower garden approach to the home, accented by a flag pole proudly displaying the American flag. Adjacent to the flagpole is a nice porch area for visitors to sit and relax. The front of the home has a large bay window that is framed from the ground to the roof eave. At the center of the bay window, the roof reaches its gable peak creating a focal point to the front door. The exterior siding is consistent throughout the perimeter of the home with the windows accented with shutters.

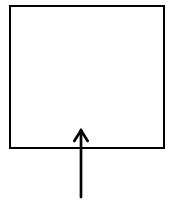
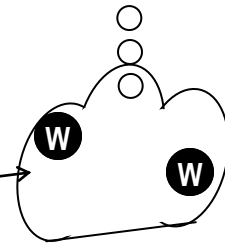


Stan & Evie Duckworth

2112 West A Street



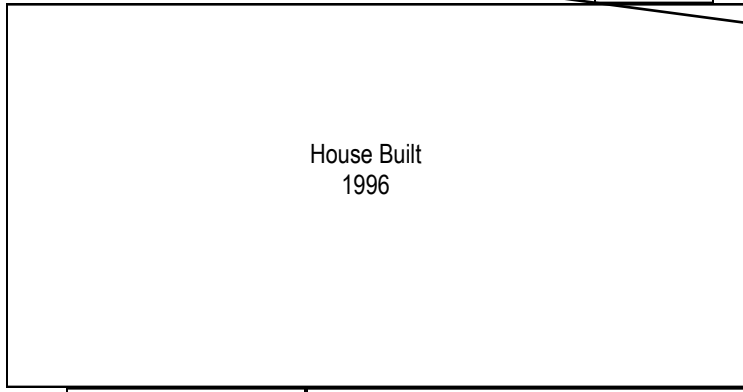
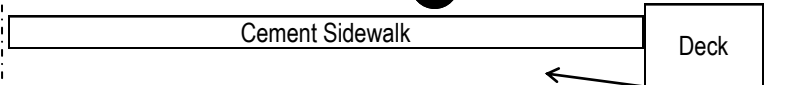
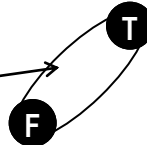
Birding bed includes:
 Marigolds, Dianthus, Iris,
 Daisies, Silver Mound, Tall
 Phlox, Moss Rose, Lobelia,
 Dead Nettle, Flax, Petunias,
 and more.



Moss Rose, Gomphrena,
 Marigolds, and Coral Bells.

Side garden includes: Lambs Ear,
 Dogwood, Lily of the Valley, Hosta, Dead
 Nettle, Hibiscus, and Geranium. Look for
 the rock garden and small statuary.

Autumn
 Joy
 Sedum

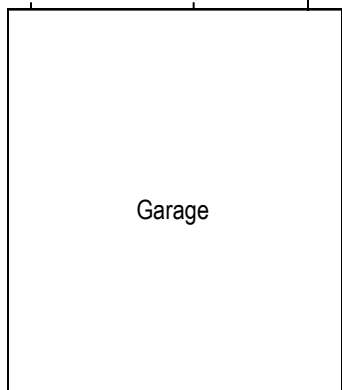


Front bed includes:
 Hosta, Day Lillies,
 Dianthus, Coleus,
 Dead Nettle,
 Columbine, and
 Daisies.



Drive

Hosta, Impatiens,
 and Hen & Chicks



Petunias, Columbine, Rose, and Coneflowers



Flower Bed including:

Creeping Phlox, Butterfly Bush,
 4 O'clock, Peony, Hen & Chicks,
 and Columbine

Peach tree



This is one of the
 stoves in the yard.
 How many can you
 find?

Bird Bath

Chairs offer alternative
 seating arrange-
 ments throughout
 the yard.

Dry River Rock Bed

Paver Paths

Pond with
 Waterfall

Violas, Dusty Miller, Petunia, Dead
 Nettle surrounding bird bath/fountain

Imagination
 Garden

Look for Unique
 Touches

Bridge

Vegetable
 Garden

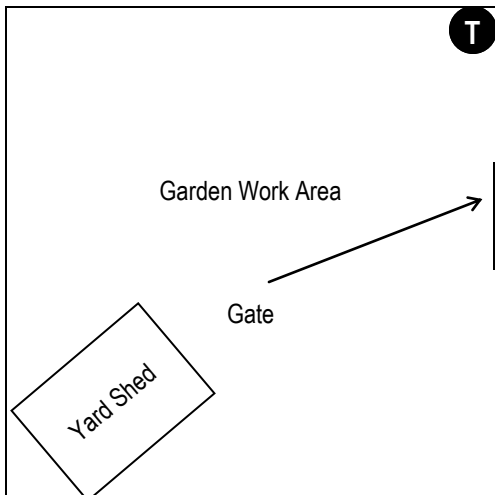
Garden Work Area

Bird house chair, wheel
 barrow planter, and various
 plantings including Iris.

