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Landscaping * Lawn Care * Nursery
Garden Centre * Floral & Interior Décor Shoppe

16 Curb Appeal 2012



BEFORE



AFTER

Thank you to Patrick and Christian Shelton and the staff at WNDU for another successful Curb Appeal. See our Facebook page for more pictures!



How To Prepare Your Garden For Fall & Winter

Laura Sherman, Garden Centre Manager

- Remove pumps from fountains and ponds cover fountains to avoid cracks
- Prune any deciduous shrubs that bloom in summer (If you prune spring bloomers now they will not blossom next spring)
- Don't cut back Knock-Out Roses, Evergreens or Ornamental Grasses until early spring
- Cut down any perennials that are brown
- Keep watering evergreens until the ground freezes
- Rake up leaves of plants that have fungus and destroy them (don't compost them)
- Remove any annual bulbs (calla lilies, cannas, gladiolas, etc.) for winter storage
- Mulch more heavily around your tender perennials and shrubs for greater protection. Place a sheet or landscape fabric around the plant, then place mulch on top. Spring clean-up will be much easier!
- Japanese Maples planted in a windy site will need a wind break to protect it. Place 2 stakes in the ground 18" apart, then stretch a pillow case over the stakes. This slows down the wind and protects your beautiful tree.
- Stake newly planted trees so winter winds do not blow them over.
- If you have winged cress in your lawn, this is the season to take action. Their seeds germinate under the snow. To prevent germination, place a crab grass preventer/pre-emergent on your lawn in late fall or early winter.
- Before cutting Hydrangeas, come to Linton's and get our free guide to Hydrangea care. It has a chart with pruning schedules and is a very helpful guide.

For any other tips, hints or advise, please see one of our very knowledgeable Garden Centre staff.



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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Congratulations to Gabby and her owner, Char Davis! Gabby won our Dog Days of Summer costume contest, braving heat of over 100 degrees. She had it made in the shade!

"Thank you so much for hosting the "Dog Days of Summer" event to benefit the Humane Society of Elkhart County! The 4-legged shelter residents and volunteers had a great time in spite of the heat!!! Thanks so much for your support. We look forward to bringing dogs and cats back to for another showcase event in the fall.

Sincerely, Lori Mischke & Becky Waltz, Pet Showcase Coordinators, Elk. Co. Humane Society

Rainy Day Sale

Next time the heavens pour liquid sunshine, plan a trip to Linton's Enchanted Gardens. You can shop in the comfort of our Interior Décor Shoppe or Conservatory! When our Rainy Days Flag is flying, you'll save 10% off your day's purchases from the Garden Centre! We even have a supply of umbrellas for you to use if you'd like to stroll through our gardens. You can visit our website, rain or shine, at www.lintons.com.



UGLIEST YARD CONTEST

Chris Myers scored big by getting Elkhart Truth readers to vote for his yard. Guess what? He has the Ugliest Yard! Mark Linton is presenting Chris with a landscaping plan and gift card from Linton’s to buy the plants! Congratulations, again, Chris Myers!

Decorating Services

Do you get overwhelmed thinking about putting up all your exterior and interior fall and Christmas decorations? Why not let Linton’s take care of that for you? We have experienced design teams who will come to your home and add harvest displays, put up your Halloween decor, hang your Christmas lights, and even put up your tree! Call Mark Linton for more information! P.S. – we will even come back after the holidays and take it down for you, too!

Pumpkin Bowling
October 13 & 14



Tricia Sloma from NewsCenter 16 Bowls at Linton’s Enchanted Gardens

Last year’s Pumpkin Bowling was a SMASHING success! We are partnering again with ADEC, Inc. and the Elkhart Truth for our annual Pumpkin Bowl October 13 & 14. Come to our straw bale bowling alley, grab a pumpkin and ‘bowl’. The lane is set up all weekend, pumpkins are only \$1 and 100% of the proceeds go to ADEC! The best part is that you get to bowl until your pumpkin breaks up.

Whether in the classroom, on the playing field, in the workplace, or in the neighborhood, the power of participation is incredible. ADEC helps people with developmental and physical disabilities discover and share their talents in their community as employees, students, competitors, consumers, advocates and volunteers.

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!

“Restricted Area”

No, this isn’t Roswell; this is a “Restricted Area” at Linton’s Enchanted Gardens for serious plant collectors! Yes, the U.F.O.s (Unusual Flowering Objects) have been spotted in the middle of our Garden Centre located around the landing gear of the alien space ship. We no longer deny the existence of these plants! Our “Research Facility”, aka Linton’s Nursery, has grown these U.F.O.s utilizing intense security surrounding these never-been-seen-before flowering objects. What many have believed to have been once a “cover-up”, we now agree to openly share these “off-limit” U.F.O.s. Only civilians who are classified as being “plant enthusiasts” may purchase them. These U.F.O.s are now available to those that are authorized “test sites” to help our “Research Facility.” Each U.F.O. has been properly identified, named, and tagged with its unique vital statistics, and each U.F.O. includes a small fee to help cover our plant research and development costs.

