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Garden Centre • Floral & Gift Shoppe • Landscaping • Lawn Care • Nursery

Perennial Paradise

This year we will be carrying well over 1,000 varieties of perennials...more than any other garden center in the Midwest! With this much variety and volume to grow, not everything will be ready by early May. It would take a rather large book to list and give descriptions of what we're growing, so make sure to visit us regularly in May and June for the bulk of our perennials.

However, we will be having special re-



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Please call Ruth Linton at Linton's, 293-9699 to set up your appointment!



Here We Grow Again!

Last year our "Secret Garden" was such a hit that we have tripled the size of our shoppe. We can now offer a greater selection of garden-themed decor for both indoors and out.

We also have a newly developed area called "The Garden Shoppe" where we can display an

expanded line of fertilizers, insecticides and a large selection of items for your garden and landscaping.

We're growing to serve you better.
Mark Linton

The Legend Of The Dogwood

There is a legend, that at the time of the Crucifixion the Dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree, that it was chosen as the timber for the cross.

To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it: "Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, never again shall the Dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross.

Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of



a cross...two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember...that it was upon a Dogwood tree that I was crucified. This tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of my death upon the cross.

Linton's Garden Centre has a large range of Dogwood trees starting at \$24.99.

leases in July, August and September of some really cool plants.

Just check our signs throughout the Garden Centre for "new releases". You will find things like Ligularia with burgundy leaves top and bottom, variegated Coneflowers (maybe some orange ones!), great Epimediums, Geraniums, Heucheras (a lot!), all Silver Brunnera, yellow mondo grass, super Daylilies, hundreds of Alpines, Sedums, Hens & Chicks.

Also arriving will be super new or rare Clematis, great Hellebores (the cool ones!), lots of new Hosta, Iris, Ferns,

Poppies, Lilies and Woodland Jewels. You could easily do a totally hardy and reasonably maintained garden with our selection of trees, shrubs, evergreens and perennials that would far exceed anything you'll find in the gardening magazines!

Great Gardening,

Geoff

P.S. If you're not sure what a Heuchera, Brunnera, Ligularia or Hellebore are, you really need to check them out and buy one.

LINTON'S

2004 Calendar of Events!

- May 1 & 2 Spring Open House
May 8 & 9 Mother's Day Open House
June 5 & 6 Linton's Garden Party-Open House
July 10 & 11 Salebrate America Open House
August 7 & 8 Summer Open House Hawaiian Luau
September 4 & 5 Birthday Open House-(22 yrs. of Quality & Excellence)
October 2 & 3 October Fest Open House
November 2 & 4 Red Carpet Open House (6-8 pm)
November 6 & 7 Christmas Open House

Saturday hours for all events • 8 am - 5 pm

Sunday hours for all events • 10 am - 4 pm

“ A garden is the best alternative therapy

Germaine Greer



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

Did You Know . . .

As spring approaches in the water garden, make sure the leaves are kept out of the bottom of the pond. Don't feed the fish until the water warms into the upper 40's, and use wheat germ based foods when you do feed. Fertilize plants only after growth begins on bog plants and after leaves have reached the surface for water lillies. Don't forget to lift potted plants to the surface if they were placed on the bottom of the pond for winter.

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.



How Do You Say That?

(A short little course in plant pronunciations)

Achillea: (a-kill-EE-a)

Yarrow

Aquilegia: (a-quill-EE-ee-ah)

Columbine

Baptisia australis: (bap-TIZ-ee-ah oss-TRAL-iss)
False Indigo

Buddleia davidii: (BUD-lee-ah da-VID-ee-eye)
Butterfly Bush

Chelone obliqua: (kee-LOW-nay ob-LEEqua)
Turtlehead

Cleome hassleriana:
(klee-OH-mee hass-ler-ee-AY-nah)
Spider Flower

Echinacea purpurea:
(eh-ki-NAY-see-ah per-per-EE-ah)
Purple Coneflower

Gypsophila: (jip-SOFF-a-la)
Baby's Breath

Helichrysum petiolare:
(hel-ih-KRY-sum pet-ee-oh-LAR-ee)
Licorice Plant

Perovskia atriplicifolia:
(fer-OV-skee-ah at-trih-pliss-ih-FOE-lee-ah)
Russian Sage

