



LINTON'S

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

Red Carpet Open House

You are cordially invited to our Red Carpet Open House.

The red carpet will be rolled out again for you, our valued customer. Indiana Wines and delicious hor d'oeuvres will be offered amidst 50,000 square feet of spectacular seasonal displays of themed trees, as well as both fresh and silk florals.

The Linton's Staff is excited to present an amazing selection of holiday and interior décor as well as a facility that welcomes and intrigues the most discriminating visitor ... YOU!

**Save 50-75%
Off Select Holiday Décor!**
**All Christmas Ornaments Will Be On Sale,
Buy 2 Get, 3rd Free!**
Select Jewelry 50% Off!

*Tuesday & Thursday
November 1st & 3rd, 2011*

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

(By invitation only & adults only, please.)

Happy Holidays from the Linton's Staff



My Back Yard is "For The Birds"

by Mark B. Linton, President

This past spring I was honored to be selected to design and install a custom back yard landscape to attract birds for Donald and Marie Clemens of Goshen. The Clemens are both retired, love to travel and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past summer.

Both Donald and Marie share a passion for birds and requested that we create a wildlife habitat in their own back yard.

We began the process by mapping out the area and assessing the multiple views from inside the residence, as well as from their rear deck. We decided upon the ideal location for the focal point, a garden pond, complete with a waterfall which provides flowing water year 'round for their birds.

Their newly landscaped back yard has seen a major transformation. The new landscape provides the birds with additional protection from potential predators. Ornamental grasses, along with other plantings will provide nesting materials. Native trees and shrubs have been planted and will produce seeds, nuts and berries all season long! Colorful perennial gardens not only offer beauty, but offer the birds a place to eat and hide. Hummingbird attracting perennials will also be attracting nectar-loving butterflies. We also reduced the size of their lawn and turned these areas into additional bird attracting plantings, making this a low-maintenance landscape. Now that the newly attracted birds are feeling at home in the Clemens' back yard, they will be back year after year to visit with Don and Marie.

I want to thank the Clemens for the opportunity to be a part of this project, and for also allowing their back yard to be featured on WNDU16, as well as Ag-Day, which is aired nationally by all NBC affiliates. If you missed the sequel, it may be viewed on YouTube at "Linton's Enchanted." just click on "My Back Yard is 'For the Birds'."



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

16 CURB APPEAL HOME



The 16 Curb Appeal home on East Jackson Blvd. in Elkhart has now been completed. The 150+ year old home has seen a major transformation and according to Brian and Beth Housand, the project has exceeded their expectations! Their favorite parts of their new landscape are the antique paving bricks for the front sidewalk and the Magnolia Tree, which is already forming new buds for next spring.

We wish to thank both the Housands and WNDU for this opportunity!

KIND WORDS FROM OUR CUSTOMER

"Dear Linton's & Staff: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sponsoring "The Big Pink Weekend!" As a winner of the roses and gift basket, I have been so thrilled with my gifts! The roses are still so very lovely—the size of saucers. I have shared them with friends all over town—giving credit to Linton's, of course!

Thankfully & Gratefully yours,

Felicia Andresen

21 year breast cancer survivor on 12/14/11 & a loyal Linton's fan & customer!

Preparing Your Pond for Winter

John Amos, Senior Garden Centre Staff/Master Gardener

Here in northern Indiana it is time to begin preparing your pond for winter. If you follow these basic steps, your pond will survive our winter to thrive again next spring.

1. Clean all pumps and filters and add Microblift winter prep solution and run pumps to circulate. This beneficial bacteria will work all winter.
2. Give your pond a fall cleaning. You will want to clean the mulm (debris) from the bottom of the pond. It is essential that all the old leaves and mulm are removed! This is where the aeromonas bacteria and parasites live if you let them. Clean before adding any treatments. If the pond does not have any large amounts of debris, do not empty the entire pond. Change 30% of the water and be sure to check the PH and ammonia levels. Prepare your pond netting for use and install before the leaves begin to fall.
3. Clean all filters, skimmers, etc. and remove if they are located where they could freeze. Stop feeding fish when the water temperature gets into the 50's. Clean your floating de-icer and plug in before the water begins to freeze.
4. Now is the time to remove and compost water lettuce and hyacinth.
5. Prune all dead foliage and move plants to the bottom of the pond.

