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# Summer 2011

Landscaping \* Lawn Care \* Nursery  
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## Summertime and Your Lawn

By Mark Linton, President

Ahhh....it's finally summer! The kids are out of school and the days are getting longer. What does this mean for the avid gardener? Free labor, and more time to spend outdoors, doing the number one most popular family activity in the United States... Gardening, of course!

Summertime is one of the best times to prune and trim your landscape plantings. The golden rule is to always prune a flowering tree or shrub after it is done blooming, so now is the perfect time to prune all of your spring flowering ornamental trees and shrubs. Evergreens are typically done putting on their new growth by July or August, and the summer is the best time to get these shrubs back into shape. A second application of granular herbicide should be applied early in the summer to assure that gardens and landscape beds not having a fabric weed barrier are maintained weed-free. Preen or Treflan pre-emergent herbicide is a great way to control weeds without hurting your garden plants or landscape plantings. This safe and nontoxic herbicide prevents weed seeds from starting to germinate, and is appreciated by all gardeners who depend upon it for a low maintenance garden or landscape beds. Dead heading perennials, as well as most flowering shrubs will promote additional blooms, and will also help to prevent potential diseases or insects.

Watering becomes critically important as we approach our hottest and driest times of the year. Closely monitor moisture levels in container plantings, and raised gardens as well as hanging baskets. These plants are usually some of the first ones to dry out. Moisture meters as well as rain gauges are excellent tools to help determine the amount of water that is in the soil. Lawns can also dry out quickly during the hot summer months. I recommend watering every other day for a longer period of time, rather than daily. This watering schedule will train your grass roots to stretch deeper to collect water, and promotes a healthy lawn. Lawns should also be monitored for potential grub worms as well as fungus, and if discovered, should be treated immediately to prevent serious damage. Fertilizer should be applied to lawns as well as broad leaf weed control during the summertime. Annuals and perennials will put on a more of a show if they are fertilized regularly with a water soluble fertilizer.

The summertime is a great time to fill in any bare areas in your landscape or garden with additional perennials and shrubs. It is during the hot summer that homeowners without shade wished that they had some shade producing trees. Summertime is the perfect time to plant both shade and ornamental trees, as well as install new or additional landscape plantings. It is this time of the year that we enjoy our outdoor living areas, a new pond and waterfall, or a decorative fountain that can add both visual beauty, along with the soothing/relaxing sounds of falling water!

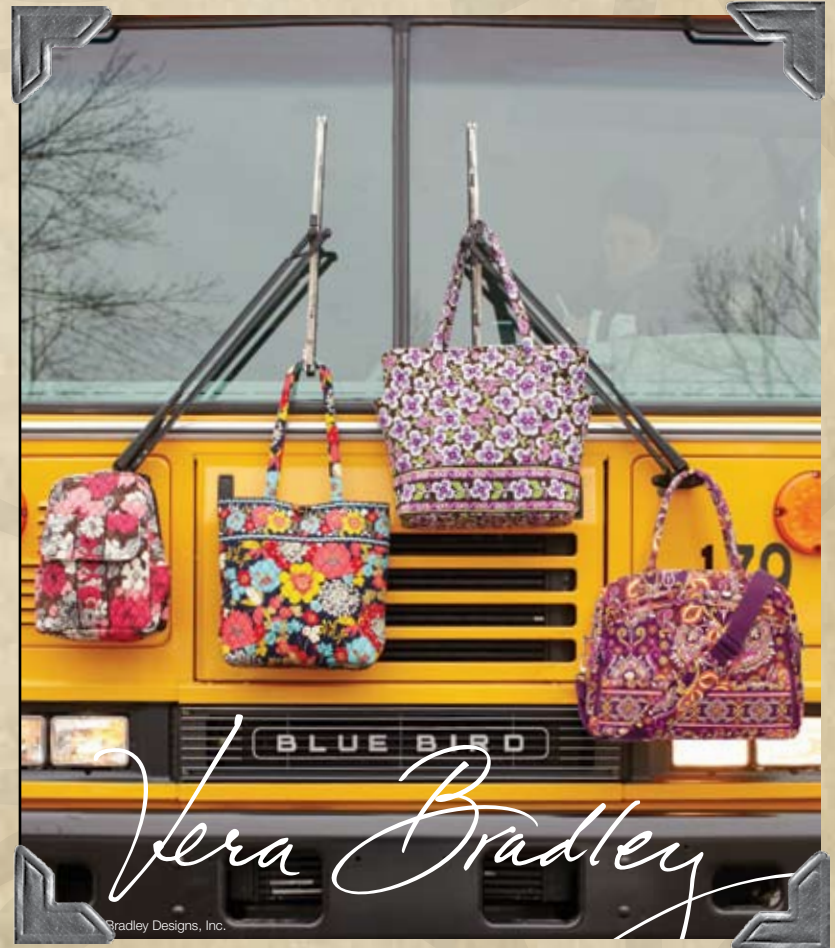
Summertime is not the ideal time for transplanting or dividing plants. This activity should be done in the early spring or late fall when the plants are going dormant. Many non-gardeners may not be aware that the summer is actually a great time for planting or installing new landscaping, as long as the plants are grown in containers. Container grown plants do not go through a "transplant shock" because their roots are not being cut out of the ground. The pots that these plants are grown in are simply slid off of the plants, and then planted into the ground. This method of growing plants in containers assures the gardener that the plant will thrive during the summer as long as the plant gets the water that it requires.

