

Linton's Leaflet

Fall 2017

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The Beauty of Fall

By Mark Linton

Ahhh! The beauty of fall here in Michiana compares to nothing else! Have you been envious of the fall colors that you have seen in your neighbors' landscape? If so, now is the time to do something about it!

Of course, everyone knows about using fall mums and asters for adding a splash of color, but there are so many other options as well! Burning Bush are some of the most popular shrubs that turn color in the fall and work well as foundation plantings. Climbing vines such as Sweet Autumn Clematis not only add fragrance, but bloom with beautiful white flowers throughout the summer and into the fall.

Maple trees are the star of the show when it comes to fall color and the new hybrid Maples are seedless, and don't have any of those messy helicopter whirlingig Maple seeds!

Did you know that there are even evergreens that change color in the fall and winter? Andorra Junipers, Chief Joseph Pine and Russian Cypress change from their normal green to

hues of plum, gold and burgundy! Fall blooming perennials such as Toad Lilies, Sedums, and Russian Sage are all great ways to add an additional splash of color! Coral Bells and Dwarf Sedge grasses do a great job maintaining their colors even after frost, and add a pop of color throughout the fall and even into the winter months. Winter pansies can be planted early fall as a cool season annual, and their flowers are a sure way to put smiles on everyone's face! And don't forget ornamental grasses! Blue Oat Grass, Blue Fescue and Blue Dune grasses are the perfect way to add some blue tones to the landscape. I particularly love to plant them along with the golden evergreens and Burning Bush for a nice contrast of colors.

The best thing to do is to actually visit our display gardens in the fall and take a stroll through our Garden Centre to see everything that we offer! As always, our knowledgeable staff are happy to give your expert free advice.

~Happy gardening!

Mark Linton

Floral Trends

By Ruth Linton

Our previous article (Summer Newsletter 2017) referred to the “trendy colors” of aqua and turquoise. Linton’s retail center is bursting with these colors, not only in gifts and decor, but also in very stylish women’s clothing of all sizes. For help with coordinating a complete outfit, be sure to ask for our Fashion Consultant, Sue. She will help you put together an outfit, including jewelry and accessories, for an upcoming vacation, special event or casual day of shopping.

Another ‘cool’ way to incorporate the new greens into your home decor would be to visit Linton’s tropical conservatory. There are pots and containers on display in numerous shades of aqua and turquoise. Many of the plants in the conservatory are not only decorative, but beneficial for the air quality in your home. Easy to grow plants such as Aloe, Succulents, Jade, etc might just add the touch of color you need.

Dish towels with clever sayings make a nice gift for a friend and can be found in our housewares sections on display with kitchen utensils of the same color. Oh yes, I saw pot holders and canister sets in that color scheme as well!

Beige or tan has long been the homeowner’s choice for neutral home coloring. Watch our now, for a ‘tinder’ grey color is jumping in to take its place. Find this color, a very relaxing choice in many of the vignettes throughout our retail center. Our on site visual designers are ready to assist you with your interior decorating.

When you are organizing, you can help the environment by bringing in your glass vases, baskets, and containers to Linton’s and we will recycle them for you. What fun to exchange for a Linton’s gift card!

Another reminder: If you forgot to get your mom a Flower of the Month card at Mother’s Day, you can purchase it now at our Customer Service counter. At only \$30, this membership cards gives allows you to pick up a bouquet nine months out of the year, and the other three months you can get \$5.00 off a purchase of \$10.00 or more. What a deal! How fun to have fresh flowers to be able to think of the giver all year long.



Terrific Terrariums!

By Jackie Weiss, Garden Centre Manager

Terrariums are the perfect fall and winter projects for those who loves to garden! They are fun and easy to make. First, select a container—any clear, container will work. A glass vase, a glass jar, a drinking glass, a fish tank, or even a hanging ornament. Make sure it’s big enough to show off the plants and a decoration or two. After selecting your container, place a thin layer of sand or pea gravel in the bottom to allow for drainage. Then place a layer of Activated Charcoal to prevent smells. The next layer is sphagnum peat which prevents the soil from sifting through. Finally your soil. If you are using houseplants stay with a potting mixture. If you choose a cactus or succulent you’ll want to use a sandy cactus soil.

Now comes the fun part—the plants! Some great terrarium-worthy choices are Prayer Plant, Peperomia, Begonia, smaller leaved Ficus, and succulents. Be sure to include mosses as well. Don’t forget to add a bit of personal flair with some decoration. Fairy garden or miniature décor is an excellent way to add some whimsy and interest

Water your terrarium sparingly and set it in a sunny window, but out of the direct sunlight. Your terrarium will naturally retain water, so check before watering. As plants grow you may want to change them out for new ones.

The Garden Centre staff at Linton’s Enchanted Gardens will be more than happy to help you create your own personal terrarium. Stop in and see us!

PUMPKIN BOWLING!

September 16th- October 31st

We are again partnering with ADEC, Inc. and the Elkhart Truth for our annual Pumpkin Bowling September 16th- October 31st. Come to our straw bale bowling alley, grab a pumpkin and 'bowl'. The lane is set up all weekend, pumpkins are only \$2 and 100% of the proceeds go to ADEC, Inc! The best part is that you get to bowl until your pumpkin breaks up. Pumpkin Bowling is fun whether you are 4 or 84!

