



# Linton's Leaflet



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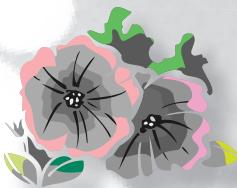
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## Building A Floral Clock

By Mark B. Linton

Did you know that certain flowers open and close daily on schedule? Certain flowers take their cues from nature and circadian rhythms. In order to build such a clock, you would need to plant the following flowers:



	Opens By:	Closes By:
Scarlet Primpernel (A weed in Europe)	8:00 am	2:00 pm
Dandelion (Please don't plant this one, we have enough already)	9:00 am	5:00 pm
Morning Glory (Of course)	10:00 am	6:00 pm
Water Lily (We grow them)	11:00 am	2:00 pm
Goats Beard (We grow them)	Noon	6:00 pm
California Poppy (Not hardy here)	1:00 pm	6:00 pm
Chicory (We kill this weed)	2:00 pm	5:00 pm
Four o'clock (who would have guessed?)	4:00 pm	6:00 am
Evening Primrose (Appropriate name)	6:00 pm	Noon

I've never seen such a clock. If any of our gardeners are up for the challenge, let us know and we'd love to feature your garden in a future Linton's Leaflet.

Happy Gardening, Mark



As a service to our customers, Linton's offers complimentary wedding consultations. Please call Ruth Linton at Linton's, 293-9699 to set up your appointment and receive a complimentary bouquet of flowers at your consultation.

## Discover The Benefits of Landscape Lighting

The perfect landscape lighting can add curb appeal, value, safety and security with a minimal amount of light. From highlighting architectural and textural elements of a building, to drawing attention to an ornamental shrub or tree, landscape lighting adds drama by producing interesting shadows along vertical surfaces. The right combination of landscape lighting fixtures and layout will enhance the look of a property and its landscaping.

Dozens of options are available to suit just about every budget. If you're considering adding lights to your outdoor space, it's important to remember that "less is more" when it comes to landscape

lighting design. A little bit of light goes a long way, especially at night. Linton's designers hide the light sources so that you focus on the effect of the illumination. We also avoid the look of an airport runway when lighting walkways and drives by using high-quality fixtures which put out more light with less light fixtures.

Landscape lighting also adds a sense of security as well to your home. A well-illuminated landscape can help protect against any potential intruders. Give Linton's a call for a free, no obligation estimate and ask for Mark Linton.



## The Message of Flowers

Ever think about the message in those marigolds that you're sending? Specific combinations of flora make certain emotions get to bloomin'. Feeling frisky? Send reds, purples, hot pinks, and spicy oranges (translations: Phlox, Asiatic Lily, Gerbera Daisy). Need to slow things down?

Pick light greens and misty blues (Larkspur, Freesia, Silver Brunia). Think this is all poppycock? Rutgers University doesn't: a behavioral study there concluded that the mere presence of flowers triggers happy emotions and heightened feelings.

## LINTON'S 2005 Calendar of Events!

July 9 & 10.....Salebrate America Open House  
August 6 & 7.....Summer Hawaiian Luau  
Open House  
September 3 & 4 .....Birthday Open House-  
(23 yrs. of Quality & Excellence)  
October 1 & 2.....October Fest Open House-  
November 2 & 4.....Red Carpet Open House  
(6-8 pm)  
November 5 & 6.....Christmas Open House

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

“ The best friend on earth of  
man is the tree. When we use  
the tree respectfully and  
economically, we have one of  
the greatest resources on earth

Frank Lloyd Wright ”

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

## Can this houseplant be saved? TEN TIPS!

### 1. SMART MONEY

Does this scenario sound familiar? You spend \$10 on flowers that last five days. Then you throw them away, no big deal. The cost/pleasure ratio? Two dollars a day. So why hang on to languishing or moribund houseplants for years? Not long ago I visited a young friend in her first apartment. She showed me around, and pointed to a listing ficus. "I've had this since college," she said proudly. Amortize your houseplants that lasts 18 months is a good investment. When a stock market investment goes bad, you cut your losses and get out. Same with houseplants. Would you keep your bouquet of flowers for years? No, you would not.

### 2. OVERWATERING

Wanting to tend to houseplants is, in my opinion, a nurturing impulse. You want to show them that you love them, so you give them too much water. Most plants should get a good soak; empty water that spills into the saucer. If overwatering tempts you, get a papyrus plant; it likes standing in water.

### 3. UNDERWATERING

Forgetting to water can be just as bad, unless you have mother-in-law's tongues, which can withstand much such neglect. Or cactus.