Gate

Yard Shed

Yard Shed



Allen D. Jared

905 Cedarberry Road



Home Owner Summary

The front yard started out with the biggest silver maple in North Platte, I do believe. When the tree got sick about three years ago, I had it removed and then wondered what to do with the pile of dirt that was heaped around the stump after it was removed. I thought it would make a wonderful flower bed, so that was the beginning of the front yard. I also thought, why not share the beauty of the flowers with those people passing by on the street, rather than keeping everything hidden in the back yard. So there it is, and now there is a lot less lawn to mow!

I was talking to my friend, Sharon Turnbull who has a wonderful place in Maxwell along the river, and her yard is put together so nice. Her comment about my yard was "what is all this "organized junk"! And those words really describe my yard. I love gardening and when I look and things, I can see the possibilities of how to make it pleasing to the eye and interesting to the senses. Many of the plants in my yard were given to my by friends and when I see them growing, it brings back fond memories. I love the great variety of perennials that are available now and so many things do well in our Nebraska climate.

Most of the things that you see are things that have been done since I retired and lots of it done in the last 3 years or so. I have gained much joy in creating this yard and hope it will give you some ideas what can be done with your "junk!"

Allen D. Jared

Architectural Description by Stephen Granger, AIA

Allen purchased the ranch style home in 1981. It was believed to be one of the first homes built in the subdivisions during the 1960's. The 3 bedroom home is approximately 1800 square feet with a single stall attached garage. The home has a covered patio which faces the north of the property providing a nice shady area to rest in the back yard. The lot is 150 feet deep, which was considered a large lot when it was platted in the 1960's. Allen described the house as plain and simple, which reflects what the ranch style home emulated in its beginning era. The simple lines of the home help frame the landscaping in the front yard. Allen has used weathered wood to create a small sitting area at the front entry to his home. The backyard loses its simplicity with the additional 2 stall garage off the ally, a small green house for Allen's roses, along with several of the homeowner's design projects. Allen has created some creative fencing applications to remove some of the visual clutter around the alley. The property is surrounded by several flower gardens, while the back yard boasts the existence of a 30 year old "Hope Crab Apple Tree."

