

# Linton's Leaflet

Spring 2016

Landscaping

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Nursery | Garden Centre

Floral & Interior Décor Shoppe

Garden Café

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## Finally it's Spring!

By Mark Linton

Wow! Winters sure seem to drag on here in Michiana! We've been working hard to prepare for an even a greater experience for our guests this spring! We are adding many new attractions for our guests enjoyment. This year we will be offering a new Butterfly House loaded with beautiful native butterflies for your viewing pleasure! For the kiddos, we will have a Mini-Excavator, just like the big ones, only a lot smaller, and they can operate the hydraulic levers to dig and move dirt. A Quad Cycle will be available for families or groups of four to peddle around our display gardens, the pond, past the Petting Zoo, and through the train tunnel.

We now have a total of four Macaws! Two are Blue and Gold Macaws, named Bloomer and Blossom, and the other two are Scarlet Macaws named Sunny and Scarlet. Kiddie Bumper Boats and Hand Paddle Boats will be available for our smaller guests. We have expanded our Free Petting Zoo, and will be adding a Fallow Deer, an Emu, and a Muntjac. The only ones in Elkhart County!

In our Garden Centre, we will be introducing over 200 new plant introductions throughout the coming seasons. These will be available by our UFO, which stands for "Unusual Flowering Objects". Our guests will also see many new amazing fountains and statuary to decorate your garden or landscape. We will continue to offer our popular Free Bee Sale all season long. If you're not familiar with this sale, we offer weekly plant specials of items that we may have grown too many of at our Nursery in Bristol. These plants are HEAVILY discounted, and sell

out fast! The Free Bee sale changes every week, so be sure to watch our weekly television show, or check out our website, or watch for the ads in The Elkhart Truth or the South Bend Tribune.

Our Garden Cafe will be introducing new Belgium Waffles which are guaranteed to be the best waffles you've ever tasted or your money back! These new waffles are incredibly delicious, and words cannot describe them. We will be serving them for breakfast, and later on in the day you can enjoy them on a stick! They taste so incredible that I personally don't recommend putting maple syrup or anything else on them so that you can taste the caramelized sugar. Our chef has come up with many new Chef Specials which will be featured on our Digital Message Centre, and also on our Facebook.

Our Floral Department has become the "go to Florist" for weddings and special events, and does an amazing job creating unique and one-of-a-kind florals for your special day! Our Flower of the Month Club continues to be very popular and the price for a yearly membership remains the same low price of \$30.00, that it has been for the past twenty years! This is much better than what the local supermarkets offer, and gives you even more!!!

Inside our store you will discover a totally new look for spring! New spring and everyday decor, new fashions, with many from Italy! Also, beautiful Vera Bradley purses in totally new designs and styles! We have expanded our popular card lines and have the largest selection around! Be sure to check out the Aqua Sphere in our indoor pond, for I'm sure that you have never seen anything like this before! We have expanded our selection of unique lamps, decorative accessories, candles, and unique wall art to decorate your home. And to decorate your body, we have many new jewelry lines that are reasonably priced, as well as the latest in scarves and belts for spring, many of which are now on sale with savings of up to 75-90% off!

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Our Nursery in Bristol, located just a couple miles away from our Home and Garden Centre has recently constructed six additional greenhouses to keep up with the growing demand for excellent quality plants and low prices. By growing our own plants we are able to offer an amazing array of rare and unusual plants along with all of the old favorites, and compete price-wise with the large chain stores. Only Linton's plants come with our exclusive Two Year GuaranTree!!!

Our Landscape Maintenance Division continues to expand, and we have increased the size of our crews due to the fact that we have had many potential customers on our waiting lists. So if you have wanted our lawn care services in the past, but were told that we were "filled up", then please give us a call before we get filled up again!

Last year we were blessed to design and install some incredible custom landscape projects and several of these clients are allowing us to feature them on our TV show this spring. We have been asked by all five local stations to air our TV show at additional times. We have included the updated schedule in this newsletter.

Our Quilt Garden design is called 'Card Trick', and will be planted with thousands of Petunias, Ageratum, and Marigolds. It is sure to be a favorite stop along the Quilt Garden tour. See full details about the garden in the article in this newsletter.

