



# Leaflet



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## Celebrate the Season

Come and celebrate the Christmas Season with us at Linton's by attending our Holiday Open House on Saturday, November 5th and Sunday, November 6th.

Visit our "Winter Wonderland" to find the perfect decoration to beautify your home this Holiday Season. Need a gift for someone special?

Visit Linton's Gift Shoppe for a complete selection of one-of-a-kind gift items.



*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.*

## Poisonous Poinsettia Myth

Many consumers mistakenly believe that the poinsettia plant is toxic to children and/or pets. This myth is often propagated by media stores during the winter holidays.

Year after year the society of American Florists work very hard to dispel the long-standing myth regarding poinsettia toxicity. The poinsettia is the most widely tested plant on the market, and research has proved the plant is not toxic:

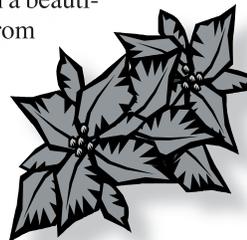
- Scientific research from The Ohio State University has proved the poinsettia to be nontoxic to both humans and pets. All parts of the plants were tested, including the leaves and sap.

- According to POISINDEX, the national information center of poison control centers, a child would have to ingest 500-600 leaves in order to exceed the experimental doses that found no toxicity.

- A study from Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University found that out of 22,793 reported poinsettia exposures there was essentially no toxicity of significance of any kind. The study used data collected by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

As with any non-food product, however, the poinsettia is not meant to be eaten and can cause varying degrees of discomfort; therefore, the plant should be kept out of reach of young children and curious pets.

Remember that someone special this Holiday Season with a beautiful poinsettia from Linton's Floral Shoppe!



## LINTON'S 2005 Calendar of Events!

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

“ Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale ”

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

## Give A Gift That Grows

This year, consider giving a gift that grows, a Linton's gift certificate. Linton's certificates are available in any denomination and can be used on any goods in our Garden Centre and Floral and Gift Shoppe.

They're perfect for anyone who enjoys the outdoors and the beauty of nature and gardening. With a Linton's gift certificate, you'll always know that you're giving the perfect gift!

## Make Ornamental Evergreen Last Longer

- Check for freshness. Before choosing sprigs, give them a quick shake to see if any needles fall, then bend the stem to make sure it's still pliable (not brittle or dry).

- Prolong wreath life with a quick snip. Split the bottoms of evergreen branches in half about two to three inches from the end. Set in a large bucket of warm water and place in a cool area overnight.



## Household Tips To Make Your Life Easier...

Shower door tracks?

Fill the tracks with vinegar; let soak a few hours. Pour in water to rinse away gunk.

Dull chrome fixtures?

For a quick shine, wipe them down with rubbing alcohol.

Dirty toilet?

As a cleaning shortcut, drop in a few denture tablets and let them fizz away. Swish with a toilet brush.

Grimy oven-door window?

To clean away baked-on "glaze," wipe with ammonia, wait a few minutes, then remove goop with a plastic ice scraper; wipe clean.

Ring around the collar?

Scrub with a paste of 3 parts baking soda to 2 parts white vinegar. Rinse and wash as usual. (make a spot test first.)

Stale carpet smell?

Using a flour sifter, sprinkle the carpet with baking soda. Leave on for 30 minutes, then vacuum.

Cooking odors?

To clear the air fast, add a tablespoon of white vinegar to a cup of water and boil for a few minutes.

## Tips To Make Your Candles Burn Longer

- Keep your wick trimmed to about 1/4" to keep candle from smoking and keep flames low.

- Burn candle away from drafts. Drafts make your candle burn unevenly, drip and smoke.

- Refrigerate your candles for an hour before burning. They will last longer.

- Wrap them in foil or plastic while in the fridge or the wick will absorb moisture and the candle will not light properly.

- Store candles in ziplock bags to conserve their scent and keep dust off.

- To remove the remains of a candle from a holder, place holder in the freezer for about an hour. This should make the wax easier to remove from the holder.



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“ A Christmas shopper's complaint is one of long-standing.

Unknown ”

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## Did You Know...

Evergreens can suffer winter injury if their roots cannot obtain an adequate amount of water from the frozen ground. Remember to thoroughly water your plants late in the fall as part of your regular maintenance plan to prevent damage from drying.



## 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 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!



## Saving Energy With Landscaping

Landscaping is a natural and beautiful way to enhance your home and keep energy costs down. This might be the last place you would think to save money, but is just the opposite. Carefully positioned trees can save up to 25% of a typical household's energy for heating and cooling purposes, which translates anywhere from \$100 to \$250 dollars annually.

Deciduous trees planted on the south and the west will help keep your house cool in the summer and allow sun to shine in the windows for light and warmth in the winter.

For all your landscaping needs, remember the experts at Linton's. Give us a call today!

## Take Your Best Family Photo Ever!

Make the whole gang look gorgeous with the camera angle. Have the photographer raise the camera to just above eye level so it angles down on the group slightly. This almost unnoticeable shift visually lengthens and slims bodies, creating the illusion of more height.

Bring on genuine smiles with this ditty. Instead of having the group say "cheese," which often forces an unnatural grin, have your gang sing a short nursery rhyme, like a verse of "Old McDonald," just before the first picture. Not only do kids respond well since they know all the words, but it makes adults laugh, too. The result: You get natural body language and great facial expressions from everyone!

