

Linton's Leaflet

Summer 2018

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Floral & Interior Décor Shoppe

Garden Café

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Adding Summer Color to your Landscape

By Mark B. Linton

All gardeners love spring because of the abundance of spring colors. It seems as if everything that blooms here in Michiana blooms in the spring. And when it comes to the summer months a lot of gardeners feel as if they are waiting for the colors to re-emerge in the fall (unless you are planting a lot of annuals to get you through the summer months.) But that doesn't have to be true!!! Just one visit through our Garden Centre will prove to you that we have thousands of plants in full bloom throughout the Dog Days of Summer! I love working with Hydrangeas, for the new varieties are so easy to care for and there are Hydrangeas in every color and for either full sun, or dense shade. We even grow a half dozen varieties of Hydrangea trees which continue to bloom just like the shrubs up until Thanksgiving. We also grow thousands of low maintenance shrub and ground cover roses that simply need sunlight and water and absolutely no special care! They will reward you with over 2,000 non-stop blooms all through spring, summer and fall, and sometimes up until Christmas!!! Don't forget all of our summer blooming perennials, for they continue to bloom into the fall as well! We grow over 40 different varieties of Coneflowers which also make a great cut flower as well! Probably the most popular summer blooming perennials are all of our Daylilies. We grow all of the new award-winning hybrids as well as thousands of the dwarf repeat blooming varieties



as well. If you're looking for a small and compact ornamental tree, don't pass up our beautiful summer flowering Rose of Sharon.

Our blue flowering Rose of Sharon trees are in my opinion the most spectacular of them all! We also grow Rose of Sharon in shrub forms as well and offer them in 8 different colors! If you love Lilacs for their spring fragrance as well as their color, then you will be sure to fall in love with our repeat blooming Lilac called Bloomerang Lilac, and even better, we also grow this repeat blooming Lilac in a dwarf tree form as well! Succulents have gained a lot in popularity over the past years, and boy do we have a large selection of summer blooming succulents. Be sure to consider the striking Color Guard Century Plant, or our Hardy Cactus that thrives here in our Michiana climate and will reward you with thousands of beautiful large yellow flowers during the summer months! Looking for something different? Then check out our rare and unusual assortment of summer blooming

Sedums and Hens-N-Chicks, which are all great options for low maintenance rock gardens!!! Weigelias are some of my favorite repeat blooming shrubs! Not only do they bloom in the spring, but they will re-bloom again in the summer as well as in the fall. My favorites are the dwarf varieties, such as Spilled Wine, Wine and Roses as well as Sonic Bloom Weigelia. Almost all ornamental grasses bloom in the fall, but there are a few that will bloom in the summer time as well as in the fall. My favorite varieties are Feather Reed Grass, and both the Big Blue Liriope, as well as the Variegated Liriope. If you enjoy fragrance in your landscape as well as attracting butterflies, then consider some from our large selection of Butterfly Bushes, and yes, they really do live up to their name!! Because we grow all of our plants here locally at our Nursery in Bristol and grow them in their containers, summertime is a great time to add a pop of color to your garden and landscape. Happy gardening!

dog days of summer

JULY 14 & 15

A charitable event for the
Humane Society of Elkhart County

BEST DRESSED DOG CONTEST EACH DAY!

Both winners receive a \$50
Linton's Gift Card and \$50
donation to

the Humane Society of Elkhart County

Adoptable Dogs from
Humane Society and Dog Town Resort
on site Saturday 11-2

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All Trees & Shrubs
20% off
All Perennials &
Ornamental Grasses

Valid 7/14/18 - 7/20/18

A DRESSED
DOG IS YOUR
"COUPON"
FOR
50% OFF
ORNAMENTAL
GRASSES OR
HOSTAS!
(Limit of 6 items)



Color Trends

By Ruth Linton

Welcome to classic and cool, beautiful sky blue or sea blue colors as displayed in one of Linton's freshly designed vignettes.

As you enter the shoppe, let me direct you to this universally appealing display. As sure as you will easily be able to see, the timeless combination of white or off white and this blue are colors that offer not only relaxation but also sophistication. Our talented designers can assist you with any of your implementing choices.