We are excited to welcome you back to see and experience all of the changes that we have made for you!!!

Mark Linton



## Our Garden Centre is open!

Buds are opening. The sun is shining for longer periods of time. The days are getting warmer and Linton's has all sorts of new, and wonderful merchandise! As always, our garden center is loaded with all the plant material you could want. We have all the landscape basics, but we also pride ourselves by offering unique and unusual garden plants. You can easily find these new and different plants just by browsing through our UFO (Unusual Flowering Objects) beds located near the space ship (yes, the space ship) in our Garden Center. We offer fun, unique containers, statuary, and fountains! Also we have expanded our Fairy garden area to hold all the magic you could possibly want in your own personal garden.

Spring is the perfect season for renewal. Freshen up the weathered mulched areas. Add a place to sit and watch nature, maybe add a Butterfly/Hummingbird garden or start your own Butterfly habitat or a kitchen Garden, full of edible plants and herbs.

The garden Centre staff at Linton's is as knowledgeable as you'll find. We can help you with any of your gardening/landscape questions. We will help you find the correct product to prevent disease and control insects. We can help you design beautiful landscaped areas and assist you in making your garden parties shine

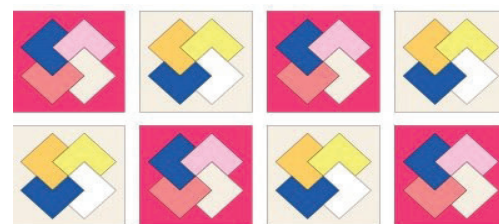
## Watch This!

*Check out our weekly Show.*

2016 Colorful Inspiration show times  
(Airs April- October)

<b>WSBT</b>	Saturday & Sunday mornings- 5am
<b>SBT 2</b>	Saturday & Sunday mornings- 6:30am
<b>WNDU</b>	Saturday mornings- 6am and Sunday mornings- 5:30am Month of May- Saturdays- 12:30pm
<b>WSJV</b>	Saturday mornings- 6am and Sunday mornings- 5am and 7am
<b>WBND</b>	Saturday and Sunday mornings- 5am
<b>WHME</b>	Saturday mornings- 7:30am
<b>WMYS</b>	Saturday mornings- 8:30am

To view online- go to [www.lintons.com](http://www.lintons.com) and click on the YOU TUBE link.



## Quilt Garden

Linton's is pleased to be an official stop on the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail.

At Linton's, this year's quilt garden is a blending of 2 themes: the Indiana Bicentennial celebration of 200 years of statehood, and the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation's fabric selection 'Katalina Pink' shown in the 2016 product line

In addition to the Quilt Garden, Linton's will be raffling off a handcrafted quilt with the proceeds benefiting the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Research and Hello Gorgeous! Of Hope, Inc. The quilt can be seen inside the Interior Decor Shoppe at Linton's, and raffle tickets are only \$5.00 each.



# Floral Trends

By Ruth Linton

We're a little slower in the United States as far as adapting to European trends. Whoever would have thought of the importance of Hens n' Chicks might play in floral design. Succulents have sky rocketed in popularity. Linton's, as a design leader in numerous areas, stepped out-of-the box and used the often colorful plants in vase designs and wedding bouquets. Succulents might give a contemporary look, but with the right components, Linton's designers easily adapt it to a French Country or Garden design. Either way, the addition of succulents spell FUN!

What might be a surprise to some, is the introduction of Tillandsia into the floral design world. Formerly just used as a singular, easy to grow house plant, it is really not a surprise that these plants are a new trendsetter in design. It's pretty easy to see the relationship between succulents and Tillandsia. Their appearance is similar, care is minimal, and each variety creates an intriguing focal point in an arrangement.

Used as cut flowers, they have extraordinary lasting power and of course can be used without a water source. Needless to say, a decision to use the Tillandsia puts you in the position of being a trendsetter!

See Linton's Garden Centre for numerous varieties of both succulents and air plants...all it takes is very little water.

See the next newsletter for information on the 2016 color trends in floral.



