

**Figure 1.13** The informal wild border eases the transition from the geometric vegetable beds to the wilder areas surrounding the landscape. The herbaceous border includes medicinal herbs, edible flowers, and cut flowers, and provides pollen and nectar for beneficial insects.



**Figure 1.14** Flagstones are set in packed gravel, without a plastic undersheet, for good percolation of winter rain. The stones' pleasing texture makes a safe, all-weather surface.



**Figure 1.15** The edibles in this landscape bear earlier each spring and bear longer into winter than in nearby gardens, because the vegetable terraces are on a south-facing slope, and massive amounts of stone were used in walls and paths. The flagstones reflect extra light into the dense plantings, and the stones give off heat at night. The fieldstone wall was constructed without mortar to save money, to encourage drainage, and to give herbs and flowering plants a place to grow.