At Linton's Enchanted Gardens we carry a complete line of pond supplies, including Microblift, pond netting, pond heaters, as well as free professional advice!

Photos With Santa

In November and December, you can take pictures with Santa for your non-perishable food donations. Bring your own camera! (Everyone in the picture must have at least one item to donate) All food collected will be donated to Guidance Ministries.

Come join the fun each Saturday (beginning Nov. 5 through Dec. 24) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., help the hungry and take your picture with Santa!



Like us on Facebook



Fashionably Home for the Holidays!

Introducing holiday-ready styles & colors for Winter 2011.

Featured: East West Tote in Suzani

Introducing our new winter line of Vera Bradley...

Just in time for gift giving and for YOU!

25% - 40% savings on select items • Hurry in - limited availability

CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING

This winter we are again partnering with ADEC in Bristol. We will be collecting Christmas Card fronts that will be recycled into new cards by the ADEC residents. This is not only a great way to recycle your old Christmas cards, but to help a local organization turn the old cards into new cards that may be sold to help support their programs. Linton's will be collecting the card fronts at our customer service counter during the months of January and February. Please help us to help the residents at ADEC.

As a service to our customers, Linton's offers
COMPLIMENTARY WEDDING CONSULTATIONS.
 Please call Ruth Linton at 293-9699 to set up your appointment!

Mr. Smarty Plants

Dear Mr. Smarty Plants,

Last year my landscaped yard really got clobbered by the cold, wind, and snow. Any tips for preventing that this year?

Signed,

All burned up

Dear Burned,

Yes! Start now with preventive care, particularly if you have not already begun to do so. Trees and shrubs need soil and foliar moisture to prevent dehydration of branches and needles. (a.k.a.: Winter Burn). Inadequate moisture going into Winter is a major cause of tree and shrub damage and even death. Mid Fall is the time to start tapering off on watering, but don't just "stop". Frozen snow and ice don't readily melt in our Northern winters to provide enough water. Consider purchasing an anti-desiccant spray (i.e. Wilt Stop) for your small to medium sized evergreens and conifers (exception: not on sensitive Blue Spruce). The natural waxy coating that these sprays contain provides protection and prevents loss of moisture. Sealing sprays and anti-desiccants break down in Sunlight, so plan on re-applying when the temperatures won't drop below freezing for 24 hours. Make sure foliage and needles are dry (not wet) before applying, and that the sealant will have enough time to dry before any snow or rain occurs.

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.

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!

WINTER SEMINAR

Saturday, November 19, we will present the seminar "Winter Greens and Containers". Please come to this informative class that meets in our Conservatory at 10 a.m. Reservations may be made by contacting Linton's at 574-293-9699. As always, our winter seminars are free of charge.

Gourmet Gift Baskets

From Linton's Enchanted Gardens

Yum, Yum!!! Who wouldn't enjoy receiving "Happy Birthday Wishes", "Congratulations", or "Thank You" messages by way of a spectacular gourmet gift basket from Linton's Enchanted Gardens? Specialty drinks, unusual cheeses, gourmet crackers, delicious cookies, fresh fruits, as well as decadent, hand-dipped chocolates can all be presented and delivered in the most artistic manner that will show your recipient how much you truly care!!!

One of our most popular designs in our wide selection of specialty baskets is our uniquely themed gift baskets. Our themed baskets will be artistically created and presented exactly to your specifications. Another option would be to incorporate the recipients' interests into a custom designed gift basket that will certainly convey your individualized message. Linton's wide selection of unusual gifts are bound to please both the recipient, as well as you, the gift giver!

Linton's Enchanted Gardens is well-prepared not only to serve individual clients, but also to assist in corporate gift giving as well! Our gorgeous gourmet baskets are the perfect choice for the holiday season, or just to say "thanks for being our customer". We offer world-wide delivery for as little as one order and we are equally well equipped to deliver hundreds of gift baskets for our corporate clients as well!

Put your "thank you" in the hands of our skilled team of designers at Linton's Enchanted Gardens and the remembrance will go on and on!