Give everybody star billing with symmetry. Arrange your family members in a symmetrical shape. For instance, if you have an odd-numbered group, put one person in the middle and place pairs of people beside and behind her until everyone has a place. If you have an even number of people, arrange everyone in an inverted triangle (one person in front, two people behind her, three in the next row and so on).

This method of grouping makes the whole photo look more balanced, and since everyone gets the same amount of space, it showcases each person equally.

## The Secret To...Snow-White Icing.

"I love the look of pure-white frosting on chocolate cake, but it drives me crazy when unsightly crumbs are visible. To eliminate the problem I use this method: Let cake cool thoroughly, fill, then coat with any extra-thin layer of frosting. Chill 30 minutes, then frost as usual. The smooth coat seals in the crumbs while letting me spread on a perfect layer of spotless frosting"

## 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 black 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: Black pots must be in relatively good condition.*

**Clip & Save**

**FREE Ornament off of our  
"Customer Appreciation Tree"**

Limit one coupon per family  
(No Purchase Necessary)  
Expires 12/24/05

## ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,

I am new to the area, and am unfamiliar with winter care of trees and shrubs, but want to learn.

Signed, Just Blew In.

Dear Just Blew In,

In Zone 5, taper off summer watering schedules, but water once heavily just prior to soil freezing, if your soil is dry. Fertilizing is best done Fall through mid-Spring, every 2-3 years after initial planting. Make sure you feed the entire root system, which can extend beyond the canopy dripline. Each tree type needs its own nutritional balance, so read up on this! Too much Nitrogen late in the season makes new growth that won't harden off enough to withstand Winter damage. Water-in granular fertilizers to prevent turf-burn, and mark your calendar to check soil moisture levels during the February-March warm spells. Anti-dessicants can be applied to most evergreen trees to prevent wind and lack-of-snowcover drying. Smaller shrubs may need a donut shaped mulch covering near the base, but no more than 3-4 inches to prevent nesting mice from moving in. Winter is a great time to plan for your new ideas in the garden!

Signed, Iris

## What's Cooking?

### Corn Bread, Quince and Pecan Stuffing

6 tbsp. unsalted butter  
1 lb pork sausage, casings removed  
1/4 C. olive oil  
2 onions, peeled and chopped  
2 large quinces, peeled & chopped  
4 stalks celery, finely chopped  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. fresh ground pepper  
1 C. packed flat-leaf parsley leaves  
1 tbsp. dried oregano  
10 cups crumbled corn bread (about 2 8" square pans of corn bread)  
2 C. low sodium chicken broth (14.5 oz.)  
2 C. chopped pecans, toasted



1. Prepare the ingredients: Heat oven to 350°F. Generously coat a 9"x9" baking dish with 1 tbsp. butter, set aside. Cook the sausage in a skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until cooked, but slightly pink. Remove using a slotted spoon, and set aside on a paper towel to drain. Combine the olive oil and 3 tbsp. butter over medium heat. Add the onions and cook until softened-about 5 min. Add the quinces, celery, salt, and pepper. Cover and cook until the quince is soft-about 15 min. Remove from heat and stir in the parsley and oregano. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl, add the sausage and set aside.

2. Bake the stuffing: Cut remaining butter into small pieces and toss with quince and sausage mixture, add crumbled corn bread, chicken stock, and pecans and gently stir to combine. Fill the prepared baking dish with 8 cups of dressing, reserving the remainder to stuff the turkey. Bake, uncovered, for about 50 min. Serve hot.

*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!*

## Style Demands No Limits On Imagination

Imagination and creativity. The basics of smart style. They go hand in hand in professional design. Imagination is seeing a material used in a new, different way. Imagination is escaping conventional wisdom and following a different path.

Creativity is using design skills and techniques to carry out what your imagination conceives. There are no limits to the styles you can create when you release your imagination and your creativity.

Stop by Linton's and let our interior designers help you release your imagination to create an exclusive style that's all your own!

“ Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.

Albert Einstein ”



## Key Findings Of The Society Of American Florist's 2005 Consumer Attitudes And Behaviors Study

Sending flowers makes a truly memorable gift and gives a positive emotional boost.

- 92% of women remember the last time they *received* flowers.
- 97% of survey respondents remember the last time they *gave* a floral gift.
- 88% of survey respondents say a gift of flowers changes their mood for the better.
- 83% say they like to receive flowers unexpectedly.
- 86% say receiving flowers makes them feel special.
- 99% say that a person who gives flowers is thoughtful.
- 89% believe the giver is sophisticated.

Remember that special someone with a sophisticated floral arrangement from the designers at Linton's Floral Shoppe.



## Look for the Lady Bug!

When shopping in Linton's Floral Shoppe, look for the lady bug. In each custom floral created by Linton's staff, you will see a lady bug. This indicates an exclusive Linton's original design!

## How do you say that?

*(A short little course in plant pronunciations)*

Abies koreana (AY-beez kore-ee-AY-nuh)

Korean fir

Cerithe major (sur-IN-thee MAY-jur)

Honeywort

Galanthus elwesii

(guh-LAN-thus ELL-weez-ee-eye)

Lithops (LITH-ops)

Living stone