Everything you love doesn't have to be the same style, one era or one country. Check this vignette out located on the left side just around the corner from the big front entry way doors.

To make a statement such as with this beautiful blue, start with the neutral base and add two accent colors. Group several objects to make a bigger impact in an area rather than scattered throughout the room.



Find the sets of birds alongside nests with blue eggs, seashore candle holders or cool and breezy picture frames that are available to help create a serene and sophisticated area in your home. Here is the opportunity to use a vase of fresh or silk flowers, your choice of course. Succulents can bring in a pleasant touch of blue. Notice too that in the color blues, water prevails. You will want to be sure, especially in selecting silks, that they reflect the true blue color you have selected.

Wheel of Savings Weekend!

July 7 & 8



Yellow tag sale in our Floral
& Interior Decor Shoppe.

Save up to **90% off**

FREE SAMPLES
IN OUR GARDEN CAFE

Everyone is a winner!

Savings up to
50% off*
and you may be the
lucky winner of a
100 Grand!

*Regular prices only

Thank You!

Linton's guests
donated over
1,868 pounds
of food during our
Easter events!
The food was
donated to
Church Community
Services food bank.



Summertime Gardening

By Jackie Weiss,
Garden Center Manager

Whether, spring was such a busy time, planting gardens, both vegetable and flower, rejuvenating lawn areas, and tackling some of those larger hardscape projects like patios and such.

There are a few summertime maintenance issues that will need attending. Summer is usually drier than the spring so, your planting beds will need a 2-3 coating of a wood mulch to keep the roots of your plantings cool and moist.

Also, since Mother Nature doesn't keep things watered efficiently during the summer months, homeowners will need to provide water. New plantings should be watered to depth



of 1-3 at least twice a week. Established plants need watered to a depth of 1-3 every week. Summer is also the time to apply an insect application of fertilizer. Not only will this application give you a rich deep green lawn it will also control the insect population. Be sure to water your lawn heavily after this fertilization as the heat of the summer sun can damage lawns if the fertilizer has not been watered in. Don't forget

to feed your flower beds as well. Some plants tend to go dormant in the heat of summer and this fertilization will perk them up.

Don't forget to deadhead (remove spent flower heads) from annuals, perennials and roses to keep them looking healthy and blooming all summer long.

Now is the time to sit back and admire all your hard work.

Find a shady spot in the yard and watch the butterflies and birds visit your flowers. Host a cook-out, maybe a graduation party or wedding.

With just a minimum of maintenance your back yard will be a relaxing place to just unwind and enjoy nature without the constant interruptions of daily life.



Vera Bradley

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

Daily specials	Kids Menu
Organic Options	Decadent Desserts
Gluten-free Options	Hand-Crafted Beverages

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



Plant Spotlight:

Coneflower

By Jackie Weiss,
Garden Center Manager

Coneflowers are exceptional plants for any garden! Besides attracting butterflies and hummingbirds they come in just about every size and color imaginable.

They are native prairie plants and do well when they are periodically cut back as if animals have been grazing on them.

They do well when planted in a formal garden or naturalizing an area.

Linton's carries a wide variety of coneflowers from which to choose.

All Coneflowers perform best when planted in full sun.



LINTON'S SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2018

Date	Event / Class	Time	Cost
Thursday, June 14	Design & Dine: Pin Art	5:30-7pm	\$29.99
Saturday & Sunday, June 16 & 17	Father's Day Sale		
Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24	Luau Weekend		
Saturday & Sunday, July 7 & 8	Wheel of Savings Weekend	5:30-7pm	\$29.99
Saturday, July 14	Linton's Summer Classic Car Cruise In	11am-2pm	
Saturday & Sunday, July 14 & 15	Dog Days of Summer		
Thursday, July 19	Workshop: Kitchen Herb Garden	6-7 pm	\$19.99
Saturday & Sunday, July 28 & 29	Kids are a BIG Deal		
Saturday & Sunday, August 4 & 5	Coca Cola Days		
Saturday, August 11	Linton's Classic Car Cruise In	11am-2pm	\$29.99
Thursday, August 16	Design & Dine: Butterfly Wall Hanging	5:30-7pm	\$29.99
Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19	CAPS Event		
Saturday-Monday, September 1-3	Labor Day Sale		
Saturday, September 8	Linton's Classic Car Cruise In	11am-2pm	
	Workshop: String Art on Board	10am	\$19.99
Saturday & Sunday, September 8 & 9	Birthday Party-37 years!	6-7 pm	\$19.99

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

Experience the growing difference in lawn care

Linton's lawn care team has the experience you can trust to carefully inspect and manage the health of your landscape, trees, and shrubs. Many services are available: mowing, fertilizing, pruning, trimming and weeding, along with disease and insect control.