## UFO! "Restricted Area"

Roswell at Linton's? No, but it is a "Restricted Area" for serious UFO (Unusual Flowering Objects) plant collectors! At the landing gear of the alien space ship located in our Garden Centre you'll find the products from our 'Research Facility' in Bristol. The cover-up has been blown and the whistle-blowers have demanded we disclose the presence of these results to the public. This area, previously off-limits, has been opened up to customers classified as 'Top Plant Collectors.' We are seeking 'test sights' to help our Research Facility. Each UFO has been properly identified and tagged with its unique statistics. Test sights will be charged a fee to obtain the UFOs to cover discovery and development costs.



# Spring carnival days

SATURDAY & SUNDAY • JUNE 4 & 5

COME ONE! COME ALL!

## FUN & GAMES

All guests are invited to join the fun and everyone's a winner! Winners receive discounts **50% TO 100% OFF!**

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# Make & Take Classes!

Linton's offers a variety of Make and Take classes where you can have fun with your friends and take home a great project. We will provide materials and instruction. All classes take place in our beautiful tropical Conservatory.

## Sat. Workshops

We have the perfect way to spend a few hours on a Sat. morning! Come and be creative with us! One of our talented Designers will show you how to make a unique and fun project that you can take with you! Workshops last about 1-2 hours and are \$19.99 per person. Some workshops will have optional additional materials available for purchase.

## Linton's 2016 Make and Take Classes Schedule

DATE	CLASS	TIME	COST
Thurs., April 21 Design & Dine	Hypertufa Hand	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Thurs., May 19 Design & Dine	Spring Door Décor	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Thurs., June 16 Design & Dine	Painted Mushroom Pot	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Thurs., July 21 Design & Dine	Leafcasting	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99

See a sample of the design on our Facebook page.

## Design & Dine!

Enjoy a delicious meal then complete a project to take home.

\$29.99 per person includes dinner instruction & materials.

Design & Dine-Dinner features sandwich chips, salsa, cookie and choice of coffee or soft drink from our Garden Café.



### Rainy Day Sale

Visit us the next time the heavens pour liquid sunshine! Shop in the comfort of our Interior Decor Shoppe or Conservatory!

When our Rainy Days Flag is flying, save 10% on purchases from the Garden Centre! We have umbrellas for you to use as you stroll through our gardens. Visit our website, rain or shine, at [www.lintons.com](http://www.lintons.com).

## What are Free Bees?

Regular customers of Linton's already know! If you're new to our Garden Centre, you might think we are passing out pollinators that sometimes sting.



During gardening season, we pass on HUGE savings with our Free Bee Sales. These are healthy plants, grown at our Nursery in Bristol. We just need to reduce our inventory, so we offer them to our customers at unheard of savings! Watch our weekly ads in Elkhart and South Bend newspapers, or stop by and pick up a sales flyer. You'll find red sale flags throughout the Garden Centre.

Our Free Bee specials may be found on our website at [lintons.com](http://lintons.com).



## Wedding Consultation

As a service to our customers Linton's offers complimentary wedding consultations. Please call Ruth Linton at 293-9699 to set up your appointment.



### Linton's Hours

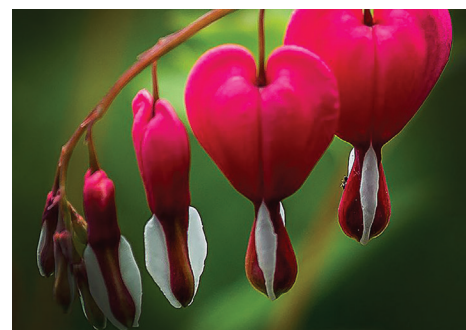
Monday -Friday  
8:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday & Sunday  
8:00am - 6:00pm



## Linton's Special Events for 2016

Saturday & Sunday	April 30 & May 1	Our Spring Fling
Saturday & Sunday	May 7 & 8	Mother's Day Extravaganza
Saturday- Monday	May 28- 30	Memorial Day Sale: Red White & Bloom!
Saturday & Sunday	June 4 & 5	Spring Carnival Days
Saturday & Sunday	June 11 & 12	Pirate Adventure
Saturday & Sunday	June 18 & 19	Father's Day Sale
Saturday & Sunday	June 25 & 26	Luau Weekend



### Plant Spotlight:

#### *The Bleeding Heart*

By Jackie Weiss  
Garden Center Manager

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More commonly known as the Bleeding Heart, it is an old fashioned perennial loved by plant enthusiasts all over. This beauty gets its name from the pretty heart shaped flowers that appear in early to mid spring and can sometimes last into mid summer. Bleeding Hearts will likely go dormant during the summer so be sure to plant with Hosta and Ferns so that you don't have an empty space in your garden. It can reach sizes of 3 feet tall and wide, and does best in a shady spot, but can tolerate some sun when mixed with other plantings. Flower colors are pink, white, and red.