Picea glauca: (py-SEE-ah GLOK-ah)
Black Hills Spruce

Stachys byzantina: (STAK-iss bye-zan-TEEN-ah)
Lamb's ears

Thuja occidentalis: (THOO-yah ox-ee-den-TAL-is)
Arborvitae

Viola: (VYE-o-la)

Hello, I'm Jean Tavernier . . .

I am part of the Linton's team and it's a bit hard for me to hide my excitement, because I have a great job! I have always had a love for fabric, furniture and design. I was able to pursue my dreams at Ball State University. I graduated with an Art Degree with a specialization in Interior Design.

Decorating the Linton's Gift Shoppe always seems to be a work in progress - there's always something to try, to replace, or to move around. It's my hope that Linton's gives you the inspiration to try something new, to display what you love in new ways or just follow your own personal style.

I hope that you will come and visit us and ask for me. I would love to help you with your design needs and questions. I do make house calls!

Jean Tavernier

Carnations Are The New Roses

After years of being consigned to proms, the *carnation* is suddenly in demand. The economical filler flower took center stage at a New York charity gala where stylist Colin Cowie used thousands of carnations to create the look of lush floral upholstery.



New varieties aren't your grandmother's carnations. Hot are miniature varieties and new hues like candy pink and lavender. Bonus: Their low cost lets you buy in garden-size quantities. (According to FTD.com, they go for about one-fourth as much as roses.) "It's taking an old standby and making it into a glorious trend." It's comeback time for the carnation.

Annuals

We will increase our selection and volume of annuals by 30% this year with lots of cool tropicals such as palms, bananas, vines, lots of New Zealand Temperennials, Proven Winners, tropical aquatics, huge cannas, great new varieties of annuals for sun or shade and all the standards. Such as 5 colors of wave petunias, large geraniums (4" to 2 gallons), hundreds of Proven Winner hanging baskets, tropical topiaries, etc.

See you this spring,

Geoff

P.S. Lot of new pots
and planters, too!



Spotlight on: Rare & Unusual Plants for 2004. These & many more!

Acanthopanax Sieb. Variety

Hibiscus Syr. Meehanii

Pinus Thumbergia "Thunderhead"

Acer griseum

Chinese Dogwood vars. Satomi, China Girl,
Sunplash (Aug) Galzam, Samzam Heart Throb
(pink)

Franklinia Alatamaha

Halesia Carolina Rosea

Tricolor Beech

Cornus Florida, Cherokee Chief, Stellar Pink,
Constellation, Aurora, Celestial

River Birch "Little King"

Magnolia Sieboldii

Hydrangea mac. Endless Summer

Magnolia grand. Bracken's Brown Beauty

Wiegela "French Lace"

Ilex X Willemert (Holly)

Heptacodium miconioides

Musa bassjou & Zebrina (banana)

Azalea Viscosum

Oxydendrum arb. Sourwood

Mnt. Laurel, Elf, Olympic Fire, Sarah

Rosa Knockout

Witchhazels

Tree Peonys (several named Jap. cultivars)

This list is just a sampling and could go on for several pages of just the rare and unusual plants, including a large selection of dwarf conifers!

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!

“ You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you. ”

John Wooden
College basketball coach

Helping The Environment

At Linton's, we continue to pursue initiatives that protect and preserve our environment. Imagine the tons of nursery pots and containers that get dumped into our landfill each season.

By recycling and re-using these pots, we can do our part to protect our environment. And, you can help!

For each used plastic nursery pot returned to us, Linton's will reward you with a credit of 10¢ per container. (1 gallon or larger). And we don't mind if the original plant was purchased elsewhere.

