

# Linton's Leaflet

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## Adding COLOR to your Landscape

*By Mark Linton*

As I drive around Michiana, I can't help but look at and evaluate all of the good (and not so good) landscapes that I see. Unfortunately, it's the "not so good landscapes" which are most unforgettable! Sometimes I find myself saying "what were they thinking"? So as a free public service, here are some gardening tips as to how you can add color to your landscape tastefully!

This year we are introducing over 300 new plant varieties, all of which will provide your landscape with color and interest. Many of our new plants are considered perennials, which means that they will come back year after year (which saves you money compared to buying annuals). I always suggest planting perennial plants in groupings or mass plantings because groups of colorful flowers gives your landscape a bigger punch. Most perennials bloom for just one season, so I recommend visiting the garden center three times a year (spring, summer and fall) so that you can see the plants while they are in their glory. Many novice gardeners make the mistake of selecting only plants that are in at that moment bloom and soon realize that they don't have any color at other times of the year.

It's also important to understand the light conditions that your plants will be growing in to ensure that they will thrive in their new environment.

Trees are another great way to add color, beauty and shade. Most flowering trees bloom in the spring, but other trees like Rose of Sharon, Bloomerang Lilac and Tree Hydrangeas can provide your landscape with color throughout the summer. Here in Michiana, we are blessed with some of the most beautiful fall colors! Burning Bush and Maple trees are famous for putting on great shows of color. My favorite Maple trees are Red Sunset, October Glory and Autumn Red. If you have space limitations

consider a Dwarf Japanese Maple, most of which have red leaves all three seasons, but don't overlook green leaf varieties that really put on a show in the fall when they turn orange and gold!

Mention roses and most people think that they are a lot of work and they also think "THORNS". The good news is that we have rose bushes that are not a lot of work, in fact they just need sunlight and water and will provide you with non stop color all spring, summer and fall.

Knock Out roses and Drift roses are available in many colors (Red, Pink, White, Peach, Coral and yellow). And if you have always loved roses but HATE the thorns, then you will LOVE our Oso Happy Smoothie Rose, which is a new thornless variety which blooms with pink and white flowers.

Each year we get thousands of out of state visitors that come to see our display gardens and unique offerings of plants. Probably the most common comment that I hear is that "I didn't know this plant would grow here"! Usually what they are referring too is one of our many tropical plants, and yes they do grow here (just not outside during our winters)! Tropical plants, trees and shrubs put on an amazing show of color and will thrive May 15 - Oct 15 and should be brought inside and treated as a houseplant for the winter or considered an annual- just like a geranium!

And for those that love digging in the dirt every spring planting annual flowers, we will have quite a few new varieties this Spring! The most impressive part is their low price of only \$9.99 a flat (when you buy 8 or more)!

Be sure to watch my weekly show "Dig this Plant" every Saturday on WNDU morning news, where I will talk about and show many of our new plant varieties. And also my weekly half hour show "Colorful Inspirations" which airs on all five of our local stations.



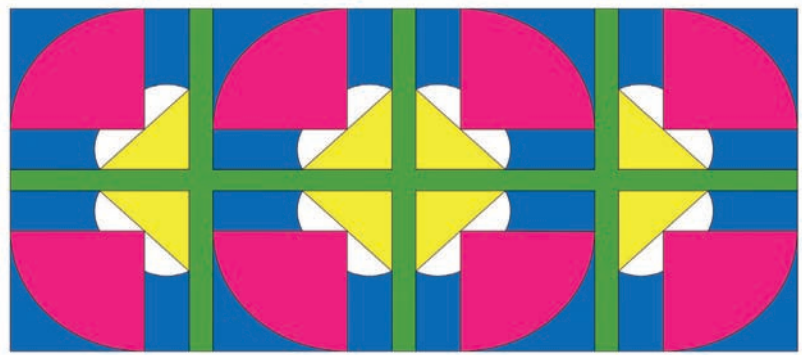
# Quilt Gardens

...along the Heritage Trail

Linton's Enchanted Gardens is honored to continue to be a destination along the Quilt Garden Heritage Trail. The 2017 theme is based on "Colorful People, Authentic Places, and Vibrant Patterns and will continue representing Vera Bradley fabric designs.