Gardeners who plant spring bulbs should photograph their gardens during the early summer before the bulbs disappear. This is a great way to document the flower bulb locations, and provides an excellent visual map of where the spring bulbs are located so that additional bulbs may be added to the spring bulb garden in the fall when they can no longer be seen.

I always suggest that gardeners work either in the mornings or evenings

during the heat of the summer. This way, the hottest part of the day is avoided. Always remember to use sunscreen, a gardening hat and gloves, and drink plenty of water in order to stay hydrated!

Finally, the summertime is the best time to enjoy the fruits of your labor! Spend time outdoors, read a book in a hammock, write in a gardening journal, hang up a humming bird feeder, and take time to smell the roses! Plan a Garden Party and invite your friends and family, so they too can enjoy the beauty that you have created. Take a vacation in your own back yard! Take time to bring in a bouquet of fragrant lilacs or peonies to be enjoyed indoors. If you have loved ones who are in a Nursing facility or hospital, take them a fresh cut bouquet of flowers from your garden to enjoy. I've never met a single person who didn't smile when they were given a gift of flowers! Happy Gardening!



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### NEW! Fall 2011 Colors & Styles

Introducing the latest styles, colors and collections for fall!

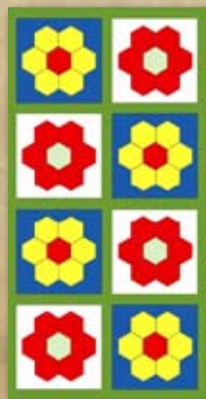
Shown: Backpack in Mocha Rouge, Tote in Happy Snails, Go Round Tote in Plum Petals & Metropolitan in Safari Sunset

Linton's has joined forces with Vera Bradley again this year in the fight against Breast Cancer. When you donate \$2 to the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer you receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win the Hope Grows Twirly Bird Pink quilt created by Vera Bradley. In addition, you are also eligible to purchase a Vera Bradley Tote Bag for \$50 which includes a VB luggage tag and Hope Grows Seed packet. Also included is a bag with Linton's garden gloves and gardeners hand therapy, as well as other items from local businesses.

### Quilt Gardens

This is our fourth year to participate in this popular Elkhart county attraction. This year's Quilt Garden Tour features over 100,000 blooms and 18 gigantic gardens. The tour is absolutely free and is throughout seven different communities.

Linton's Enchanted Garden's Quilt Garden features 5 different varieties of flowers and is called "Grandmother's Flower Garden." Complimentary maps and directions are located next to the Quilt Garden. This tour helps bring in over 100 out of town tour buses to enjoy our facility and our meticulously maintained grounds.



### The Big Pink Weekend August 27 - 28

Linton's is part of a campaign to raise over \$1 million for Breast Cancer Research! Wear pink that weekend and get \$10 off any single tree or shrub (3 gallons and larger) or have Linton's donate \$10 to breast cancer research. Wear the "most pink" and win \$50 Linton's gift card and a \$50 donation to Susan G. Koman for the Cure. There will also be a coloring contest for the kids. We will also be asking our customers to "Round Up for a Cure."

