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Cannas-Tropical Giants in your Garden

Would you like to add a **big splash** and a lot of **drama** to your garden? Cannas might be just the plant you need! The foliage is so striking that you can grow them for that alone. Some Cannas have outstanding striped leaves that do a great job of setting off annuals, such as petunias or begonias. Many canna cultivars have dark-colored foliage that also make great backdrops for pink and orange colored flowers.

The flowers of Cannas are not to take a back seat to the foliage. In addition to

hot yellow, red or orange shades, there's a good range of pinks and bicolors. They can add drama to the back of a bed and provide a summer screen or hedge. Massed plantings of cannas for large island beds look spectacular with companions like dahlias and ornamental grasses. Cannas can also look great in large pots on patio, deck or around the pool. Mix them with the many other varieties of coleus, sweet potato vine, licorice, petunias or tuberous begonias.

Cannas are easy to grow in rich garden soil. Sandy or clay soil should be enriched with plenty of compost, and other organic matter. Give Cannas full sun and plenty of water. They can even grow in standing water!

Pests don't seem to be much of a problem, but if you do see slugs eating holes in the young leaves, use bait or traps that can be purchased at Linton's Garden Shoppe. Cannas are cold-hardy to USDA zone 8 in our area. You can either treat them as annuals, or dig and store rhizome roots in a cool spot for winter. Just make sure the temperature stays above 32 degrees so they won't freeze.

If you don't have a good warm, sunny spot in your home or a greenhouse to start Cannas, it's best to select them at Linton's where they have been started in pots, so all you have to do is plant and watch them grow into garden giants!

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Hosta Hints

Chalky Blue Leaf Hostas need the most shade. Green and Gold Leaf varieties tolerate sun to bring out color. Variegated Hostas prefer shady areas.

FYI For Gardeners

A **Perennial** lives more than two years.

An **Annual** completes its life cycle in one year or less.

A **Biennial** completes its life cycle in two years. When grown from a seed, the first year foliage is produced; the second year the flowers are produced, set seed, and die.

A **Tender Perennial** is a perennial that requires special winter protection to survive colder temperatures beyond its hardiness zone.

The LED Candle™ Line

It flickers like a real flame, wind can't blow it out, rain won't put it out, and there's no danger of fire. LED Candles are available at

Linton's Floral and Gift Shoppe. Come explore the possibilities!



Remembering Mom . . .



Mothers plant the seed of love that bloom forever. Let your Mother know just how special she is with a unique gift from Linton's Floral Shoppe and Garden Centre.

LINTON'S 2006 Calendar of Events!

- March 31- April 2..... Notre Dame Home Show
(Fri. 5-9pm, Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun 12-5pm)
- May 6 & 7..... Spring Open House
- May 13 & 14..... Mother's Day Open House
- June 3 & 4..... Garden Party Open House
- July 8 & 9..... Salebrate America Open House
- August 5 & 6..... Summer Luau Open House
- September 2 & 3..... Birthday Open House-
(24 yrs. of Quality & Excellence)
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 1..... October Fest Open House
- November 1 & 3..... Red Carpet Open House
(6-8 pm)
- November 4 & 5..... Christmas Open House

Saturday hours for all events • 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday hours for all events • 10 am - 4 pm

“ No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. ”
Eleanor Roosevelt

Linton's Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 6:00 • Saturday 8:00 - 5:00 • Sunday 10:00 - 4:00

The Lore Says It Looks Like Rain

While we're not sure how accurate they are, it sure is a fun reminder of just how unpredictable weather can be.

Bees will not swarm before a storm.

Trout jump high when rain is nigh.

Flowers smell best just before the rain.

Knots get tighter before it rains.

Keeping An Eye On The Weather Ahead...

When The first week of August is usually warm, the coming winter will be snowy and long.

Evening red and morning gray are sure signs

of a fine day. Evening gray and morning red, wear a hat or you'll get a wet head.

When leaves fall early, fall and winter will be mild.

When leaves fall later, winter will be bitter.

The Pine Cone Predictor.

When pine cone petals are open, and the humidity is low, it will be fair or sunny.

When pine cone petals are closed, and the humidity is high, the weather's getting worse.

The Sure-Fire, 100% Guaranteed-To-Be-Right Weather Prognosticator.

If the rock is wet, it's raining.

If the rock is dry, it's fair.

If the rock casts a shadow, it's sunny.

If the rock is white, it's snowing.

If the rock is hard to see, it's foggy.

Planting Pansies

They're long-lasting, undemanding, and tremendously colorful. So, of course, you need to plant pansies. And don't even think about skipping violas.

