

Linton's Leaflet

Fall 2013

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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.

The UFOs scheduled to be released for Test Sights from the Research Facility are:

Peppermint Stick Giant Reed Grass
Snow Queen Lawson False Cypress
Mercy Rising Coreopsis
Lady in Lace Fern
Green Arrow Alaskan Cedar
Pampass Grass
Dr Mules Rock Cress
Golden Nymph Hinoki False Cypress
Sunset Strip Coreopsis
Bright Lights Swiss Chard
Verkades Golden Hinoki Cypress
Artichoke Oriental
Lil Miss Sunshine Caryopteris
Butter Ball Cypress
Picxie Fountain Tufted Hair Grass
Sterling Silver Blue Mist Shrub
Chocolate. Snake Root
Lemon Line Tasmanian Grass
Himalayan Kashmir Cedar
Elephant Ears Maderia
Variegated Tasmanian Grass
Japanese False Cypress Hindu Pan Harvest

Elephant Ears Sangria
Goldie's Woodfern
Handsworth Park Lawson False Cypress
Royal Hawaiiin Black Cora Elephant Ears
Stewarts Fern
Lawsonia Minima Cypress
Corey Yellow Tickseed Coreopsis
Black Knight Hen & Chicks
Golden Sphere Tickseed Coreopsis
Topsy Turvy Hen & Chicks



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!

Mango Chicken

A simple recipe
with a tropical twist!

INGREDIENTS

4 Chicken breasts, boneless, skinless

1 jar Robert Rothschild Farm
Mango Salsa

Salt and pepper

Peppers and mangos for garnish, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and place in a lightly greased 9x13 baking dish. Top with the salsa and bake for 25-30 minutes or until cooked through (juices should run clear). Serve over rice or couscous with peppers and mangos, if desired.



"Watch This!"

Linton's invites you to tune into "Colorful Inspiration" each Saturday morning. You can find us on ABC57 at 7 am, WNDU16 at 530am and FOX28 at 6am. In this show Mark Linton features three segments: "Color by the Yard" features custom landscapes and tips for grouping and placing plants, trees and shrubs. "Every Bloomin' Thing" features a selection of unusual plants, trees and shrubs in our Garden Centre and plant care information. "Your Style, Your Home" features Mark and Linton's design team sharing decorating tips and ideas for your home.

We are also regularly featured on WNDU16 and WSBT22 as a local expert for both interior decorating and landscaping. Mark regularly gets to share his passion for plants and decorating as well as tips for all of us to use.

Of course, if you miss us, you can find the most recent show on our website or search YouTube for "Linton's Enchanted."

Linton's Hours

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

Summer 2013 Highlights

Pirate Adventure Weekend. We had several mateys sail ashore for our Pirate Adventure weekend! Even our staff donned Pirate garb!



Le Tour de Plants- Benefit for American Cancer Society. This year we held a bike raffle. Left: John loves his new 'big boy' bike! Right: Logan will enjoy his tricycle for many years to come!



Big Pink Weekend held annually to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. The highlight of this year's event was a surprise makeover by Hello Gorgeous of Hope, Inc and a visit from Izzy the Pink Fire Truck. Left: Stacey Richez, Breast Cancer patient was the recipient of the Hello Gorgeous Surprise makeover.



The experts at Linton's Enchanted Gardens

donated \$5,000 worth of landscaping to help restore the historic integrity of Clinton & Shundra Gilkie's home. The plan was designed to beautify the exterior of the residence and tie-in with the time period of the Prairie Style house and its architecture. The plan features low-maintenance plantings which will provide color throughout the seasons. Potted Annual and Tropical flowers add an additional splash of color as do the custom florals that were created for the front porch.



*Before
After*



Floral Trends

By: Ruth Linton

For quite a few years hand-tied and simple gatherings of florals have captivated a heavily requested design style. Floral artistry design seems to be on the upswing and, in many cases, "roundy-moundy" is not the most preferred.

Naturals are dominating, and bark from various trees, as well as a natural burlap, have made a huge impact in new floral trends. Texture is very important. Leucadendron, Banksia, and Protea fill the bill for exotic flowers while the very spectacular David Austin garden rose is now much in demand, known for both size and fragrance. New to Linton's Garden Centre, the bushes are now available for purchase and also are growing on display in our center landscaped area.