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# Low Maintenance Roses

By Laura Sherman, Garden Centre Manager

When many people hear about roses in the landscape they cringe, thinking of the black spot disease, Japanese beetles, a limited amount of blooms in a season and an extremely high maintenance plant. Well toss out those evil thoughts and let me tell you about the Knock-Out Rose™.

The Knock Out Rose™ was created to be lower-maintenance, disease resistant, cold tolerant and still put on a spectacular show of blooms. William Radler, Knock Out Rose creator, combined rose varieties with the features he wanted to see. He chose to emphasize color, disease resistance, insect resistance and prolific blooms. In 2000 they hit the market and won the All American Rose Selection Award and have become not only a best seller, but the most popular rose in history.

Knock Out roses come in a wonderful assortment of colors: deep red, pink, yellow (The Sunny Knock Out™) with single or double petals. These roses need to have at least 5 hours of sun daily to look their best, and mulch to keep the moisture level consistent. They grow to 3 feet wide and 3 feet tall, blooming non-stop from late spring until frost, thriving in zones 4 thru 10. If the old blooms are removed they will be more floriferous, but deadheading is not necessary. The plants should be pruned in late winter or early spring, while still dormant. Pruning should include removing any dead or damaged wood, shaping if necessary, and taking out some of the interior stems to improve air circulation. Every two or three years, remove about one third of the old branches to stimulate new, fresh growth. To keep a Knock Out Rose a certain height, just cut them back hard with hedge shears—there is no need to worry about usual rose pruning rules! Remember these are low-maintenance roses. For additional fall and winter interest the old blooms can be left on for rose hips to form which turn a stunning shade of orange for the birds to enjoy in winter.

Knock Out Roses are grown locally at our Bristol Nursery and are available in various sizes. A one gallon potted Knock Out Rose is only \$12.99 and is a perfect plant for all gardeners, from the novice to the more experienced. For additional information on roses, or any other gardening questions, please contact one of our knowledgeable Garden Centre staff members.

Happy Gardening!



Linton's Enchanted Gardens is looking for girls in grades 7-12 to participate in a test market of a brand new concept in locker decor. If you are chosen, you get to "pre-design" your locker by visiting [lockerlookz.com](http://lockerlookz.com). After you decide on YOUR design, stop by Linton's and pick out your locker decor. YOUR locker... YOUR look!

"Locker Lookz" features fabulous wallpapers, totally awesome accessories and ultra cool lighting for your school locker. There are a lot designs that can be mixed and matched to express your unique personality. Check it out at [www.lockerlookz.com](http://www.lockerlookz.com)!

What's the catch? There is none! The locker wallpaper is a gift of our appreciation for test marketing our products. We want you to keep the wallpaper absolutely free of charge! Just simply complete the test market survey, return the products after the 30 day trial OR choose to keep the decor package for only \$49.99 (over 50% off!). If you decide that Locker Lookz isn't for you, then simply complete the questionnaire and return the test market products.

Call Jen at Linton's by August 1, 2011 if you are interested. If you get chosen, we'll let you know by August 13, 2011.

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## WNDU 16 Curb Appeal



Once again, Linton's Enchanted Gardens is teaming up with WNDU and will be renovating the front exterior of one lucky Michiana resident.

The winner will receive a landscape renovation free of charge, compliments of Linton's Enchanted Gardens and WNDU. The program will be airing multiple segments as the winner goes through the landscape design and installation process, up to the final reveal. If you happen to miss one of the segments, they may be found on the WNDU website ([www.wndu.com](http://www.wndu.com)), simply search "16 Curb Appeal."

## Watch Us!

It's no longer a secret! You can watch Linton's Enchanted Garden's own Mark Linton give gardening and landscaping tips on local television. Our weekly segment with Mark and Craig Whalen, host, airs on ABC57, Fresh TV every Saturday morning and is a 5-10 minutes segment. This program airs between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. You can also see us on WNDU each Saturday Morning for "Adding Color to Your Garden." the segments are shot on location and feature some of the more than 300 new plant introductions.

On You Tube just sign on and search "Linton'sEnchanted" to find videos with many lawn, garden and decorating tips.



### KIND WORDS FROM OUR CUSTOMER

Great crew at our house! Charlie was awesome. He made us feel like our project was his #1 priority—even though we knew he was juggling several jobs at the same time. He personally saw to it that everything was absolutely perfect. We love our new yard.