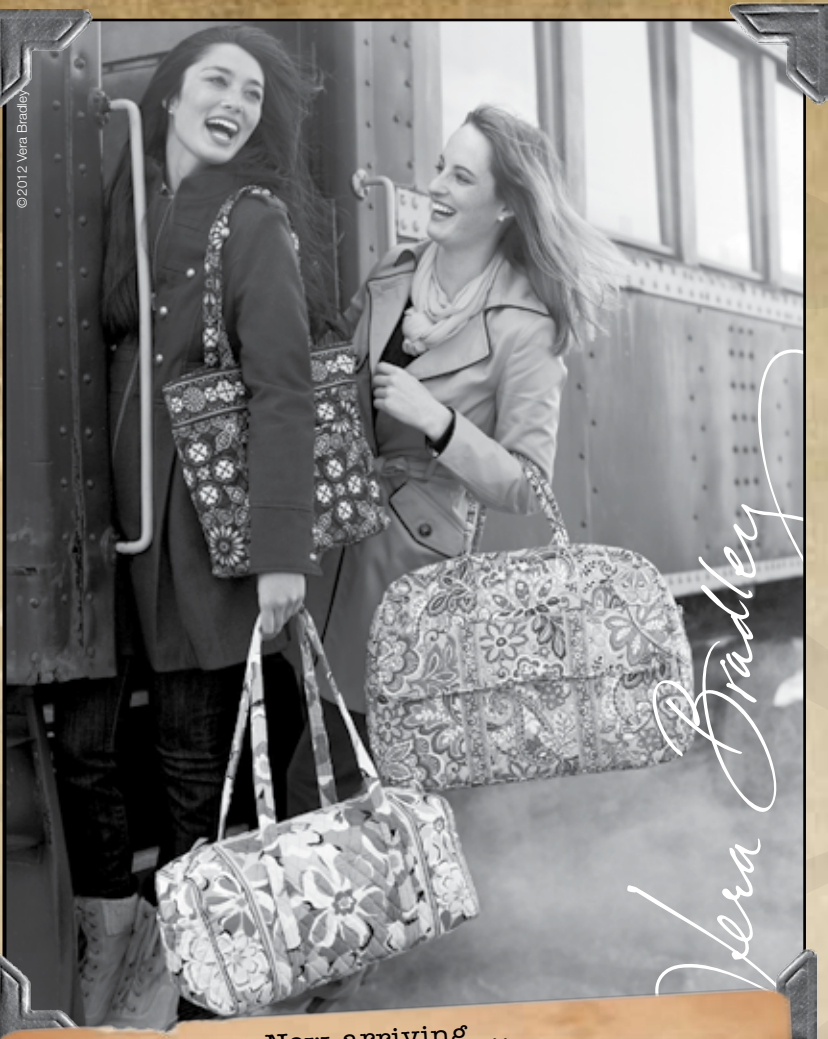
The U. F. O.s that are scheduled to be released from our “Research Facility” for this fall include:



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| Trompenburg Japanese Maple | Eskimo Sunset Sycamore Maple | Parryi Agave |
| Raspberry Swirl Aster | Banana Boat Sedge Grass | Fairy Puff Cypress |
| Chirimen Cypress | Golden Fern Cypress | Sunlight Lace Cypress |
| Jersey Jewel Holly | Gold Tip Helliery Holly | Blue Point Juniper |
| All Gold Shore Juniper | Kallay Juniper | Marc Anthony Lilyturf |
| Combination Apple Tree | Cherry Sparkler Fountain Grass | Burgundy Bunny Fountain |
| Little Honey Dwarf Fountain | Purple Baron Ornamental Millet | Cobra Norway Spruce |
| Joppi Jeffery Pine | Helga Austrian Pine | Horsford Eastern White Pine |
| Aurea Scotch Pine | Silver Fox Willow | Boyd’s Weeping Willow |
| Alpine Creeping Willow | Blue Heaven Little Bluestem | Mecki Japanese Umbrella |
| Crystal Pink Sedum | Maestro Sedum | Moonlight Serenade Sedum |
| Raspberry Truffle Sedum | Razzleberry Sedum | Cobweb Buttons Hens and |
| Commander Hay Hens and | Director Jacobs Hens and Chicks | El Greco Hens and Chicks |
| Jubilee Hens and Chicks | Mahogany Hens and Chicks | Ruby Heart Hens and Chicks |
| Sanford Hybrids Hens and | Silver King Hens and Chicks | Strawberry Fields Hens and |
| Franky Boy Arborvitae | | |

SPOOKTACULAR - October 27-28

Kids are always looking for a good reason to wear their Halloween Costumes. Spooktacular gives them (and parents) a good reason. Our free straw bale maze provides fun entertainment. Costumes deserve a treat and we’ll have some ready for all the little ghouls and goblins, princesses and fairies! The best costume will get a prize! Watch for more details at www.lintons.com and on Facebook.