It takes lots of energy to bloom this much. Plant with a timed-release fertilizer such as 18-16-12. Pluck off spent blooms every few weeks. This is especially true of pansies; violas tend to be less demanding.

You don't need a garden to have flowers. Pansies and violas grow beautifully in containers and flowerbeds alike. Plant a hanging basket full of violas. As they mature, plants creep over the edges, dripping with flowers. Place the basket where you can see it up close and personal. Add curly-leaved parsley to the mix for a lush container or border.

Visit Linton's Garden Centre to see the wide selection of pansies and violas that are available.

ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,

I'm never sure how and when to divide my perennials. Can you help me?

Signed, Gertrude Gardener

Dear Gertrude Gardener,

Propagating plants by root division is not only an inexpensive way to increase your collection of perennials, but it also stimulates new growth both below ground and above ground.

Although some gardeners promote dividing perennials every 3 to 5 years, I prefer considering a plant's shape and condition before taking a spade to it. If a plant looks crowded and isn't performing well, it probably needs to be divided. If the plant is thriving and is producing good blooms, then I leave it alone.

The success of a transplanted division depends on its root system. There must be sufficient roots to support the foliage. I usually start by inserting my spade about 8" away from the base of the plant. Pry the root ball out of the ground and lay on its side. Place the tip of the spade in the center of the root ball, and with a jabbing movement split the crown in half. Continue this process on the divisions until you get the number of new plants you want. Replant the divisions at the same depth as the original plant using Fertilome's Root Simulator to help the plant get established.

Plants that grow from rhizomes or tubers are also good candidates for division. Rhizomes are thick, fleshy stems that grow horizontally just beneath

the surface of the soil such as Iris, while tubers are swollen sections of stems or roots as in Dahlias and some Anemones. Once the rhizome or tuber is out of the ground, wash or shake off the soil. Using a knife or pruning shears, cut into pieces that contain at least one growth point or dormant bud. Discard old or diseased rhizomes or tubers. Plant in the soil with growth point or dormant bud just peeking out of the ground about 10 to 12 inches apart.

The best time for dividing perennials is either early spring or early fall, so the plant has enough time to get established before the hot or cold weather sets in. I try to divide fall blooming perennials in early spring, and spring blooming perennials in early fall. It's also a good idea to trim back foliage so it's in proportion with the roots. Dividing on an overcast day or protecting new divisions from the sun for the first few days is also a good idea to help the plants get acclimated to their new environment.

Sincerely, Iris

Kind Words From Our Customers

"Thank you so much for providing the flowers for the wedding. You were honest with what you could do with our budget and worked hard to meet my desires. You were a joy to work with." - Amelia Sumpter-McConnel

"The professionalism, promptness and customer service is outstanding. We have dealt with three very well known landscaping companies in the past and Linton's is far more outstanding! Linton's is definitely a company of 'Quality & Excellence!'" - Ron & Cindy Hestad

Rainy Day Sale

Rainy days need not get you down. Next time the heavens pour liquid sunshine, plan a trip to Linton's. You can shop in the comfort of our covered greenhouses. When our Rainy Days Flag is flying, you'll save 10% off your day's purchases.

We even have a supply of umbrellas for our customers who like to stroll through the gardens. You can visit our website rain or shine at www.lintons.com.

What are FreeBees?

It's our way of saving you, our valued customer money! What's the catch? There is none! We will be running weekly specials that will be featured in the Elkhart Truth as well as in our in-store flyer. All featured items will be "FreeBees" and each week we will have different FreeBees offered.

FreeBees are FREE plants, trees, shrubs and flowers offered in conjunction with a purchase. For example: Buy one, get one free or buy one, get two free. This is our way of saying "Thank you" to you, our loyal customer. Watch for the FreeBees!

Help Save Mother Earth

Every year millions of nursery pots are used just once and then hauled away to the landfill. By recycling and re-using the pots, we can all do our part to help Mother Earth.