### 4. OVER-OR UNDERFEEDING

I've found that fertilizing once a month is about right, except when it isn't. Some plants (orchids and clivia, for example) need more sustenance in growth periods in order to bloom. There are a few horticultural pleasures greater than getting an orchid to bloom more than once, so if you take on high-maintenance plants, make sure you live up to the commitment.

### 5. BUYING THE WRONG PLANTS

You need a plant that can thrive for the longer term, which means a sturdy root system. gingerly pull the plant partway from its pot. Look for a healthy balance: about 75 percent roots to 25 percent soil. A plant with weak roots may feel like it can be tugged easily from the soil. Alternatively, a pot-bound plant will have dense roots encircling the container and forming a thick mat on the bottom.

### 6. HYGIENE

A dusty, dingy houseplant is not a pretty sight. Don't just dust around your plants; clean the leaves with a moistened paper towel. And I have never met a houseplant that does not perk up when put outdoors in a wonderful temperate rain shower.

### 7. LOCATION, LOCATION

If the directions specify a location in full sun, then provide one. In general, placing plants too

close to a heat source is not a great idea. Misting or a tray of moist pebbles can come in handy. If a plant isn't flourishing in one location, move it. Turn plants around from time to time for even foliage development. Plants often don't like to be jammed together, even if you are aiming to replicate the lush tropics.

### 8. REPOTTING

How do you know when a plants needs repotting? It looks strangled, and dries every few days. Use a pot the next size up, fill with fresh potting soil, loosen the roots with your fingers, and soak until the water drains out the bottom.

### 9. SEASONAL CARE

The first hot day is not the time to put plants in the blazing sun, nor is the first freeze the time to bring them in. A slow transition is better - from a sunny spot indoors to dappled shade and then to sun. A garage or porch can be a transition space.

### 10. AVOID MEDICAL INTERVENTION

Many books say that home remedies can rid you of epidemics such as whitefly. (Rubbing alcohol on cotton balls as a cure comes to mind.) Maybe so, but some things work better on paper than on plants. If you see more than a trace of medical trouble, sacrifice the plant to save the others.

## 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!

## Welcome Debby Fessenden!

We welcome to our Linton's Staff Debby Fessenden, who will be our Assistant Garden Centre Manager. Debby is a Master Gardener and also a Linton's customer. She owned her own business as a landscape designer. Her home was featured in a garden tour.

Visit our Garden Centre and let Debby show you how to brighten up your landscaping!

## How Do You Say That?

(A short little course in plant pronunciations)

Agapanthus: (ag-uh-PAN-thus)

Lily of the Nile

Bignonia capreolata:

(big-NO-nee-uh kap-ree-uh-LAY-tuh)

Crossvine

Caltha palustris: (KAL-thuh puh-LUSS-triss)

Marsh marigold

Cornus alba: (KORE-nus AL-buh)

Siberian Dogwood

Fagus sylvatica: (FAY-gus sill-VAT-ih-kuh)

European Beech

Gaillardia aristata:

(gay-LAR-dee-uh ar-iss-TAY-tuh)

Blanket flower

Heuchera: (HEW-kur-uh)

Corabell

Lindera benzoin: (lin-DEER-uh BEN-zoe-in)

Spicebush

Lobelia cardinalis:

(loe-BEEL-yuh kar-dih-NAY-liss)

Cardinal flower

Quercus phellos:

(KWURK-us FELL-us)

Willow oak

Tilia tomentosa:

(TILL-ee-uh toe-men-TOE-suh)

Silver linden

Uniola paniculata:

(you-NIE--uh-luh puh-nick-you-LAY-tuh)

Sea oats

## LINTON'S

★ After 23 years ★  
We're still married to  
the idea of creativity.

## 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.*



## Clip & Save

**FREE  
Stella D'Oro Daylily**

1 Gallon

(No Purchase Necessary)

Expires 8/1/05

## ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,

What happened to my Bleeding Heart? It's gone!

Signed, Deeply Saddened

Dear Deeply Saddened,

The steady rise in summer temperature, signals spring bloomers like Bleeding Heart, Hyacinth, Camassia, Daffodils and Scilla to cease flowering, slow foliage production and go into rest period. Don't be too quick to cut back their browning greenery. Chlorophyll from those leaves is being transferred underground to the bulbs and corms where it will be stored in winter as food for next spring.

Signed, Iris

Dear Iris,

What shrubs and perennials can I plant to provide summer color?