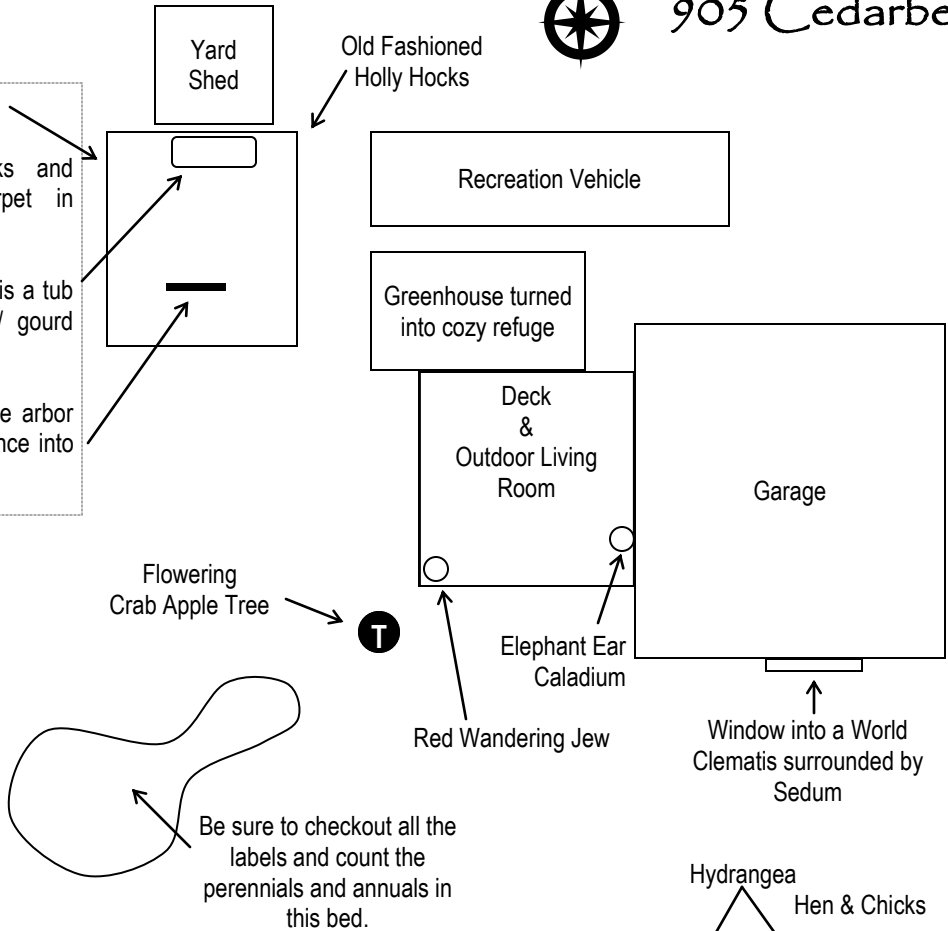


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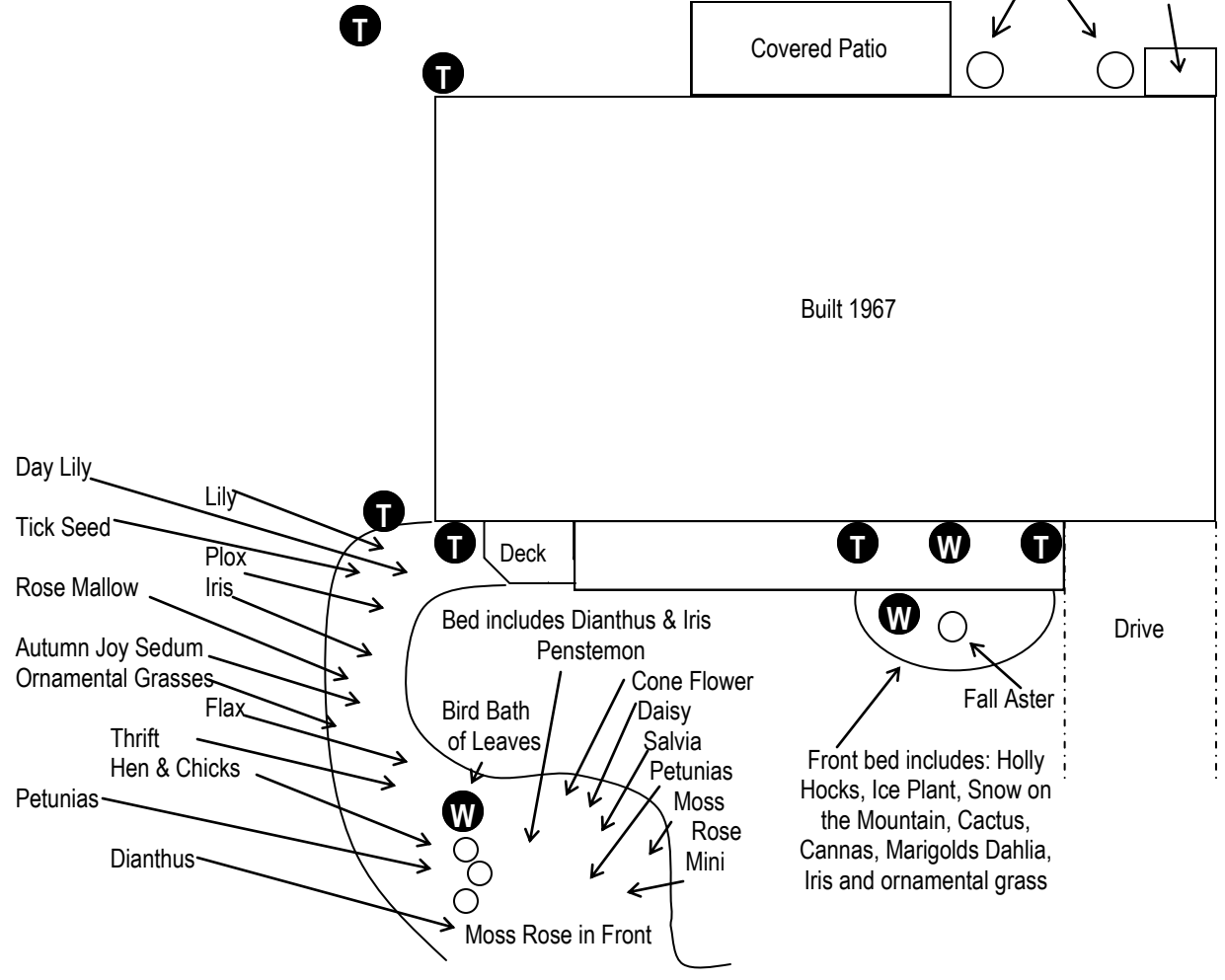
905 Cedarberry Road



