

Summer 2016

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Garden Café

Linton's Leaflet



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Thank You...



...for continuing to vote Linton's Enchanted Gardens as the Best!!! The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is in the "extra". I believe that it is this "extra" that has been recognized by both our guests and clients, and this is why they once again have voted us as "The Best of Elkhart". At Linton's, it is truly a team effort, and each team member strives to take that "extra" step to give each and every guest a pleasant and memorable experience when they walk into our facility or hire us to perform services for their home or business. I am truly blessed to have over 100 highly-skilled and dedicated team members that share my vision to exceed our guests expectations. The Linton team takes great pride in their work, and it shows by them voting us as their Favorite Place to Work!! I am both honored and humbled by this recognition!!!

This year we celebrate over 34 years of service to the Michiana area. Each and every year we continue to raise our own bar, and continue to grow and introduce even more rare and unusual plants, create the most fabulous floral arrangements, offer unique gifts and interior decor, as well as create and maintain the most beautiful yards and properties throughout Michiana! I continue to look forward to the future, for I know that the next years will even be better!

~ Mark B. Linton



Linton's is a proud recipient of TripAdvisor's
'Traveler's Award Certificate of Excellence 2015'.

According to TripAdvisor the award is given to businesses who are
recognized by travelers as one of the very best in the business.

Linton's was honored to have been selected
by Family Time Magazine
in their February 2016 issue as one their
"Best of the Midwest's" Garden Centers.

Floral Trends

By Ruth Linton

Floral trends in this country are usually born 2 years earlier in Europe. But now, due to social media, the trends are followed almost instantaneously. Trends, however according to the Society of American Florists (SAF) of which Linton's faithfully supports is a member, states that trends do not cycle world-wide, but in gradual shifts of public awareness and acceptability.

Noticable trends with Linton's customers is the acceptance and use of 'neutral grays' mixed with numerous shades of lavish colors such as rhubarb, purple or aqua. Trending might also see bringing back brushed gold metal, vintage milk glass and mercury glass.

Wedding floral selections often incorporate Dusty Miller and succulents. As far as newer florals, Anenome and Ranunculus are both at the top of some bride's lists.

Good news comes from our U.S. growers in that the beautiful Sweet Pea, sent to us from Japan, is now available with a much anticipated long stem. Look soon for these beauties to be placed along with other lengthy stemmed flowers in tall vase.

Garden favorites include the colorful Dahlia which are available in almost every imaginable color and sizes ranging from a quarters sized ball to a dinner plate.

No longer to be seen as only a part of Christmas decor, decorative lanterns, with or without candles are enjoyed renewed popularity. Lanterns, as found at Linton's are available in sizes from 4 inches to 40 inches tall. Colors, as well as metallics, also include natural and distressed wood. Like this idea for party tables or a wedding reception? Linton's will rent them to you and decorate as to whatever your theme/color choice may be.

Returning to our discussion of "new gray neutrals", Linton's designers have discovered a most realistic silk Dusty Miller leaf that they are using to bring into fresh arrangements, wedding bouquets, etc., when the fresh plant is not available. Another great way to incorporate "grays" is to use fresh or silk gray succulents. Yes, the succulent is a key item in decorating for 2016. See our ambitious, fun display growing in our Garden Center or look for botanically correct designs in Linton's Retail Centre.

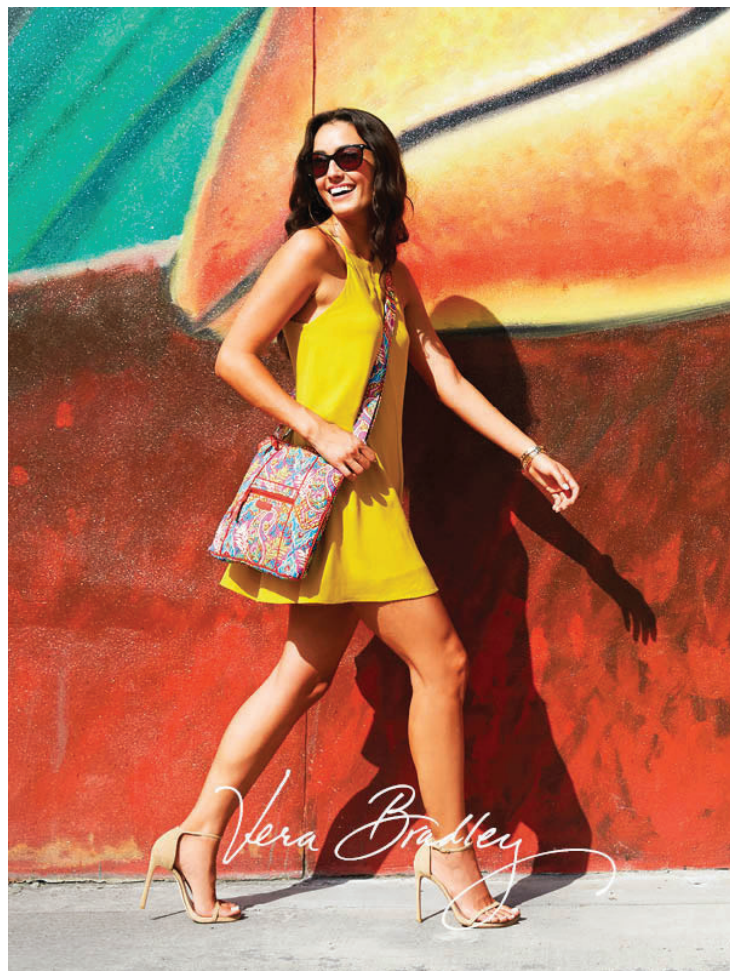
Linton's guests donated
over 950 pounds
of food during our
recent Easter events!