Tom & Loretta Blessing, Bristol IN

## SEASONAL DÉCOR

Did you know that Linton's can decorate your home's interior to reflect the seasons? Whether it be spring, summer, fall or winter, let our design team create an indoor living space that is as unique as you are! As always, our initial visit is complimentary!



### 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 need to adjust and lower our inventory.

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 just 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](http://LINTONS.COM)., FreshTV/abc57-SaturdayMorning, and YouTube - search Linton'sEnchanted.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LE TOUR DE PLANTS BIKE RAFFLE WINNERS!

Sponsored by the South Bend Tribune, Linton's hosted a special event in May: Le Tour de Plants. The event benefitted the American Cancer Society. A raffle was held for three bicycles. Pictured above is Laura Sherman, our Garden Centre manager with Tracy Stone and Caleb Gillis who insisted his mother come with him. Not pictured is Brad Burleson. Congratulations to our winners!



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



## 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.*

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by Mark Parisi



RECIPE  
mmm ...  
mmm ...  
GOOD!

## Gooseberry Patch Cookbook "Farmers' Market Favorites"

In the Gooseberry Patch Cookbook "Farmers' Market Favorites" you find the best tried and true recipes to get the tastiest meals on the table. There's also crafty ideas for vintage finds and tips for market shopping. Following is a recipe from this cookbook.

### Ann's Veggie Boats

We all love this dish when we have a barbecue... my family & friends always ask for seconds!

- 6 zucchini
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 t. butter
- 1 T. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 15-oz. Can mixed vegetables, drained
- 1 T. fresh dill, chopped
- 1 T. capers, drained
- 2 slices bacon, finely chopped and crisply cooked
- 2 T. grated Parmesan cheese

Bring a stockpot of water to a boil. Add zucchini and boil for 3 minutes; drain. Slice zucchini lengthwise; scoop out middles to form boats. In a saucepan over medium heat, saute onion and garlic in butter until tender. Stir in flour; continue cooking for one minute, stirring constantly. Gradually stir in milk. Continue to stir until sauce boils and thickens. Add Cheddar cheese, vegetables, dill and capers. Fill zucchini boats with vegetable mixture. Top with bacon and Parmesan cheese. Arrange on an ungreased baking sheet and tent loosely with aluminum foil. Bake at 350 degrees until filling is heated through, about 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

## UFO Alert!!

By Jennifer Martinez, Linton's Nursery Manager

No, this isn't Roswell; this is a "Restricted Area" at Linton's Enchanted Gardens for serious plant collectors only! Yes, the U.F.O.s (Unusual Flowering Objects) have been spotted in the middle of our Garden Centre located around the landing gear of the "large, metallic silver flying disk". We acknowledge, and no longer deny that these plants truly do exist! Our "Research Facility", aka Linton's Nursery, has grown these U.F.O.s utilizing intense security surrounding these never-been-seen-before, Unusual Flowering Objects. What many have believed to have been once a "cover-up", we now agree to openly share these once "off-limit" U.F.O.s to only civilians who are classified as being "plant enthusiasts". These U.F.O.s are now available for the very first time to those that are authorized to help our "Research Facility" find appropriate "test sites" for their future growth and development. We must insist that a strict limit of only 10 per variety be put into place, due to the extreme rarity of these growing and living organisms. Each U.F.O. has been properly identified, named, and tagged with its unique vital statistics, and each U.F.O. includes a small fee to help cover our plant research and development costs.

The U. F. O.s that are scheduled to be released from our "Research Facility" for this summer include:

Summerwine Yarrow, Strawberry Seduction Yarrow, Black Buddha Lily of the Nile, Silver Moon Lily of the Nile, Sun King Aralia, Jelly Bells Bellflower, Summer time Blues Bellflower, Dream Catcher Tickseed, Route 66 Tickseed, Star Cluster Tickseed, Cosmic Eye Tickseed, Galaxy Tickseed, Columbus Montbretia, Venus Montbretia, Bright Eyes Montbretia, Summer Stars Delphinium, Summer Cloud Delphinium, Summer Blues Delphinium, Amazing Dream Coneflower, Cranberry Cupcake Coneflower, Daydream Coneflower, Now Cheesier Coneflower, Phoenix Coneflower, Secret Desire Coneflower, Secret Lust Coneflower, Secret Passion Coneflower, Secret Romance Coneflower, Marmalade Coneflower, Irresistible Coneflower, Aurea Meadow Sweet, Carnival Helen's Flower, Flore Pleno False Sunflower, Berrylicious Daylily, Congo Coral Daylily, Condilla Daylily, Diane Taylor Daylily, Double Red Royal Daylily, Double River Wye Daylily, Dragon's Eye Daylily, Earlybird Cardinal Daylily, Final Touch Daylily, Jerry Pate Williams Daylily, Lacy Doily Daylily, Plumburst Daylily, Russian Ragtime Daylily, Brass Lantern Foamy Bells, Gunsmoke Foamy Bells, Solar Power Foamy Bells, Cranberry Crush Perennial Hibiscus, Alakazaam Hosta, Dream Queen Hosta, Empress Wu Hosta, Sugar Daddy Hosta, Violet Intrigue Lavender, Last Dance Ligularia, Grand Mum Bee Balm, Ferris Wheel Phlox, Grenadine Dream Phlox, Aureole Phlox, Shockwave Phlox, Watermelon Punch Phlox, Sherbe Blend Phlox, Crystal Peak White Obedient Plant, Emilie Cinquefoil, Arc-en-Ciel Cinquefoil, Ultra Violet Salvia, Pink Cotton Candy Betony, Purple Pixie Stoke's Aster, Jeepers Creepers Foamflower, Oregon Trail Foamflower, Sunshine Charm Spiderwort, Lucky Charm Spiderwort, Lavender Plume Speedwell, Purple Haze Calla Lily, Purple Sensation Calla Lily, Lavender Sensation Calla Lily, Rose Sensation Calla Lily, & Selina Calla Lily.

Additional U. F. O.s will be released this fall on September 12th.

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.

## Mr. Smarty Plants

Dear Mr. Smarty,

Spring is over, and now nothing in my yard is producing flowers or color, any ideas?

Signed, A Bloomin' Fool

Dear Bloomin',

Sure! Remember, that when the Spring show is over, the curtain goes up for the next one. Add some new additions that are sure to delight all the senses, and set the stage for Summer. Sunny site performers include the group of old favorites with multiple flowers: Rose of Sharon, Smoke Bush, and Spirea.

All offer several colors & varieties. Use Knock-out Roses for a show-stopper hedge, or place one center stage for a stellar performance accent. Smaller sized, supporting stars are Potentilla, Blue Caryopteris (some have gold leaves), Weigela dwarf varieties, and the new Drift Roses (just 2' x 2'). Steal the scene in sun to light shade areas with fragrance shrubs: Sweet Mockorange (tiny white blooms), Kerria Japonica (small yellow flowers), or Clethera/Summersweet (white flowered or 'Ruby Spice' - red). Nature's tiniest audiences, humming birds and butterflies love them. For the light-to-medium shady "wings" off center stage try Hydrangeas. Limelight or Lemon-Daddy (yellow/green leaves) perk up a dark area. Endless Summer (pink and blue blooms), Oakleaf types (white blooms that age to Pink in Fall), or other varieties can offer Pink, Red, or Blue flowers too. Lots to choose from! Natives like Ninebark 'Diablo' or 'Dart's Gold' offer hard to find Summer color as well. Any of these will keep the interest of any audience well into Fall.

Signed, Mr. Smarty



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# Special Events For 2011

Saturday & Sunday hours for all events:  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Dog Days of Summer • July 30 - 31  
Sponsored by The Elkhart Truth

Hawaiian Luau • August 13 & 14

The Big Pink Weekend Event • August 27 & 28  
Sponsored by The South Bend Tribune

Birthday Party • September 10 & 11

Oktoberfest • October 1 & 2

Pumpkin Bowling • October 15 & 16  
Sponsored by The Elkhart Truth

Spooktacular • October 22 & 23

Red Carpet Event • November 1 & 3  
4:00 - 8:00 pm.

## 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).

*the* **HAWAIIAN  
LUAU**

**Saturday & Sunday  
August 13th & 14th**

**AN EVENT LIKE NO OTHER!**

Save **75% OFF**  
on select plants when you wear a coconut  
bikini top and a hula skirt

or Save **50% OFF**  
on select plants when you wear a  
Hawaiian Floral Shirt

Yellow tag sale in  
Floral & Interior Decor Shoppe.

Save **50-90% OFF**  
on yellow tagged items!

*Join the  
fun!*

*Free leis and frozen  
tropical drinks!*  
(served from 10am - 5pm)

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