Interesting Area...
 There are patio bricks and artificial turf/green carpet in areas of this space.
 However, near the back is a tub with a vine vegetable / gourd thriving in it.
 There is also a very nice arbor with flowers as an entrance into the space.



- Garlic (T)
- Peony (→)
- Poppies (→)
- Columbine (→)
- Russian Sage (→)
- Champaign Grape Vine (→)
- Trellis with Winter Clematis (W)



- Day Lily
- Lily
- Tick Seed
- Plox
- Rose Mallow
- Iris
- Autumn Joy Sedum
- Ornamental Grasses
- Flax
- Thrift
- Hen & Chicks
- Petunias
- Dianthus

- Bed includes Dianthus & Iris
- Penstemon
- Bird Bath of Leaves
- Cone Flower
- Daisy
- Salvia
- Petunias
- Moss Rose Mini
- Moss Rose in Front
- Front bed includes: Holly Hocks, Ice Plant, Snow on the Mountain, Cactus, Cannas, Marigolds, Dahlia, Iris and ornamental grass

Drive

Gib & Bev Larsen

902 S Carr Avenue



Home Owner Summary

Gib and I bought this house in 1978. It may have been one of the first houses built on the west side of the street. It had 3 trees on the property. Only one is living now, a Locust Tree. We planted a seedless Cottonwood in the back yard which we brought from Valentine in a flower pot. In a few years, that area became too shaded for good grass. We removed the grass, made paths and planted a few flowers and ground cover. We hauled in dirt from my parent's farm and made a berm in the front. On Arbor day one year one of our kids brought home a Ponderosa Pine Tree. We planted it in the back. I absolutely love trees. The brick on the patio came from Paxton School where I attended grade school. I spent one summer cleaning all the brick so it means something to me. Gib put in a pond a few years ago and stocked it with fish. He planted a duck potato and cattails. The other plants in the water are on a platform which floats. The rock comes from Wyoming. I love flowers so have added and enlarged the flower beds. What was sunny is now shade so I continue to move plants around. It is important to get the right soil for the plants. We have added several arbors, a deck, and a bridge. In the last few years, we have worked more with repeating colors and combining the right colors together. My goal is to have something blooming from early Spring through Fall. Gib and I have done all the landscaping so we know you can do it too. Perennials occasionally die during the winter so some things must be replanted. It is a new challenge each Spring. We love our yard and spend a lot of time in it. Containers of annuals provide color and don't forget a water source for the birds!