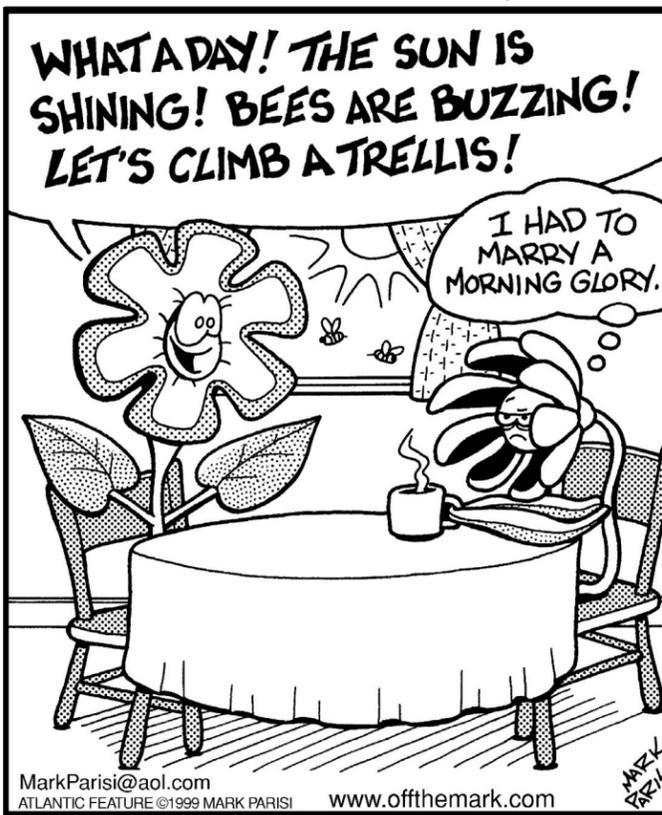
For each used plastic nursery pot returned to us, Linton's will reward you with a credit of 5¢ per container. (1 gallon or larger). And we don't mind if the container was purchased elsewhere.

At Linton's, every day is Earth Day!

Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition.

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



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Quiz Corner! "Flowers"

The Victorians devised a way of communicating without speech. They gave each flower a meaning which allowed them to show their true intentions. Did they have nothing better to do?"

1. What would pink carnations signify?

- Innocence
- Truth
- Indifference
- I'll never forget you

2. Yellow chrysanthemums mean what?

- Slighted love
- Afterthought
- Mental beauty
- Forsaken

3. What do daffodils tell you?

- Farewell
- You are my only
- I am fascinated by you
- You are my true love

4. Which signifies innocence?

- All of these
- Daisy
- White carnation
- Freesia

5. Which do you send to say "you are lovely"?

- Gardenia
- Larkspur
- Dandelion
- Peony

6. What flower lets you know I am faithful?

- Lemon blossom
- Lobelia
- Lavender
- Lichen

7. Makes the perfect wedding bouquet?

- Ivy, white and red roses
- Sweet pea and forget-me-nots
- Lettuce and white rosebuds
- Primrose, yellow rose and fern

8. Which bouquet is most flattering to receive?

- Buttercup
- Camelia
- Narcissus
- Oleander

9. If extremely shy, which would you give to a suitor?

- Red chrysanthemum and fern
- Marigold and barberry
- Hydrangea and larkspur
- Cyclamen and burdock

10. Which color rose conveys a thank you message?

- Dark pink
- White
- Red
- Coral

Please submit your answers to Linton's via mail or in person, if answered correctly, you may receive a \$75 Gift Certificate.

What's Cooking?

Asparagus Salad with Walnut Oil Vinaigrette

- 1/4 C. white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbl. minced shallot
- 2 Tsp. Dijon mustard
- 3/4 Tsp. salt
- 1/2 Tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 C. vegetable oil
- 1/4 C. walnut oil
- 2 lbs. asparagus, trimmed & steamed until just tender
- 1/3 C. toasted chopped walnuts
- 1 Tbl. chopped fresh parsley leaves



In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, shallot, mustard, salt and pepper. While continuing to whisk, add the vegetable oil in a very thin stream, whisking constantly. Whisk in the walnut oil.

Place asparagus on platter and pour dressing over asparagus. Garnish with walnuts and parsley. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary. Serve immediately.

**Clip & Save
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Variegated Hosta or Mayapple! (1 Gallon)

(Limit 1 coupon per family-Please) • (No Purchase Necessary) • Expires 6/1/06

Caring For Your Easter Lily

Keep the soil moderately moist. Do not allow plant to stand in water. Place in indirect or bright-diffused light with a moderate temperature of 65-70 degrees during the day and 50-60 degrees at night. The blooms will last longer if you place the plant in a cool location at night. Remove the yellow anthers before they shed pollen to prevent pollen from staining the white blossoms.

After flowering, keep the lily in a well-lit location and continue watering. Set lily outdoors when the danger of frost has passed. In frost-free climates, you can plant the lily in the garden permanently. In colder areas, bring the lily indoors after foliage dies back or before autumn's first frost. After foliage dies back, leave plant in its pot in a cool, dark area for at least one month, keeping the soil quite dry. After leaves emerge, bring plant into a bright window, increase watering and fertilize with a water soluble plant food. With proper care, you can enjoy several seasons of blooms with your lily.

Linton's

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Saturday and Sunday

- Sale -

May 6th & 7th



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