We perform spring cleanups, lawn de-thatching, overseeding and lawn aeration, as well as planting of annual flower beds. During the summer, we provide power edging, line trimming, aeration and overseeding and turf renovation. Fall clean up, bulb planting and gutter cleaning are offered.

Additional winter services include snow plowing, salting sidewalks and drives, and installing outdoor Christmas lights and decorations.

Our maintenance program provides an alternative for homeowners who want a beautiful yard and yet want to enjoy their leisure time. Business owners use our services to keep a well-maintained landscape, adding professionalism to their company. A recent comment from L.L.R. stated "My neighbors commented about the yard's upkeep always being gorgeous." See the Linton's difference.

Help Save Mother Earth: Every year, millions of nursery pots are used once, then hauled away to the landfill. By recycling pots we can all do our part to help Mother Earth. Customers will be rewarded with 5 cents per container (1 gallon or larger) returned to us. We don't even mind if the container was purchased elsewhere.



LINTON'S EXPRESS

Train Rides \$3.99
per person

Linton's Classic Car CRUISE-IN



**Calling all classic car
owners and fans!**

Saturday, July 14

Saturday, August 11

and Saturday, September 8

11 am- 2pm

Door Prizes! 50/50

Car owners: Pre-register by June 1 to take advantage of our Cafe Lunch Special (sandwich, veggie chips, salsa, drink & cookie) for only \$4.99 (regularly \$9.99).

No fee to register. Call or email: 574-293-9699, ext. 0 or email: suzanneb@lintons.com

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One Gallon
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Value- \$8.99

Meet a Linton's Designer

By Ruth Linton

We are happy to announce that we will be featuring different designers throughout the year with their creations displayed in the floral cooler.

Linton's wants to take this opportunity to introduce you to one of our floral designers. Meet Rhonda Metcalf. Rhonda joined the Linton's team in August 2014 and brings with her Certified Master Gardener credentials from Michigan State University. She has worked alongside Johnny Childers, a Distinguished member of the American Institute of Floral Designers and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience she shares with our customers.



“Bringing joy and comfort to others gives deep purpose to my life and I am blessed to experience my passion of 22 years through the art of floral design.”

~Rhonda Metcalf

Come visit Linton's Enchanted Gardens and see what our wonderfully talented designers can do for you today. Notice some of the designs have been identified to assist you in selecting a specific style of this designer if so needed. Please feel free to chat with us.

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. 101

Linton's Hours

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

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

Mr. Smarty Plants

Dear Mr. Smarty Plants,
I'm enjoying the hot hot summer but my plants are not! I don't have time to keep watering and frankly my water bill is way too high. Please help.

Signed,
Desperate for water.

Dear Desperate,

Xeriscaping may be the answer for your lack of watering needs! To xeriscape is to landscape using drought tolerant (low water) plants. Xeros means "dry" in Greek. Xeriscape literally means dry landscape. Most people automatically think "oh, succulents...wonderful (lack of enthusiasm)". On the contrary there are many other plants to choose from that will meet these xero requirements. Many of our native perennials and shrubs are naturally drought tolerant such as coneflower, switch grass, pines, viburnum and many more. These water misers should be planted in the same area as their needs are the same. Linton's Garden Centre staff would be able to help you select the right plants for the right place.

If you must irrigate and are using an irrigation system change the settings to less often but longer periods of time. The longer you water the deeper the water goes into the soil which causes the root systems to go deeper. This makes for a stronger and healthier root system and save your water bill from skyrocketing plus its a bonus to help conserve our natural resources.

~Mr. Smarty Plants



the Hawaiian Luau

**Saturday & Sunday
June 23th & 24th**

Week-Long Sale June 23-29

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!



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