Gib & Bev Larsen

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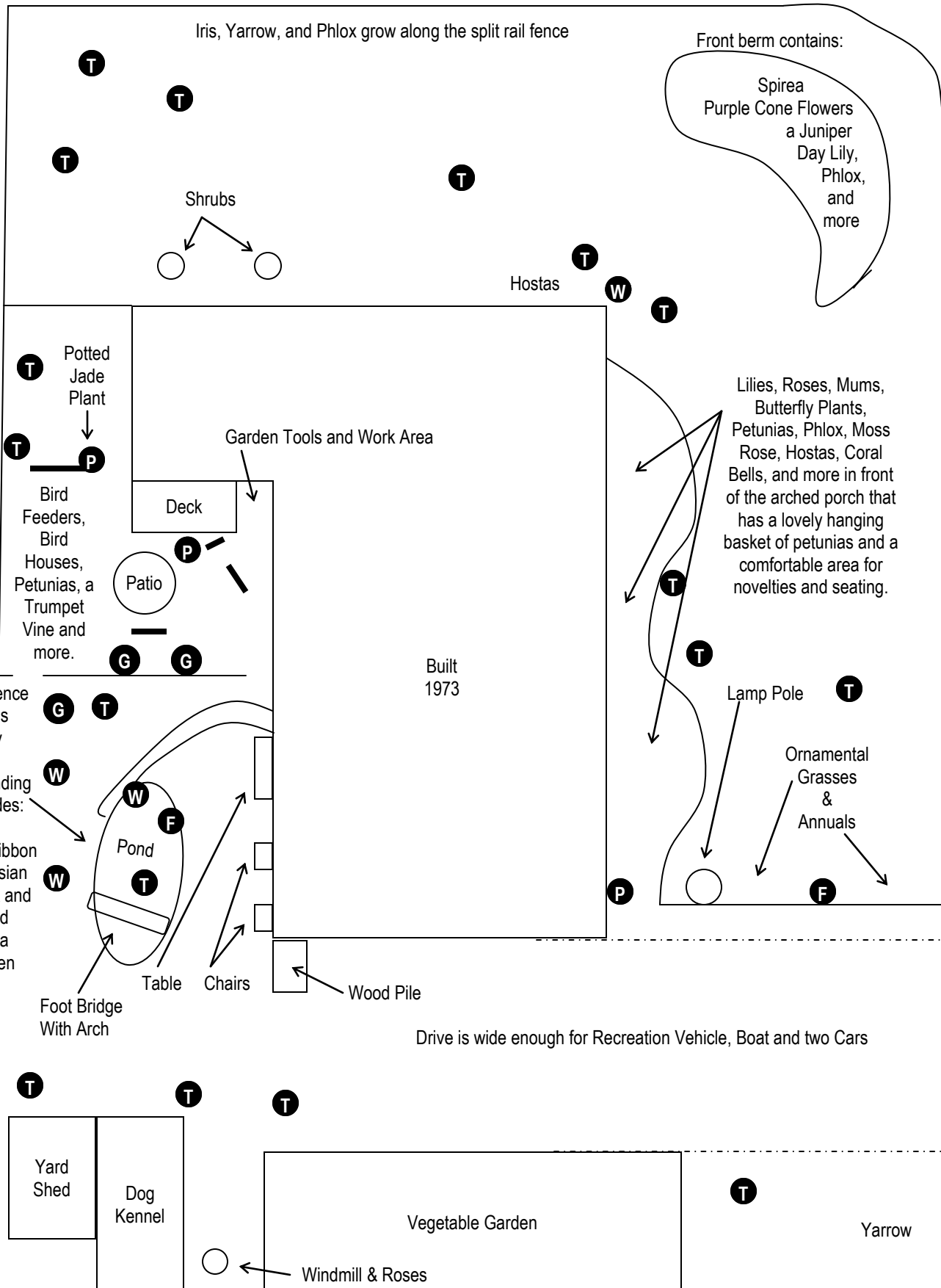
The corner of Philip & Carr has been nurtured for several years to the present state of garden glory. The home is a split level built in the 1970's and was purchased by the present owners in 1978. The roomy 4 bedroom home sits on a busy corner lot. The home is surrounded by mature trees and well established landscaping. With the corner being a busy intersection for both foot traffic and vehicle traffic, boundaries have been established by the home owner in a very tasteful manner. The color of the ornamental tree blends in well with the red shingle color of the roof. The blue gray siding accents well with the contrast of the landscaping. The front porch of the house is covered and is defined by an arched arcade. The brick on the patio was salvaged from the old Paxton School. Mr. Ed Flemming, Gilbert's father in law, salvaged the brick and the Flemming family spent several hours scraping mortar off the bricks. The same re-established brick is used as a sidewalk border along Philip and Carr, as well as additional patio work in the back yard. When we talk about salvaged items, (in today's world it is classified as "Green Architecture") the interior boasts of a mantel of solid walnut with no imperfections. This mantel was also a salvage item from the Old Hotel in Paxton. In the back, the original patio was removed and a sun room was added. There is metal art throughout the property, which is the work of Gib who also volunteers as a blacksmith for the Lincoln County Museum. The trees in the yard also have wonderous tales. Gilbert has been known to transplant seedlings from different locations. The Larsen's have trees from Hannibal Missouri near Mark Twain Cave, Cottonwoods from Valentine, Buckeye tree started from the seeds fallen from the Lincoln County Courthouse as well as several seedlings found along the Platte River.