## Host your party here!



Planning a special event? Let us be your venue. Linton's Enchanted Gardens is the perfect venue for Garden Club meetings, Red Hat Society outings, bridal showers and baby showers! We offer a unique and cozy setting in our Garden Café or The Conservatory for events of all kinds, featuring breakfast, lunch or dinner from our Garden Café. We offer over 100 hand crafted specialty drinks and decadent desserts! Your guest will enjoy perusing our numerous themed vignettes featuring seasonal interior and exterior decor. For more information or reservations call 574-293-9699, ext. 111

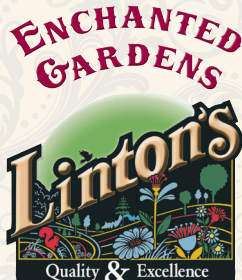
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**Linton's Hours:** Monday -Friday 8:00am - 7:00pm | Saturday & Sunday 8:00am - 6:00pm



# Mr. Smarty Plants

**Dear Mr. Smarty - I am anxious to get my Spring pruning done early. I am new to gardening, can you get me started? - signed, Ready to get growing**

Dear Ready: Sure! But first, do your homework before the Spring rush. Read about pruning times for the shrubs and trees you'll work with. There are many reasons to prune. Decide if you are pruning to rejuvenate an old plant for new growth, trim for shape, salvage a damaged plant, or simply promote new blossoms.

Branches and limbs that appear dead, may actually not be. Live branches are limber, whereas dead ones are brittle and break. Start by sampling a small section of bark which may reveal active green growth beneath. Delay most pruning chores until just before the end of dormancy. You don't want to disrupt a plant's internal chemical messengers which signal it to grow as the weather warms. Try to reduce moisture loss at cutting wound points. This is important to the survival of new growth during late Spring. Cells don't normally form scar tissue over pruning cuts made in Winter. In warmer weather, however, healing occurs quicker, as active growth returns during the seasonal cycle. Slope cuts so snow melt and rain water will drain off. Don't use tree paint or wound sealer, as they don't promote wound closure or prevent decay. Reserve them for use on cuts for branch diameters larger than 2 or 3 inches.

Juniper are best pruned in late Winter, just prior to Spring warming. Other needled evergreens and conifers prefer very early Summer for maintenance pruning. They usually only produce one flush of new growth. Plants that will tolerate dormant pruning are: Smoke Tree, some Summer-blooming Hydrangea varieties, some Rose varieties, and Cotoneaster. Recent findings indicate that dormant pruning of Oak trees during Winter helps to greatly reduce Oak Wilt believed to be spread by fungus carried by insects during warmer weather.

Not all trees and shrubs can endure severe removal of excessive growth. Many prefer gradual rejuvenation, called "renewal pruning", done over 2-3 years. Those that can tolerate hard pruning are: Hydrangea, Lilac, Forsythia, multi-branched Dogwoods; some Spirea, Weigela, and Potentilla. Purple Sand Cherry, Burning Bush, Viburnum, and Witchazel like a gradual trim. Spring blooming items are best left alone until after flowering completes. Early pruning can reduce their display. For fun, try forcing some branches of these like: Forsythia, flowering Quince, flowering Almond, or Redbud. Non-traditional shrubs can be forced too. Red Twig Dogwood, Hickory, Cherry, European Birch, Peach, or Red Maple will produce surprising and unique results. Forcing not only provides colorful enjoyment out of season, but gives insight into what you might like to plant next when the weather warms. Signed, Mr. Smarty Plants



**LINTON'S**  
*Spring Fling*  
Saturday & Sunday ~ April 30 & May 1

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