Decorative wire adds both color and interest. Sparkle, glitz, and shiny are also trendy.

Watch for the up-coming usage of the Clematis flower in cut vase arrangements. With proper care as directed, the cut Clematis can last 7-10 days. Clematis is a member of the ranunculus family and well known locally for being a vine/ climbing garden favorite.

Succulents continue to be a favorite in arrangements. This family of thick-leaved plants add so much interest to arrangement- even bridal bouquets and wreaths- that their popularity continues. Linton's faux succulents are created to even 'fool' Mother Nature! Our designers and display artists have captivated several exciting ideas to get your creative juices flowing.



Make this fall the most colorful ever!

Vera Bradley

Kind Words from our Customers

Thank you so very much for your expertise in making changes in the landscaping in the front of my house. I appreciate your time and listening to my wishes. Your workers did a great job of remove my old bushes and planting the new ones. I can't thank you and your staff enough for your care and concern in successfully completing the work I needed done.

— Joan Walter

I was very pleased with the work that was done. Charlie was there with the workers and was good at explaining everything. The workers were polite and did their job well. I have no complaints at all. We enjoyed working with Mark and Charlie and all of the Linton's staff. We look forward to finishing our project in the Spring.

— Phil & Karen DuFour

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.



PUMPKIN BOWLING!

October 12 & 13



Pumpkin Bowling was a SMASHING success!

We are again partnering with ADEC, Inc. and the Elkhart Truth for our annual Pumpkin Bowl, October 12 & 13. Come to our straw bale bowling alley, grab a pumpkin and 'bowl'. The lane is set up until October 31st, pumpkins are only \$1 and 100% of the proceeds goes to ADEC!

The best part is that you get to bowl until your pumpkin breaks up. Pumpkin Bowling is fun whether you are 4 or 84!

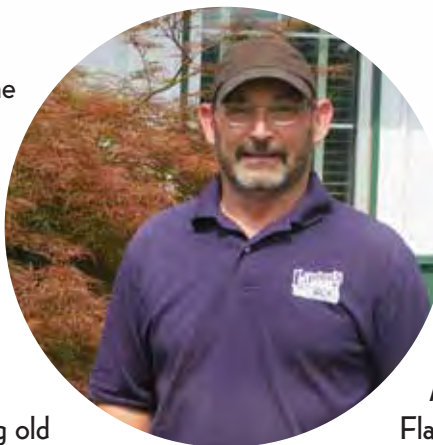
ADEC helps community members open their hearts, minds and doors by providing opportunities and inclusion for those we serve. By enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, we enrich our communities through the diversity that comes from inclusion.

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

Employee Spotlight

John Mishler, Nursery Manager, joined the Linton's team this past winter. John grew up on a 500 acre grain and hog farm near Nappanee which is where he developed his love for the outdoors. As a boy, John had a lot of pets, the favorite of which was a pet skunk named "Stinky"! Stinky was raised by the barn cats at the farm and never once sprayed in the six years John owned him.

He has three children. His son Dan is restoring old cabins and trails in Steamboat Springs Co. for the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. Emily is a senior at Purdue and Susannah is a Freshman also at Purdue. John has been with his life partner for 13 years.



John's hobbies include gardening and trying to find "cool and unusual" plants for his shade garden. Other interests are bird watching (trying to catch a glimpse of the elusive pileated woodpecker), baking and cooking.

His work experience includes Garden Center Retail, Residential and Commercial Landscape and Wholesale Nursery. John is a Master Gardener and member of the Niles Four Flags Garden Club. While active, he was in charge of the Historic Niles Train Depot Garden built in 1893 for the Chicago World's Fair. Some of the trees and roses remain from the original gardens. He was also project manager for the John Gipner (the gardener for the depot) Grave Site Restoration in Historic Silverbrook Cemetery.

John states that "Coming to Linton's has given me the chance to use all my work experience and knowledge in one job. The favorite part of my job is learning how Linton's operates and adding my knowledge to this established business."

John operates by the motto "If better is possible, then good is not enough!" We are glad to have him part of our team.

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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.

