



LINTON'S

# Leaflet

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Landscaping \* Lawn Care \* Nursery  
Garden Centre \* Floral & Interior Décor Shoppe

## 16 Curb Appeal



Once again, Linton's Enchanted Gardens has partnered with WNDU TV with their fourth annual 16 Curb Appeal makeover contest. After reviewing hundreds of applications, Mark B. Linton, along with Anchor Woman Tricia Slo-ma and News Director C.J. Beutein, narrowed the choices down to the top three, and the WNDU viewers voted Brian and Beth Housand from Elkhart, as the winner!

The Housand's live at 4040 Jackson Blvd. in a 150 year old historic home that they are restoring. The couple has two sons, Jake, 15 and Ben, 11-years-old.

Linton's is excited to be a part in creating the dramatic transformation for the Housands' home, and invites everyone to drive by to see the results or by checking it out on the WNDU website by searching "16 Curb Appeal." We will also have updates on our Facebook page.

## Flowers to Make You (or someone else) Smile

There's no question about it, flowers have been proven to make the receiver happy! Whether celebrating a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary or just a cheery reminder to show the receiver is in your thoughts. Or do you need to brighten a corner in your home? Linton's Enchanted Gardens has the right idea for you! A monthly bouquet from our Floral Shoppe is just the ticket!

Linton's Flower of the Month Club is now available for membership at any time. To join in this great program, simply purchase a \$30 yearly membership and provide a designated recipient with a pretty, wrapped, fresh floral bouquet for 9 months out of the year. As a special bonus, in February, May and December each club member receives a \$5 discount off any Linton's purchase of \$10 or more! Bouquets may be picked up any time during the other designated 9 months.

What can you expect in your bouquets? Listed this year are: ½ dozen roses, fragrant carnations, long-lasting alstroemeria and sunny daisies.

Certificates are available for purchase from our Customer Service counter during any month and the program is good for one year from the start month.

If your group is seeking a fund-raiser, Linton's will be happy to provide details of a proven money-maker for your organization.

Flower of the Month Club membership is a great way for Linton's out-of-town customers to provide a lovely, monthly reminder of their care to a local loved one.

There are many uses for your flower of the Month Club membership. Many pick up their bouquets to share with a hospital patient, new mothers, or house-warming gifts. You can decide who you wish to make happy!

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## We're An Attraction!

That's right! It's now official! Linton's Enchanted Gardens is honored to be recognized as an "attraction" and the State of Indiana has erected signs on both the 80/90 Toll Road and the US 20 Bypass to mark and easily identify the exits for Linton's many out-of-town and out-of-state visitors.



## Dog Days of Summer

Congratulations to Maria and Amanda Schmucker and their Shelties. They won our 'Best Dressed Dog' contest. They were so cute! Thank you to everyone for your participation in the contest. There were so many wonderful dogs, and their owners were pretty nice, too!

Remember, you are welcome to bring your dog with you any time you come to Linton's! It's a great place to walk!

## Rainy Day Sale

Rainy Days Need Not Get You Down.

Next time the heavens pour liquid sunshine, plan a trip to Linton's Enchanted Gardens. You can shop in the comfort of our Interior Décor Shoppe or Conservatory! When our Rainy Days Flag is flying, you'll save 10% off your day's purchases in the Garden Centre! We even have a supply of umbrellas for you to use if you'd like to stroll through our gardens. You can visit our website, rain or shine, at [www.lintons.com](http://www.lintons.com).

Linton's Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 - 7:00 • Saturday & Sunday 8:00 - 6:00

# PUMPKIN BOWLING

We are so excited to, once again, partner with ADEC for our annual Pumpkin Bowling! This Elkhart Truth sponsored event is the weekend of October 15-16 and will be filled with pumpkin smashing festivities. We invite you to come to our straw-bale bowling alley, grab a pumpkin and “roll” it to try for a strike. The lanes will be set up all weekend. Pumpkins are only \$1 and you can bowl with yours until it bursts.

ADEC works together with people living with disabilities, along with families, friends and organizations to help maximize their abilities to meet goals and dreams and fully participate in their communities. ADEC is dedicated to supporting the prevention of disabilities and breaking down barriers, both physical and attitudinal, through active community education, advocacy and support.

Grab your ‘bowling shoes’ and help us raise funds and awareness of this agency that assists so many people and families in our community.

## Local & Sustainable

By Mark Linton, President

Linton’s Enchanted Gardens is your source for locally grown plants. You may not be aware that in addition to our 9 acre Home and Garden Centre, we also have a 40 acre growing facility located in Bristol, IN. It is at this location where we start our young plants in propagation and cold frame homes and then transport the finished plants to our Garden Centre.

At Linton’s, we are very “green” and getting “greener” all the time! In every business decision that we make we want to make sure that we are meeting the needs at the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Sustainability... we practice what we preach! Whenever we have a choice, we choose biodegradable materials which break down quickly into naturally occurring elements when exposed to nature. Our retail and growing facilities both feature bioswales. These swales are designed to accept and convey storm water runoff by utilizing natural means to treat storm water by filtering out contaminants. We do everything possible to make sure that our carbon footprint is as small as possible. When we build or remodel a structure, we specify certified or reclaimed wood whenever possible. We even recycled our buildings and structures from our old location, and contracted to have them relocated to our new site. This is the ultimate in recycling, “recycled buildings.” Our store and work areas are equipped with Compact Florescent Lamps (CFLs). These CFLs are many times more efficient than the incandescent bulbs using almost 75% less energy!