Signed, Wondering

Dear Wondering,

For shrubs with flowers try: Potentilla, Snowball Viburnum, Spirea, Cotoneaster, Mahonia and Weigela. For leaf color plant: Dappled Willow, Barberry and Variegated Red Twig Dogwood. In perennials, choose: Roses, Phlox, Campanula, Rudbeckia, Gaillardia, Delphinium, Coreopsis, Veronica and of course, Iris!

Signed, Iris

## What's Cooking?

*Spicy Spanakopita*

1 jar (10.5 oz.) feta cheese marinated in oil and spices, like Mediterra, drained, oil reserved



1 pkg. (10 oz.) chopped frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed dry.

3 Tbs. chopped fresh dill

1/4 C. garden vegetable pasteurized refrigerated egg product, like Egg Beaters.

8 sheets frozen phyllo dough, thawed.

Heat oven to 400°F. Combine first 4 ingredients, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/8 tsp. pepper. Unroll phyllo; cover with plastic wrap and damp towel. Uncover 1 sheet and brush with reserved oil; cut lengthwise into 3 strips. Top each with 2 heaping Tbs. mixture. Fold corner to corner and seal with oil. Repeat with remaining sheets. Bake 18 minutes.

Prep Time: 10 minutes; Total Time: 30 minutes.  
Yield: 12 servings.

As a service to our customers, Linton's offers complimentary interior accessory consultations.  
Please call Jean Tavernier at Linton's, 293-9699 to set up your appointment!

## ROCK ON!

Something beautiful can happen in your garden, even if your plot consists of rocky or porous soil and receives little moisture. Tune into rock gardens and alpines, these small tough and spectacular plants let you groove to the fascinating beat of rock gardening.

The combination of native stone, alpines, evergreens and drought tolerant perennials are uniquely beautiful in a sunny landscape. Planting areas are elevated with good well-drained soils. Boulders large to small are placed throughout and partially buried to look natural. Low growing alpines are placed along edges and tucked into nooks along with sedums. Larger spaces are planted with hardy unique perennials that require

good drainage. Finally, dwarf conifers and small tough trees are placed for focal points. Bare soil after planting is usually topped with smaller washed stone or mulch.

The advantages to rock gardening are low water requirements, easy maintenance and fantastic year round appeal! The senior staff members at Linton's Garden Centre will be glad to assist you with design and details. Too busy? Just give the experts in Linton's Landscape division a call for a quote to have a rock garden installed.



## Coneflowers

Coneflowers are the hot perennials for 2005 due to all the new varieties. We will have Mango Meadow Brite, Orange Meadow Brite, Rubin-stern, White Swan, Little Giant, Vintago Wine, Ruby Star, Big Sky Sunrise, Sparkler, Dapple-ganger and Purpea. Otherwords, white, yellow,

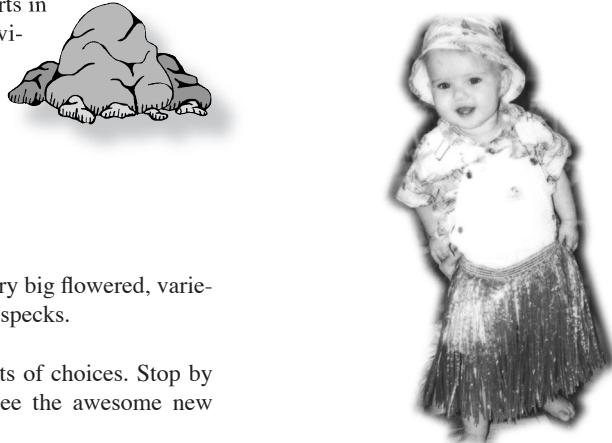
orange, mango, wine, very big flowered, variegated, shorter, taller and specks.

Giant perennials with lots of choices. Stop by our Garden Centre to see the awesome new varieties!

## Welcome Our Newest Floral Designer!

Tracy Lane has joined the Linton's team. She has owned her own floral business and has many years experience with both design and plants. Visit Tracy in our Floral Shoppe for that extra special design!

**Linton's Hawaiian Luau  
August 2004**



You're Invited  
to our Hawaiian Luau  
Open House

**JOIN THE FUN!**  
**Aug. 6th & 7th**

**save 75% OFF  
one item when you  
wear a coconut bra  
and a hula skirt\***

**or**

**Wear a flowered shirt  
and receive  
50% OFF any one item  
in our Floral, Gift  
and Garden Center.\***

*Free leis, tropical punch,  
fresh island fruit*

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