Gib & Bev Larsen

902 S Carr Avenue



Kim & Jean Riley
3320 Sunset Drive



Home Owner Summary

The first phase of landscaping (1999) was designed to compliment the house. In April of 2001 we began the 2nd phase, which was to tie the house & previous landscaping into the rest of the property and the pond. We added additional berms, a small pond & stream that cascades down to the sand pit lake behind our home, and stair steps that lead to the beach where we designed a private area for lounging, swimming, & sun bathing. The second phase provided a backdrop for entertaining & various family functions. The pond provides abundant wildlife, an area for which deer, red fox, muskrats, & many species of wild birds including our favorite the yellow finch.

With both of us working full time, our deck provides an area of rest, relaxation, & entertainment while looking over out our pond and listening to the comforting sounds from our stream.

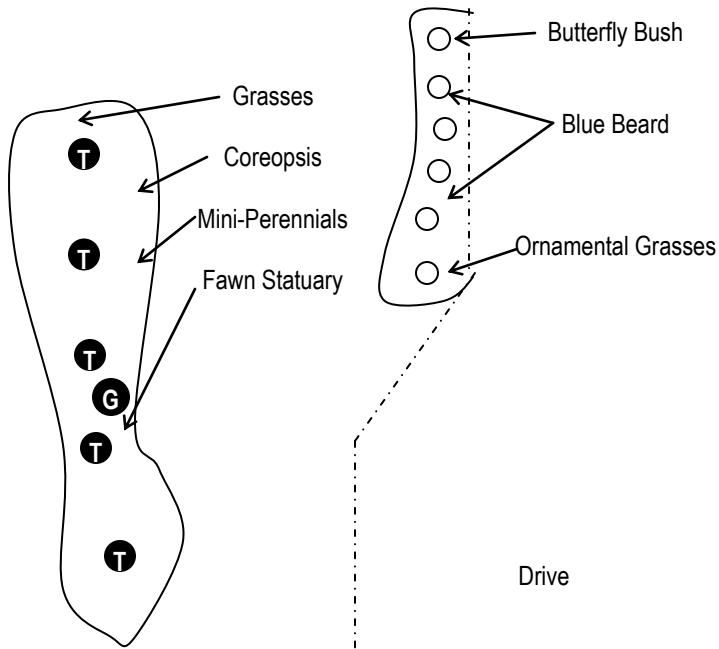
Kim & Jean Riley

Architectural Description by Stephen Granger, AIA

The 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home located on the south side of Sunset was built in 1998 by Tom Miller. The home sits on a very large lot with the back property leading to one of the several small man-made lakes in North Platte. The contemporary style home has high roof pitches with a combination of hipped and gabled roof lines. The home has a huge 3 car garage on the west side of the house, accented with two dormer windows. The front of the house is divided with brick façade on the living side of the home, while the west side has a lighter color siding. The main entry is recessed near the middle of the living side of the home. All the windows on the front are topped with a rounded 4 lite window unit at each of the gabled areas of the roof line. The front yard is balanced by flower gardens at each corner of the property, with one garden hiding some of the existing utility components. With the large lot along with the lake, the home owners have brought in some natural features creating a small stream and waterfall to the existing lake.