The food was
donated to
Church Community
Services food bank.



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.





Plant Spotlight: *Butterfly Bush*

By Jackie Weiss, Garden Center Manager

BUTTERFLY BUSHES are a great addition to any garden or landscape. They are prolific growers. Growing 6 or more feet in one season. But, don't worry there are several dwarf varieties as well. They come in a range of colors from white, yellow, pink, magenta pink, light purple to dark purple. They have a wonderful fragrance that butterflies, Goldfinches, and humans alike are attracted to. Butterfly Bushes should be cut back to 8-12" late fall after they have gone dormant.



LINTON'S EXPRESS
Train Rides \$3.99 ea.

Kind Words from our Customers

"Thank you so very much for making our wedding day unforgettable with such beautiful flowers! They were simply perfect and better than I could have dreamed of! We are so lucky and blessed to have had Linton's as our florist. Thank you!"

- Lisa and Matt Connell

"I had lost my wallet while shopping out in the Garden Centre. Not only did the Garden Center staff assist me in my search that night but they called to ask the next day where I'd been so they could concentrate their search efforts. Then they called to tell me they had found it! I am SO appreciative of all their efforts! Thanks to each and every one!"

- Pat D.

"I found Christie re-potting in the Conservatory and asked for her assistance. She readily helped me with what to plant where and how etc. I found her to be very informative friendly and engaging. Everyone should have her customer service skills. I will definitely be back for more help from her"

- Kris G.

Watch This!

Check out our weekly Show.

2016 Colorful Inspiration show times
(Airs April- October)

WSBT	Saturday & Sunday mornings- 5am
SBT2	Saturday & Sunday mornings- 6:30am
WNDU	Saturday mornings- 6am and Sunday mornings- 5:30am Month of May- Saturdays- 12:00pm
WSJV	Saturday mornings- 6am and Sunday mornings- 5am and 7am
WBND	Saturday and Sunday mornings- 5am
WHME	Saturday mornings- 7:30am
WMYS	Saturday mornings- 8:30am

To view online- go to www.lintons.com and click on the YOU TUBE link.

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.

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.



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., July 21 Design & Dine	Leafcasting	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Thurs., Aug. 18 Design & Dine	Fall Door Décor	5:45-7pm	\$29.99
Thurs., Sept. 15 Design & Dine	Reversible Scarecrow/ Snowman	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Thurs., Oct. 20 Design & Dine	Pumpkin Succulent	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Sat., Nov. 12 Workshop	Corn Husk Doll	10am	\$19.99
Thurs., Nov. 17 Design & Dine	Holiday Porch Pot	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Sat., Nov. 19 Workshop	Holiday Porch Pot	10am	\$19.99
Sat., Nov. 26 Workshop	Make & Take Ornaments	10am	\$29.99
Sat., Dec. 3 Workshop	Mini Christmas Tree	10am	\$19.99
Sat., Dec. 10 Workshop	Christmas Swag	10am	\$19.99
Thurs., Dec. 15 Design & Dine	Candy Cane Vase	5:45- 7pm	\$29.99
Sat., Dec. 17 Workshop	Candy Cane Vase	10am	\$19.99

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.

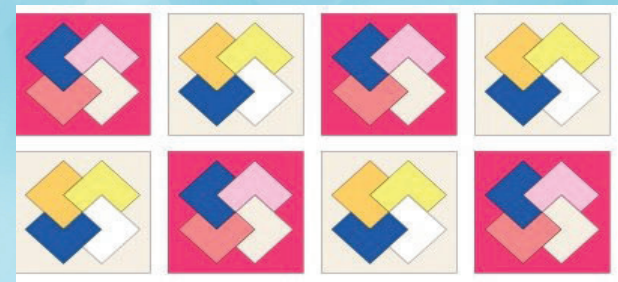
Design & Dine-Dinner features sandwich chips, salsa, cookie and choice of coffee or soft drink from our Garden Café.