Composting is our way of life at our Nursery. We compost all plant material waste and utilize this compost in our plant production potting mix. We offer multiple recycling programs to our guests. We “buy back” all nursery pots and re-use them at our Nursery. We also accept the fronts of holiday cards to be recycled into new card which also benefit the ADEC organization. Another popular recycling program is our “buy-back” of baskets and glass floral vases to be recycled in our Floral Shoppe. Our new retail facilities were designed with the day lighting concept to utilize the natural light as much as possible which reduces our reliance on electricity. During the winter months our glass conservatory can help heat our indoor studio and showroom through solar heat. During the summer, the excess heat is released through the roof vents and our greenhouse is equipped with automatic solar

shade which keeps our Conservatory cooler during the day and warmer in the evenings. Our ponds are not only beautiful to look at, but they have been designed to be a balanced ecosystem made up of a complete community of living organisms and non-living materials. We also reclaim our irrigation water at both our growing and retail facilities. We capture all run-off water and prevent it from running into nearby streams and rivers and re-use it to water our plants, again and again. We are utilizing more and more Light Emitting Diodes (LED) as replacement fixtures become available. You can find these highly energy efficient bulbs throughout our facilities.

Our offices and showroom windows have a low-emittance coating. These Low-E windows help reduce the U-factor by repressing radiant heat flow. We also have selected insulation for our structures that have a high R-value which aids in the ability to resist heat flow. Our Nursery and Garden Centre features permeable drives and pathways which allows for the passage of water into the ground, which helps to keep the water table from being depleted. We offer a large selection of organic fertilizers and pest controls in our Garden Centre. These are great options for gardeners to do their part in protecting our environment. We also grow and offer a large selection of our locally grown Native Plants. These are plants whose presence and survival is not due to human intervention.

As we gradually replace older equipment and appliances at both of our facilities, we constantly are aware and make these informed buying decisions based upon if the product carries the Energy Star rating, which is a governmental program that sets a standard for energy efficient products. When we were designing and constructing our new retail facility we also insisted that a Geo-Thermal heat pump was installed to provide our indoor spaces with both heating and cooling needs. This system works by concentrating naturally existing heat, rather than by producing heat through combustion of fossil fuels.

At Linton’s Enchanted Gardens, we are constantly searching for additional ways to reduce our dependency on the environment, and continue to create a higher level of self-reliance, and utilizing sustainable practices to do it! At Linton’s Enchanted Gardens, Earth Day is EVERY DAY!

## KIND WORDS FROM OUR CUSTOMER

Thank you for a great job! I am impressed! Service was excellent! I will brag about it to all my friends.

Hope I can care for it ok. I may call Charlie for help. You have made a friend.

Harold Wiseman, Elkhart, IN



### Employee Spotlight

Debby has been a part of the Linton team for over 6 years, and is both the Assistant Enchanted Garden Centre Mgr. and Linton’s Do-It-Yourself landscape designer. Debby and her husband are both avid gardeners, and have had their home’s landscape and gardens featured in our local Garden Walk. Debby has completed her Master Gardeners training, and has a passion for plants. She has lived in Elkhart her entire life. She is married to Mark, and they have two girls and two adorable dogs! Linton’s Enchanted Gardens is honored to have Debby as a part of our management team!

In an ongoing effort to increase our ADA accessibility, Linton’s Enchanted Gardens now has a wheel chair available for the use of our guests. It is located just inside our front entrance.



## 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 (1 gallon or larger) returned to us, Linton’s will reward you with a credit of 5 cents per container. And we don’t mind if the container was purchased elsewhere.

*Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition.*



### What Are “Free Bees”?



What are “Free Bees”? If you are a regular customer of Linton’s, you already know. But if you’re new to the area, you might just think that we are passing out those pesky pollinators that may sometime sting us. Well, you are wrong! Every week during the Garden Centre season, we pass on HUGE savings to our customers with our weekly Free Bee Sale. These are healthy plants that we have grown at our own Nursery in Bristol and have over produced.

When we need to get our inventory level down, we pass on these unheard of savings to our customers! Where else can you buy one or two plants and get three free? Linton’s Enchanted Gardens of course! Just watch our weekly ads in the Elkhart and South Bend newspapers, or simply stop by and pick up a weekly sales flyer and look for the red sale flags throughout the Garden Centre.

Our Free Bees specials may also be found on our website at LINTONS.COM., FreshTV/abc57-SaturdayMorning, and YouTube - search LintonsEnchanted.