ADEC, Inc helps community members open their hearts, minds and doors by providing opportunities and inclusion for those we serve. By enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, we enrich our communities through the diversity that comes from inclusion.

So, grab your 'bowling shoes' and help us raise funds and awareness for ADEC, Inc!



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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.

Saturday Workshops

We have the perfect way to spend a few hours on a Saturday morning! Come and be creative with us! One of our Visual 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 Fall 2017 Make and Take Classes Schedule

DATE	CLASS	TIME	COST
Sat., Sept. 9	Workshop: Fairy Pumpkin House	10am,	\$19.99
Sat., Sept. 16	Workshop: Pumpkin Birdhouse	10am	\$19.99
Thurs., Sept. 21	Design & Dine: Mesh Pumpkin Door Decor	5:30- 7pm	\$29.99
Sat., Sept. 23	Workshop: Pants Planter	10am	\$19.99
Sat., Sept. 30	Workshop: Pumpkin Succulent Planter	10am,	\$19.99
Thurs., Oct. 19	Design & Dine: Leaf Tea Light Jar	5:30- 7pm	\$29.99

Linton's Fall 2017 Special Events

Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10

Birthday Party- 35 Years!

Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17, 23 & 24

Fall Carnival Days

Entire month of October

Fall Festival

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.

UFO Fall Release

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 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.





Linton's is honored to host 'Gotcha!', a sculpture by Seward Johnson which can be found next to our Quilt Garden. This hedge clipping gardener expresses Seward Johnson's vision of the universality of human experiences over time. The artists states, "Through the ages the simple and gratifying acts of gardening or making repairs continue. The sculpture is part of 'Epic Art Adventures along the Heritage Trail. In celebration of the Quilt Gardens 10th anniversary, 56 life-size bronze sculptures and one 25 ft tall, 27,000 pound monumental represents the largest and most significant exhibit of Seward Johnson's work (outside of his personal retrospective) in the world! This truly unique interactive experience is FREE, FUN, FANTASTIC and only May 30-October 20, 2017. EpicArtAdventures.com



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Kind Words from our Customers

"The Linton truck of happiness pulled into the drive this morning. Some of the most wonderful plants and trees that I have been anticipating for the longest time have just arrived. It is quite a feeling that one gets, seeing an idea become a reality and it never gets tiring to witnessing it. I know there are more trucks to arrive and you do this every day, but for Judy and me, it is a very magical experience. It is our Christmas and Birthdays all rolled into one. So thanks for being such a gigantic part in our adventure and having the best members of your Linton's staff come out to our home and extend their particular form of kindness to us as they make this wisp of an idea a tangible dream. We are already looking forward to our continued adventure of collaborating together with you and your staff. Thanks so much for all you are able to help us with and what you do for us."

Steve Murray

"Everybody was great and I appreciate Linton's cleaning up a landscaping project my husband had started years ago and did not live to complete. Thank you!" Beth Chew

"Dear Mark, A special thanks for the donation Linton's made to the Church Community Services Food Pantry. The 2097 pounds of food you contributed is above the typical poundage we receive from food drives. This food comes at a significant time for us..over the next 2 months we typically have an increase in the number of folks coming to the pantry and and few food drives occur during this season."

Rod Roberson, Executive Director, Church Community Services

Seasonal Décor

Did you know Linton's can decorate your home's interior to reflect the season? Whether it is 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.

Linton's Hours

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

Saturday and Sunday 7:00am - 6:00pm

Mr. Smarty Plants

**Dear Mr. Smarty Plants,
Please provide a few tips for flowers and
trees in the Fall garden.**

Signed – Falling in Love with Autumn

Fall is a great time to plant trees. Deciduous trees begin the process of dormancy with the onset of lower soil and air temperatures. They will require less watering in Fall, rather than in the hotter days of Summer. Roots can continue to grow even when leaves have dropped off, so planting now is alright. Use larger caliper trees with ½" - 3" diameter trunk sizes, for greater success. Conifers and needle bearing trees are tougher breeds. Most only require attention to watering in the weeks before the ground freezes. Steer clear of last minute fertilizing which would promote new, tender growth. Planting instructions or professional installation are both advisable.

Perennials should be trimmed back - removing browned and dried leaves, but showy flower stems can remain to provide seeds for wildlife to eat and to catch snow later on. They mark the plant's location, and are removed in Spring with the arrival of new growth. Remove any Annual flowering plants to avoid pests and diseases from staying around.

For Water Gardens, look for signs of decline in your potted and floating water plants. Most likely, you'll notice fading of green coloration in leaves and stems as the weather gradually cools. Begin preparation for storage by clearing space in a semi-darkened area that does not freeze over Winter. Trim back any browned leafy material, and relocate containers and bulbs to a low rubberized tub of clean sand. The sand will hold water during the dormant period and will also be absorbed through the holes in container bottoms. You can check on your sleeping plants to make sure they do not dry out.

Fall leaf collection can provide fun for all ages. Beautifully colored, freshly fallen leaves can easily be preserved. Gently press them between 2 sheets of waxed paper, weighted down with a stack of old magazines. A few days later, gently peel back the waxed paper. There should be a slight coating of wax on the leaves, which provides temporary preservation of the leaf color. To extend your garden, Sun catchers or patterned sweatshirts and tees can be made from tracings of the pressed leaves.

Signed – Mr. Smarty Plants



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SEPT. 16 & 17 / 23 & 24

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