Linton's Hours

Monday -Friday 8:00am - 7:00pm • Saturday & Sunday 8:00am - 6:00pm

Linton's Special Events for 2016

Saturday & Sunday	June 18 & 19	Father's Day Sale
Saturday & Sunday	June 25 & 26	Luau Weekend
Saturday & Sunday	July 9 & 10	Wheel of Savings Weekend
Saturday & Sunday	July 16 & 17	Dog Days of Summer
Saturday & Sunday	July 30 & 31	Kids are a BIG Deal!
Saturday & Sunday	August 27 & 28	All Aboard for C.A.P.S.



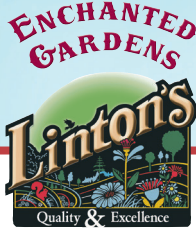
Quilt Garden

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.

Calling All Classic Cars!



Linton's Classic Car Cruise In

Saturday, July 9th • 11am- 2pm

No fee to register

Each Car owner who pre-registers will receive a voucher for two meals and dessert in our Garden Cafe!

Call or email to register.

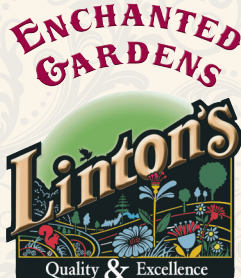
574-293-9699, ext. 0 or email: jenn@linton.com

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One coupon per person. Not valid with any other offers. Expires July 27, 2016.

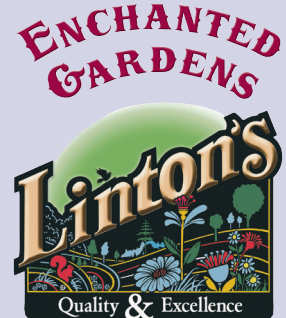


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One Gallon
Supplies Limited. Limit 1.
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Mr. Smarty Plants

Dear Mr. Smarty Plants,

This year we would like to add more color into our outdoor living space. Fragrance would be nice too. What would you suggest?

-Signed, Wondering what to do

Dear Wondering Gardener, What a "wonder" ful idea! Breathe a breath of fresh air into your yard with the aid of a professional designer. Start by making a list of outdoor items you would like to keep and that are already in your yard. Then, shop Linton's Garden Centre, to create your wish list. Our professional designers are knowledgeable about the plants' light, soil type, moisture and nutritional needs. They will also know which plants make good companions to fit into the space you have, from postage-stamp sized yards to those with room-to-roam.

For color, explore shrubs that have interesting colored foliage. Keep in mind that flowering varieties put on their show for a limited time, whereas leaves remain through frost. Explore these focal -point shrubs for starters: Smokebush - blue green or maroon/ purple, will display reds, oranges, and yellows in Fall. Care-free Native Ninebark comes in chartreuse, bronze, green, or purple tones. Old time traditionals like Burning Bush (red in Fall), compliment plants and perennials of contrasting colors. For something that will show up in shady, dark spots; Hydrangea offers chartreuse varieties and variegated foliage. Smaller colorful accents include: Huerchera, Japanese Painted Fern, some smaller grasses, and many shades of blue and green Hosta.

When shopping for fragrance, pay attention to bloom times to keep stronger scents from clashing. This will also provide delightful, olfactory variety as the growing season progresses. Lightly pleasant fragrances are produced from re-blooming Mock Orange, or try Korean Spice Viburnum (turns wine red in Fall), and dwarf Korean Lilac. Many perennials and herbs produce fragrance from their leaves. Rugosa and old-fashioned Roses have withstood modern breeding and still retain their genes for original scent. Dianthus 'Tiny Rubies', summer Phlox, Peonies, and old Fashioned Petunias have their own unique scents as well. Can't wait and want both instant color and perfume? Try containerized annual flowers and scented candles! There are many ways to enjoy both. Have fun in planning.

Signed - Mr. Smarty



the Hawaiian Luau

**Saturday & Sunday
June 25th & 26th**

20% off
All Trees

Buy 3, Get 1 Free
All Flowering Shrubs

Buy 2, Get 1 Free
All Perennials & Ornamental Grasses

Yellow tag sale in Floral & Interior Decor Shoppe.

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

SWAN PADDLE BOAT

PEDAL TRAIN

SHOOTING GALLERY

WATER ORBS

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