

# Linton's Leaflet

Summer 2014

Landscaping

Lawn Care

Nursery | Garden Centre

Floral & Interior Décor Shoppe

Garden Café

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## Dog Days!

By: Mark Linton

Oh, the "Dog Days of Summer"! Too hot to plant? Actually not! A lot of folks are surprised that you can actually plant trees, shrubs and perennials during this time of the year. Then why do so many old time gardeners think you can only plant in the Spring and Fall? It goes way back about 30-40 years when almost all trees and shrubs were grown in the ground in a nursery. Times have changed and we have changed with the times. Back when plants were grown in the ground and dug for customers, the nursery could only dig plants when they were dormant, which was in the Spring and Fall. At Linton's Enchanted Gardens nursery located in Bristol, we grow all of our trees and shrubs in containers, which allows us and our customers to plant any time the ground is not frozen. Container grown plants have a huge advantage over those grown in the ground since there is zero transplant shock since no roots are being cut. The trees and shrubs simply slide out of the pot they were grown in. This is just one of the many reasons we can offer our exclusive Two-Year Guaran-"TREE"! So take advantage of the long summer days and create a beautiful landscape to be enjoyed for many years to come!



### Linton's Hours

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





# dog days of summer

## JULY 26 & 27

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 ECHS!

Adoptable Dogs from  
Humane Society and Dog Town Resort  
on site Saturday 10-2

### PUPPY LOUNGE AREA

**10% off**  
All Trees & Shrubs  
**20% off**  
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## Employee Spotlight

Ruth Linton- Mom, Mother, Life Advisor,  
Wedding Consultant, Silk Floral Designer

With all these titles, it would seem like no  
further details are necessary! Ruth Linton has  
literally been a part of the Linton's team since  
inception! Ruth started out running the Linton's  
gift shop, and helped to open the Floral Shoppe  
and build it to the largest in the area.

Ruth is Linton's wedding consultant and silk  
floral designer. Her high standards and attention  
to detail are unparalleled. She is also a constant  
source of support and wisdom to her sons, Mark  
and Kirk, as well as the rest of the Linton's staff.

Ruth is very active in her church and  
enjoys gardening and spending time with her  
grandchildren.



## What are Free Bees?

Regular customers of Linton's already know! If  
you're new to our Garden Centre, you might think  
we are passing out pollinators that sometimes  
sting.

During gardening season, we pass on HUGE  
savings with our Free Bee Sales. These are healthy  
plants, grown at our Nursery in Bristol. We just  
need to reduce our inventory, so we offer them  
to our customers at unheard of savings! Watch our  
weekly ads in Elkhart and South Bend newspapers,  
or stop by and pick up a sales flyer. You'll find red  
sales flags throughout the Garden Centre.

Our Free Bee specials may be found on our  
website at [lintons.com](http://lintons.com) and YouTube (search  
LintonsEnchanted). Sale information can also be  
viewed on WSBT 22 on Saturdays at 5:00am,  
ABC57 on Saturdays at 7:00am, WHME 46  
Saturdays at 6:30am, WNDU 16 on Saturdays  
and Sundays at 6:00am and on FOX28 on  
Saturdays at 7:00am.



## Rainy Day Sale

Visit us the next time the heavens pour liquid  
sunshine! Shop in the comfort of our Interior  
Decor Shoppe or Conservatory! When our Rainy  
Days Flag is flying, save 10% on purchases from  
the Garden Centre! We have umbrellas for you to  
use as you stroll through our gardens.

Visit our website, rain or shine, at [Lintons.com](http://Lintons.com).



# 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.**



Vera Vera

Great microfiber styles in Geranium and Lemongrass are perfect for summer!

Shown: Tote in Geranium and All in One Crossbody in Lemongrass

*Vera Bradley*

## Kind Words from our Customers

We want to thank you all so much for helping create the wedding of our dreams! The flowers you arranged for us were absolutely gorgeous! It was such a pleasure to get the honor of working with you and having you do our wedding flowers.

- Kelsey & Tyler Bourdon

My wife and I are now HUGE fans of your store! We tore out sod for two new gardens last week and bought a bunch of new stock there on Friday. It was a first time for my wife. She was so excited, she took me there on Sunday (which was my first time.)