This year our quilt garden has been christened "The Leslie Greising Memorial Quilt Garden" in honor of the daughter, sister, wife, and mother of the Linton family. The quilt block design is a basket pattern in which we have named 'Hope Blooms Bright' and reflects the courageous battle against breast cancer and continued support of the Vera Bradley Foundation.

The fabric pattern is from the 2016 production line titled 'Art Poppies' and the flowers chosen to reflect the brilliant colors and pattern include Ageratum 'Hawaii Blue', Marigold 'Durango Yellow', Petunia 'Madness Magenta', and Vinca 'Pacifica White'. In addition, the quilt garden will display topiaries that will add a three dimensional quality for visiting guests to enjoy.



Linton's is also to be included in an exhibition with one of sixty life-size bronze sculptures by Seward Johnson that The Heritage Trail committee will be presenting along the Quilt Garden Tour for 2017. These statues are part of his 'Celebrating the Familiar' series that depicts everyday activities by ordinary people. The Linton quilt garden will be graced with a sculpture of a gardener holding a pair of shears titled "Gotcha" and depicts a man in gardening attire in the process of pruning his shrubs. He will be displayed for optional viewing and photo taking for our Linton's guests.

The Quilt Garden and Seward Johnson tour are free of charge and open May thirtieth through October first.



## The Garden Café

Whether you're looking for a great meal, a coffee break from work, or a unique dinner, the Garden Cafe inside Linton's Enchanted Gardens has the taste you're after.

Daily specials  
Organic Options  
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Kids Menu  
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Monday -Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday and Sunday 7:00am - 6:00pm

# Spring carnival days

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## LINTON'S EXPRESS

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# 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 and many that you didn't even know existed! 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 Lintons is as knowledgeable as you'll find. We can help you with any of your gardening and 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.



*Gardening is a dynamic process.  
Influenced by the changing forces of nature  
and the plants we use.*

## Watch This!

Check out our weekly Show.

2017 Colorful Inspiration show times  
(Airs April- October)

<b>WSBT</b>	Saturday & Sunday mornings- 5am
<b>WNDU</b>	Saturday mornings- 5:30 am and Sunday mornings- 6 am Month of May & June - Saturdays- 12:00pm
<b>ESBT</b>	Saturday mornings- 6am and Sunday mornings- 6am 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.

## 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.



## 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 vents 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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# 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 2017 Make and Take Classes Schedule

DATE	CLASS	TIME	COST
Thurs. June 15	Pants Planter Design & Dine	5:30 pm	\$29.99
Thurs. July 20	Pin Art Design & Dine	5:30 pm	\$29.99
Thurs. Aug 17	Button Bird Art Design & Dine	5:30 pm	\$29.99
Sat. Sept. 9	Fairy Pumpkin Workshop	10:00 am	\$19.99
Sat. Sept. 16	Pumpkin Birdhouse	10:00 am	\$19.99
Thurs. Sept. 21	Mesh Pumpkin Door Decor	5:30 pm	\$19.99
Sat. Sept. 23	Pants Planter Workshop	10:00 am	\$19.99
Sat. Sept. 30	Pumpkin Succulent Workshop	10:00 am	\$19.99
Thurs. Oct. 19	Fall Leaf Tea Light Jar Design & Dine	5:30 pm	\$29.99
Sat. Nov. 11	Christmas Button Canvas Picture Workshop	10:00 am	\$19.99
Thurs. Nov. 16	Wine & Canvas	5:30 pm	\$29.99
Sat. Nov. 18	Kids Cafe Workshop- Thanksgiving place holders	10:00 am	\$19.99
Sat. Nov. 25	Holiday Porch Pot	10:00 am	\$19.99
Sat. Dec 2	Holiday Door Decor Workshop	10:00 am	\$19.99
Sat. Dec. 9	Holiday Fairy Garden Workshop	10:00 am	\$19.99
Thurs. Dec. 14	Snowman Pole Design & Dine	5:30 pm	\$29.99
Sat. Dec 16	Snowman Pole Workshop	10:00am	\$19.99

See a sample of each design on our Facebook page or on our website Seminar 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.