At Linton's, every day is Earth Day!



Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition.

“ So plant your own garden and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers. ”

Author Unknown

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is May 9th!

Teleflora's Venetian Glass Bouquet for Mother's Day 2004 is available at Linton's Floral Shoppe.

The most successful Gift Bouquet in the company's history!

Bird Watching

The return of birds signals the end of winter, a promise that spring is just around the corner. Songbird style sweeps the home front with looks that pay homage to our winged friends. Whether sweet or sophisticated, birds are flocking indoors for a little extra pizzazz.



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A Sweet Lesson In Humility

Years ago, a 10-year-old boy approached the counter of a soda shop and climbed on to a stool. "What does an ice cream sundae cost?" he asked the waitress.

"Fifty cents," she answered.

The youngster reached deep in his pockets and pulled out an assortment of change, counting it carefully as the waitress grew impatient. She had "bigger" customers to wait on.

"Well, how much would just a plain ice cream be?" the boy asked.

The waitress responded with noticeable irritation in her voice, "Thirty-five cents."

Again, the boy slowly counted his money. "May



I have some plain ice cream in a dish then, please?" He gave the waitress the correct amount, and she brought him the ice cream.

Later, the waitress returned to clear the boy's dish and when she picked it up, she felt a lump in her throat.

There on the counter the boy had left two nickels and five pennies. She realized that he had enough money for the sundae, but sacrificed it so that he could leave here a tip.

The moral: Before passing judgement, first treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

*Adapted from A Lifetime of Success
Pat Williams • Fleming H. Revell*

11 Reasons To Send Flowers

I Love You!
I Miss You!
Thinking Of You!
I Care!
Thanks For Being You!
I'm Sorry!
Great Job!
Welcome!
Thank You!
I'm Glad We're Friends!
Celebrate Today!

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What's Cooking?

Rice Italiano

1 C. uncooked long grain rice
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 C. grated Parmesan cheese
2 C shredded Mozzarella cheese
3/4 C. cottage cheese
1 Lb. lean ground beef
1 jar (15.5 oz) spaghetti sauce
Italian seasoning, to taste
Parmesan cheese, to taste



Cook rice according to package directions. Cool slightly. Add eggs and 1/2 C of Parmesan cheese, mix well, set aside. Combine cheeses, mix well. Brown meat and drain off excess fat.

Sprinkle with Italian seasoning to taste. Add spaghetti sauce and continue cooking until thoroughly heated. Spoon rice mixture into 2 Qt. casserole dish.

Cover with the cheese mixture and top with meat sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese to taste. Bake at 375 degrees 20-25 minutes or until heated through. Serves 6 to 8.

These Are Latin And Greek Words Commonly Used In Plant Nomenclature

Alba - white	Mono - single
Aurea - chartreuse	Nana - dwarf
Azur - blue	Pendula - weeping
Coccineus - scarlet	Poly - many
Dentata - toothed	Prostata - creeping
Flava - yellow	Purpureus - purple
Flora - flower	Reptans - creeping
Globosa - rounded	Rosea - rose
Lacteus - milky	Rubra - red
Luteus - yellow	Virens - green
Macro - large	

New Designers On Staff!

To better assist our customers, Linton's now has three designers on staff in The Floral Shoppe. Please contact Clarice, who was formerly the owner of her own shop, Rhonda or Ruth for all your floral design needs.



Linton's

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday and Sunday

- Sale -

May 1st & 2nd



Free Kids Korner & Petting Zoo

For kids of all ages!
Hand feed the exotic birds,
bunnies, pygmy goats,
mini horse & dwarf deer.
Tree house!

FREE

Hot dogs,
Cotton Candy
& Pop

Floral & Gift
Shoppe

Yellow Tag Sale

**50%-90%
OFF!!**

Save

**20% to 50%
OFF...**



Selected items in our Garden Centre.

Annuals Sale

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Over 300 new perennials
& all of your
old favorites

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