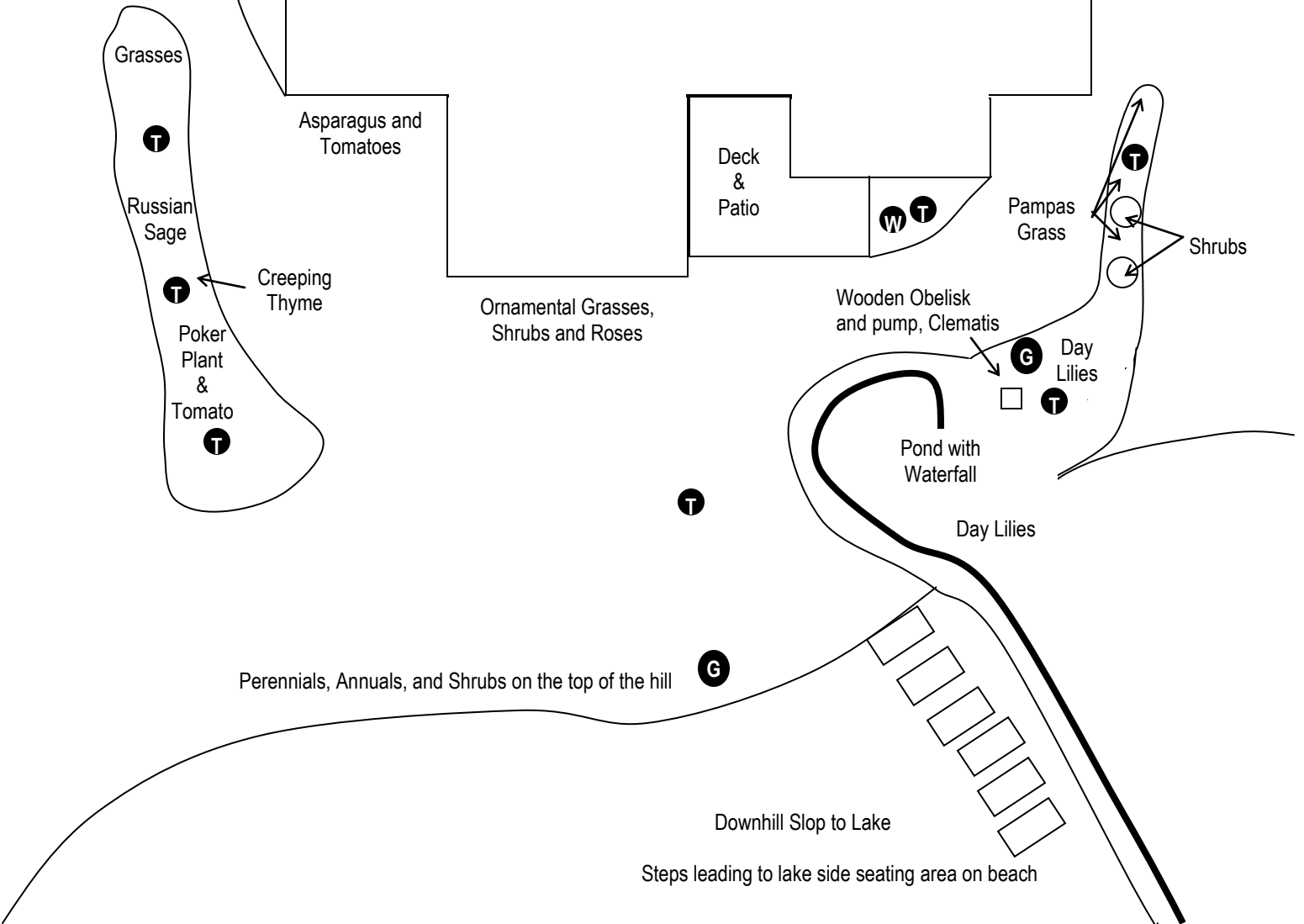


Kim & Jean Riley 3320 Sunset Drive



Front Bed includes:
Hydrangea
Hosta
Geraniums
Lobelia
Soapwort
Petunia
Gazinia

West Side Bed includes:
Coreopsis, Yarrow, Spirea,
Cone Flower, Butterfly
Weed, Day Lily, Tomato,
Daisy, Asparagus



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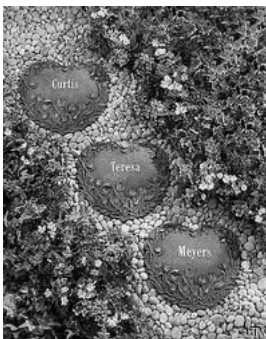
UNL Cooperative Center Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program will be offering a different workshop at each home.