# Floral Trends

By Ruth Linton

Linton's extends an invitation to you, the bride, to a complimentary, one hour consultation. After the date is set, and perhaps 6 months to a year prior, the bride and several close friends and relatives are invited to accompany her to the consultation. During the consultation, basic colors are selected and style and flowers are discussed. The bride will be able to hold a bouquet to determine what size fits her body. Gown design also plays an important part in which style of bouquet will be chosen.

Everyone knows June as the wedding month with July just a 'tad' behind. However, according to a recent study, Fall is on it's way to becoming the new wedding season of choice.

While the floral designers always respects the color preferences of the bride, we use color charts to help give the bride a complete understanding of the theory of color. New colors such as tiffany blue, sage chocolate and canary yellow are all fashion forward. Metallics in cording and wire items are becoming increasingly popular.

Food elements such as coffee beans and fragrant herbs can be incorporated into the bouquets, as well as blooming branches. Newly popular succulents and leaves add a lot of interest to the design.

Linton's will work with your budget and adjustments to the 'final tally' can usually be made up to 5-6 weeks before the wedding. This, of course is dependent on the availability of any 'special order' flowers.

Trained floral designers often stop in during wedding consultations to greet brides and to allow you to get to know our 'family' who will be an integral part of your special day. They might just have something special to give you. Our team of designers are ready to help you create what you have envisioned, whether it be the

## Linton's vow is to make everyone happy!



wildflower look that features just picked garden, and field flowers or a dramatic textured bouquet with cascading greenery.

Boutonnieres are no longer just a carnation or a rose. Using miniatures from the bride's bouquet, such as spray roses gives the designers space to use her creative touch.

Also, upon selecting Linton's to be your floral provider, we will honor you with a complimentary toss bouquet on the day of your wedding.

Traditional or unique, we can 'fill the bill'. Just take a look at our wall of wedding pictures in the bridal consultation room. And, yes, it's true, we shake our bouquets to assure you that they won't fall apart as you walk down the aisle.

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# Mr. Smarty Plants

Dear Mr. Smarty, I am waiting for a "green light" to show when Spring has arrived and I can work in the garden. What should I be looking for?

Signed - Can I Dig It

Dear Dig,

Get ready to pack away the snow shovel, and soon move the Safety Salt to the back of the garage. Lengthening days and varying temperature, are the first signs of Spring. The ground thaws from the surface down. Snow melt and early rain saturate soils above the still frozen layers below. Because drainage happens slowly, this is the "mud season". As upper soil layers turn to mud, plant tissues underground begin to swell. This creates natural hydraulic pressure that sends water through roots below upwards and through vascular tissues above ground. Most of the plant is still asleep. But, internal chemistry within plants and trees also becomes re-activated during this time, causing the slow awakening of growth. With progressing warm days and cooler nights, this process will remain active until warmer weather arrives and active growth takes over. Food is also being transported upward now and a few blossoms are visible too. Witch Hazel, and Winter Hazel are some of the earliest Spring bloomers here in our zone. Snow can usually still occur once they finish. Also look for early blooming bulbs like Snowdrops and Chinodoxa (Glory-of-the-Snow) to start showing their cold tolerant, white flowers. Winter Aconite may begin to show leaves and bi-color flowers. Hydrangeas are lifting dried blossoms skyward. Male Pussy Willow develops soft catkins that children love. Daffodils are poking their nose-cone like, tightly furled leaves up out of the soil. Redbud tree flowers and Forsythia blooms, are definite indicators that colder times are soon to end. Tolerant of late snows and frosts, conifers and cool season perennials are making an appearance in the Garden Centre. Avoid trying to work the soil, however, until all of it unfreezes and all danger of frost has passed. More temperature-sensitive plants like: Tulips, Trillium, Bloodroot, Grape Hyacinth, Fragrant Hawthorn, and Mock Orange will make their appearance as Spring is in full swing.

Signed - Mr. Smarty



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