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

Hot Fudge Cake

A delectable make-ahead dessert that takes only minutes to assemble.

16	ice cream sandwiches
16-oz	container frozen whipped topping, thawed
2 12-oz.	Jars hot fudge topping
½ c.	Spanish peanuts

RECIPE
 mmm ...
 mmm ...
 GOOD!

Arrange 8 ice cream sandwiches in a single layer in a 9"x13" baking pan. Spread with one-half of whipped topping; add one-third of fudge topping and one-half of nuts. Layer with remaining sandwiches, remaining topping, one-third of fudge topping and remaining nuts; drizzle with remaining fudge topping. Freeze until firm, about 3 hours. Cut into squares to serve. Serves 16.

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by Mark Parisi

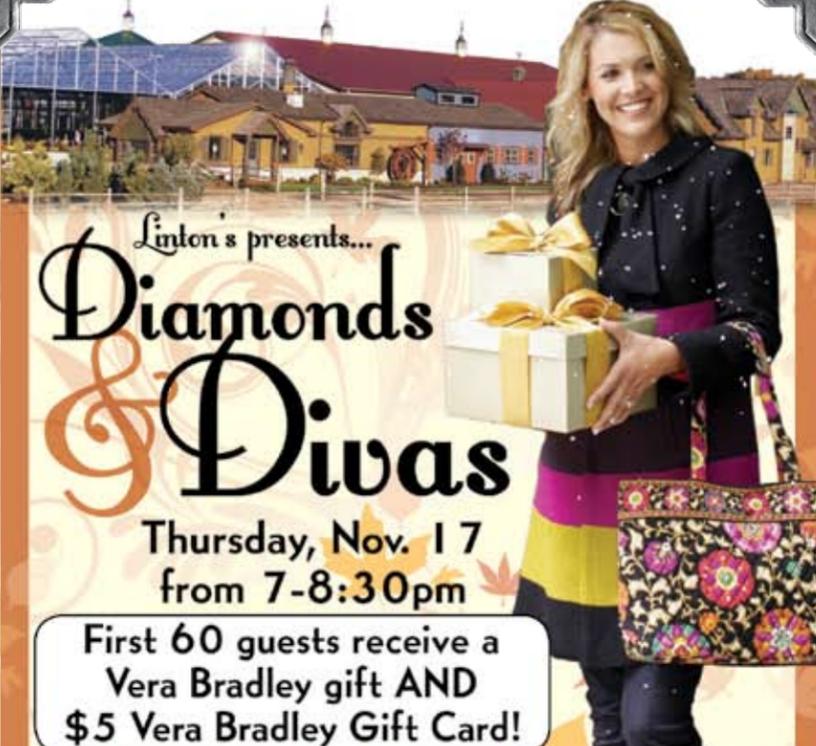


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Linton's presents...

Diamonds & Divas

Thursday, Nov. 17
from 7-8:30pm

First 60 guests receive a Vera Bradley gift AND \$5 Vera Bradley Gift Card!

A Sassy, Classy Shopping Event!

Door Prizes!
Preview the Winter Line from your favorites:

Vera Bradley

- Russian Radiance Jewelry
- Crabtree & Evelyn Lotions
- Designer Scarves & Fashion Accessories

Bring this coupon for **\$5.00 off** Crabtree & Evelyn purchases of \$20 or more.
Expires 11/17/11

Free Wine Tasting & cheese and chocolate samples
Fruit Hills Winery; South Bend Chocolates; Hickory Meats & More

Register for Christmas gifts!

50% off select jewelry

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday,
Nov. 5th & 6th, 8am-6pm

We welcome you to taste our selection of Gourmet Foods and Sweets served between 10 am and 5 pm. Listen to the Sounds of the Season, as you stroll through our "Winter Wonderland" decorated with over 50 themed Christmas Trees.

SAVE 50-90% OFF SELECT HOLIDAY DÉCOR

- FREE gift boxes with purchase!
- Door Prizes!
- All Christmas Ornaments - Buy 2, Get 3rd Free!

FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA
Bring your camera and one non-perishable food item per person. Donations go to Guidance Ministries

AN EVENT LIKE NO OTHER!

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