8:00 PM — 1:00 PM

"C is for Container Gardening"
By Dennis Murphy



***"Yes Virginia, there is a...
correct way to plant a tree!"***
By George Haws

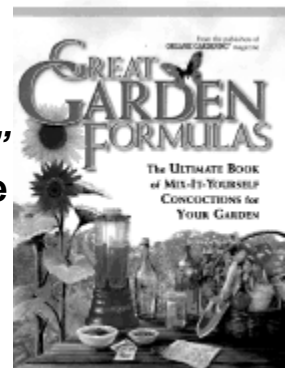


"One Step at a time: How to make your own stepping stones!"
By Chris Rankin

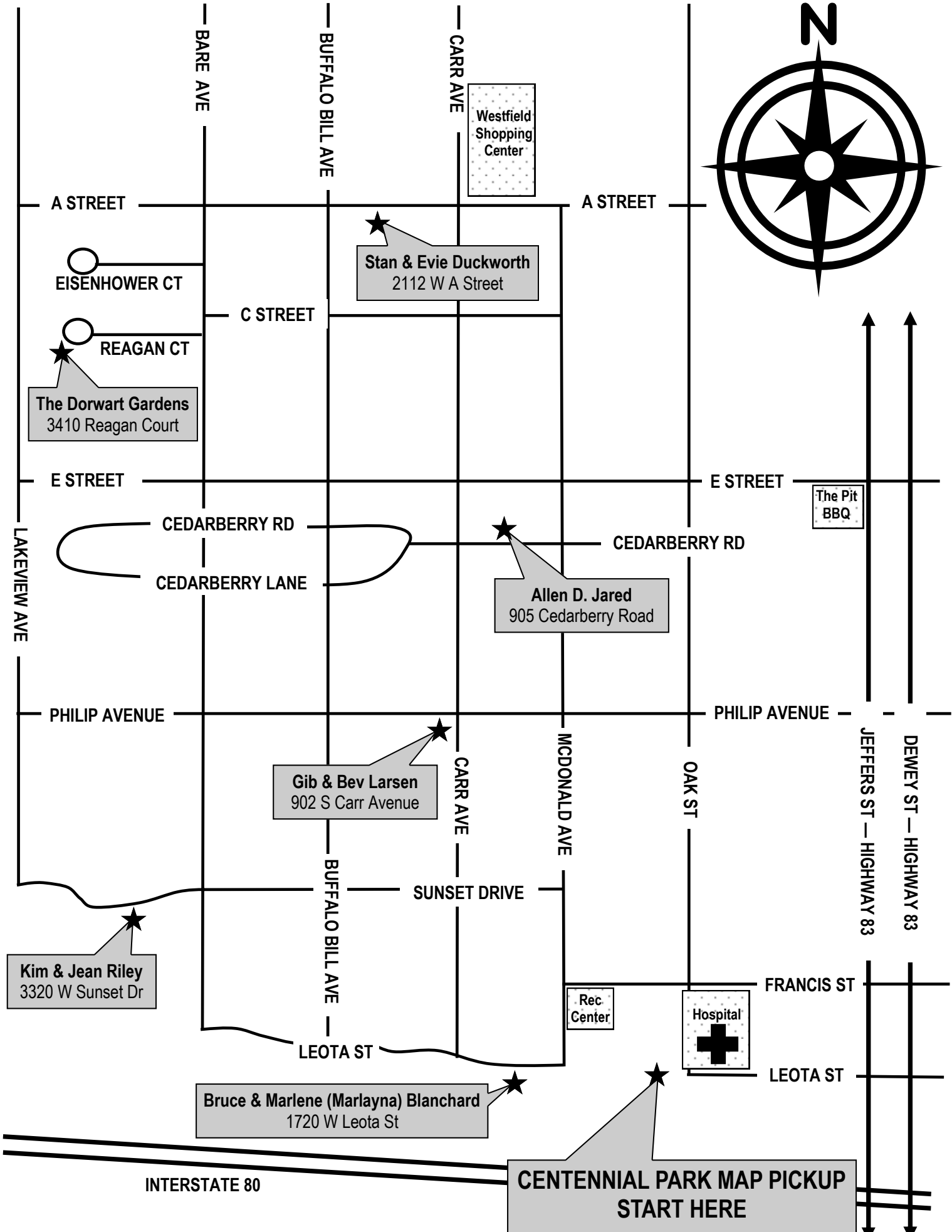
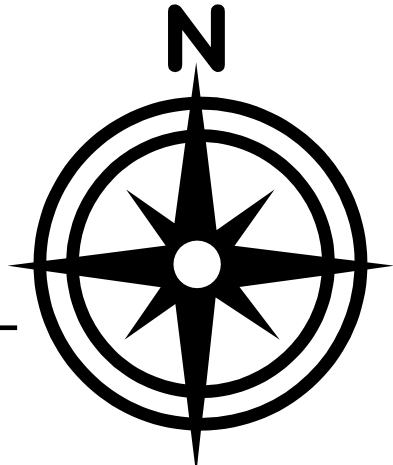


"The 10 Most Common Poisonous Plants for Pets!"
By Faith Fisher

"Great Garden Formulas"
by Kaycee Dye



***"Take time to stop and smell the
roses, then try eating them!"***
By Lisa Arent



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