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## Mr. Smarty Plants

Dear Mr. Smarty,

My yard is a mess! Pets and kids trample everything, my outdoor patio is too cramped and disorganized, while my neighbor's watch everything we do from their backyard. What am I to do? I dread facing another summer like this!  
 Signed, At Wit's End

Dear Wit,

Make a list of your problems and start looking for some solutions. Consider what bothers you about your space. Is it traffic flow, clutter or the division of space? Would a new brick patio or low-maintenance deck help with activities and entertaining? A privacy hedge could be created or a grouping of trees could block the neighbor's view while creating a relaxing garden room. Sometimes removing just one shrub, putting in a small planted area, or redesigning the shape of a bed can keep kids and pets out of that favorite planting area. New designs can add color and a face lift to any yard while increasing functionality. Whether it is excitement or peace you crave, a redesign may just do the trick. If you can't figure out the solution, then its time to call your professional designer. Remember also that landscaping not only adds value to your life, it also adds value to your home! Linton's offers free landscape design consultations and has a complimentary Do It Yourself program as well.

## Spooktacular - October 22 & 23

Get a jump start on Halloween with Linton's this fall with our Spooktacular event! Kiddos will be able to enjoy our straw bale maze and if they come in costume they will get a treat, too. We will have pumpkin bowling for only \$1 per pumpkin to benefit ADEC in Bristol. On top of all the fun we will have sale prices so low they are downright SCAREY!

## FALL IS FOR PLANTING, BUT LET'S DO IT CORRECTLY

By Laura Sherman

As the crisp air moves in and plants prepare themselves for a long winters nap, it is a perfect time to break out the shovel and add some new trees and shrubs to our landscape beds. Linton's has a sale every fall on thousands of trees and shrubs. We grow a wonderful selection that is sure to please most everyone. Now that you know there is a sale coming, you should be prepared to care for your newly planted items properly.

When trees and shrubs are planted in the fall, it is important to remember to keep them watered until the ground freezes. Many people shut down their sprinkler systems in the fall, however, the plants will still need water until at least late November. You should have a plan in place to accomplish this. You can use hose watering for larger areas or a watering can for smaller areas. Until the end of November, your evergreen trees and shrubs still need water. Also, applying Fertlome's Root Stimulator will aid in the development of a fast-strong root structure. This will reduce stress on the plant and will help the plant become well established.

This past spring and summer, our area experienced storms that produced high winds. Many trees fell over and became damaged, some beyond repair. All newly planted trees benefit from the use of a tree staking kit. This will keep the tree upright and provide the roots additional time to become properly anchored.

If you have evergreens, it is especially helpful to protect their needles and leaves from the drying winter winds. An application of Bonides Wilt Stop to them stops or reduces winter burn, reduces salt damage and keeps your plants from drying out. This is an inexpensive insurance policy for your landscape and will also save you time as well as money.

By following these suggestions along with planting guide, your plants will give you many years of pleasure. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact one of our knowledgeable Garden Centre staff members.

Happy Planting!

## Decorating Services

Do you get overwhelmed thinking about putting up all your exterior and interior fall and Christmas decorations? Why not let Linton's take care of that for you? We have experienced design teams who will come to your home and add harvest displays, put up your Halloween decor, hang your Christmas lights, and even put up your tree! Call Mark Linton for more information! P.S. - we will even come back after the holidays and take it down for you, too!

## Locker Lookz

This is a hallway hit! In our area, only Linton's can provide you with industrial glamor to the inside of your school locker with Locker Lookz. The wallpaper stays secure with the included magnets. Also available in the collection are organizational bins, shag locker rugs, jeweled flower magnets, magnetic mirrors and marker boards. The lamps and chandeliers had Kathy Lee and Hoda, of the Today Show, raving!

Our featured recipe is from the Gooseberry Patch Cookbook. Visit our Interior Décor Shoppe to see all the titles of our Gooseberry Patch Series.

## Apple Crisp Pizza

13.8 oz. Tube refrigerated pizza crust dough  
 2/3 c. sugar  
 3 T. All-purpose flour  
 1 t. cinnamon  
 4 Granny Smith apples, cored, peeled, cut into 1/2" slices  
 1/2 c. caramel ice cream topping  
 Optional: vanilla ice cream

### Oat Topping:

1/2 c. all-purpose flour  
 1/3 c. brown sugar, packed  
 1/3 c. quick-cooking oats, uncooked  
 1 t. cinnamon  
 1/4 c. butter, softened

### RECIPE

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**GOOD!**

Toss dry ingredients to mix; blend in butter until crumbly.

Spread dough on a greased 12" pizza pan. Combine sugar, flour and cinnamon in a plastic re-closeable bag; close and shake; add apples and shake again. Arrange apples in a single layer to completely cover dough; sprinkle with Oat Topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven; immediately drizzle with caramel topping. Cut into wedges and serve warm, with scoops of ice cream if desired. Makes 15 to 18 servings.

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by Mark Parisi



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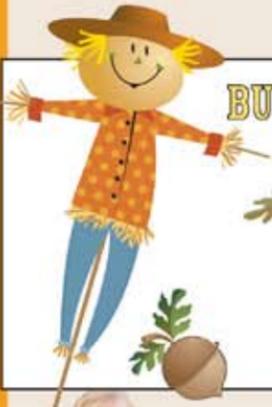
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