Now arriving ...

Three new fall colors from Vera Bradley! Stop in to see everything that's new, and find out how fun it is to be colorful.

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ALL CUSTOMERS PURCHASING VERA BRADLEY PRODUCT (\$20 OR MORE) WILL RECEIVE A **FREE** VERA BRADLEY SHOPPERS TOTE.

Employee Spotlight




In this picture, the design team is proud to show off Linton's new Posh Knit Collection by Noelle! These gorgeous capes, jackets and matching gloves are lightweight but feel cozy and warm for the coming cooler weather and they look great, too!

Our talented team of designers are working hard to make each customer's shopping experience at Linton's a relaxing and inspiring adventure. Diana Ellison, Shelley Shelby, Anne Blackburn, Katie Pontius, and Jean Tavernier enjoy the opportunity to introduce new products and decorating ideas to you. New pieces are brought in each week and the showroom looks completely different each time you enter. They are always very busy, but never too busy to answer questions or give decorating advice.



A chandelier in your locker? Linton's has a great assortment of locker decor from Locker Lookz! Wallpaper, organizers, mirrors, rugs and flowers are waiting to turn a boring locker into fun. The best part is the motion sensor lights! Check out our video on YouTube! Search "Linton's Locker Lookz." You'll want to see this for yourself!

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MR. SMARTY PLANTS

Dear Mr. Smarty Plant:

My garden is really dried out, and winter is coming. I'm afraid my trees and shrubs will dry out even more or die. Anything I should be doing to prepare? - signed Parched

Dear Parched,

Symptoms of drought stress take many forms. Leaves or needles may wilt, turn brown, or dry up. Yellowing or reddish tones, if not the plant's usual fall colors, can be another sign. Stunted growth and disfigurement might also occur. Dessication (dehydration) is evident from the top of the plant downward. Make notes on the drought stressed items for further observation during mid-winter warm-ups. Water moderately until the ground freezes and during winter warm-ups. You will also want to apply a product such as Wilt Stop to evergreens, according to package directions, to hold moisture in the leaves and protect them from winter winds.

Increase mulch in areas under trees, making a depth of 3-4" before winter to retain moisture. But plan to remove some of the mulch in spring. Remember, plants & trees become susceptible to pests and diseases during and after times of stress.



Help Save Mother Earth

Every year millions of nursery pots are used just once and then hauled away to the landfill. By recycling and re-using the pots, we can all do our part to help Mother Earth. For each used black plastic nursery pot (1 gallon or larger) returned to us, Linton's will reward you with a credit of 5 cents per container. And we don't mind if the container was purchased elsewhere. (We also recycle glass floral vases too!) Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition and without labels.

Greek Pasta Recipe



- 1 Wind & Willow Greek Feta & Olive Cheeseball Mix (reserve ½ for garnish)
- 1-1/2 cups uncooked pasta (bow tie, shells, or your favorite)
- 1 cup halved grape tomatoes
- 1 cup ripe olives (sliced or whole pitted)
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup cooked chicken, but into bite-sized pieces

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. In large mixing bowl, mix pasta with ½ the Greek Feta & Olive mix & all remaining ingredients. Toss gently to coat. Garnish with remaining topping. Serve warm or chill to serve cold.

Optional additions: marinated artichoke hearts, feta cheese, shredded Parmesan or cubed mozzarella.



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OKTOBERFEST

Saturday & Sunday
Oct. 6th & 7th

Enjoy the tastes of fall

Free Cider & Donuts
(served from 10 am - 5 pm)

Save
50%-90% OFF
Select Items In The Garden Centre
& Floral & Interior Décor Shoppe

BUILD YOUR OWN SCARECROW!
Assembled by kids of all ages
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Free Petting Zoo!
Pumpkin patch and photo spot.
(bring your own camera)

Fall decorations available!

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PUMPKIN BOWLING!

October 13 & 14

BOWL UNTIL IT BURSTS!

Only \$1.00 donation to ADEC

Enjoy **50% - 90%**
savings on select plants, trees & shrubs!

For every **ORNAMENTAL GRASS**
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Color a **SCARECROW**
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In an ongoing effort to increase our ADA accessibility, Linton's Enchanted Gardens now has a wheel chair available for the use of our guests. It is located just inside our front entrance.