There are no words to express how impressed we are with your operation. It's not only the healthy plant stock, but the knowledge of your Master Gardener, Christie was second to none. Plus, the gift shop was fantastic. We loved wandering through the walkways.

It's our green house of choice, no doubt.

- Wes Mills/ Ag Day

## Wheel of Savings Weekend!

July 12 & 13



*Spin the wheel of savings to reveal your discount!*  
Everyone is a winner!

Savings up to **75% off**  
and you may be the lucky winner of a 100 Grand!

Yellow tag sale in our  
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Save up to **90% off**

Enjoy free tastes in our Garden Café

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# Floral Trends By Ruth Linton

Unusual coloring in an almost unlimited palette is available to the fresh floral customer this year. The simple, yet striking Gerbera daisy, with unusually brilliant color combinations, seem to be the fresh flower choice by many of the younger households including of course, the “prom-goer”.

Bright colors are typical of this daisy-like flower with sizes ranging from quarter to coffee cup size. Colors are often multi-shades- varying from chartreuse/lime accented with brilliant tangerine as well as “perky pink” with “hot lips” fuschia. Some varieties might include a “center black eye” to contrast with a vivid crested double row of short and long over-lapping petals. Various shades of pink as seen in the Spring garden, mixed with fresh yellows and, of course, green make a powerful statement when displayed inside the home.

Novelty varieties are really eye-catching and, even if your favorite dress color is not a part of the selection, you might consider contacting one of Linton’s flower tinting professionals! Here, special floral paint assures you that, the quality you have come to expect will be carried out to perfection. In this scenario, a stunning purple grown might deserve the sought after trendy turquoise color of this year. How to do it? See our professionals, of course! A center of glitz makes a real stand out or you might even select a centered black eye with a vivid crusted double row of short and long over-lapping petals.

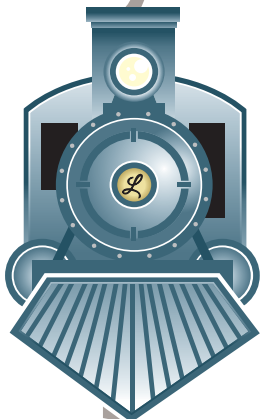
The 2014 design trend also focuses on a single large flower such as the Gerbera, Dahlia or Spider Mum to be used in a showy white corsage for prom, while the flowers smaller component is a good choice for the boutonnière.

Gerberas add lots of color to the annual garden. Vase life of this trendy flower? Well-cared for cut Gerberas often last 10 days.



#### Best tips for any cut flower longevity:

1. Keep out of drafts and direct sun.
2. Change cloudy water.
3. Use floral preservative package.
4. Give a drop of B-2 Thrive



## Enchanted Railroad

All Aboard! Linton’s is proud to announce the arrival of our new ‘Enchanted Gardens Railroad’ Train. The Enchanted Gardens train takes guests on a 10-15 minute narrated & guided tour around the perimeter of the beautiful 9 acre facility, past the display gardens, quilt garden, ‘Lake Linton’, the petting zoo, and through the train tunnel before dropping back off at the Train Depot Loading takes place every ½ hour during Linton’s open hours. The train will run May-December, weather permitting. Tickets are \$4.00 each for children and adults, and infants 12 months and under are free (must remain on adults lap). During Special Events, tickets will be \$5.00 each and include an extra activity. The Pumpkin Patch Express includes a pumpkin and the Polar Express includes a ride with Santa and a candy cane.



*"The perfect Summer day is when the sun is shining,  
the breeze is blowing and the lawn mower is broken"*



## Summer Heat and Humidity

*By Jackie Weiss, Linton's Garden Centre manager*

Summertime heat and humidity can be stressful on plants as well as humans. High humidity and hot conditions can cause many problems in the plant world.

Fungus diseases are one of the worst problems for plants in the summertime. One way to avoid this is to not water plants from overhead. Wet leaves are a breeding ground for fungus.

Also, avoid watering at night. Plants should be dry as night falls. Additionally, mulching too deeply also can cause fungus growth, since the mulch stays wet. Ideally, you should spread mulch about 2-3 inches deep, and just a very thin layer at the base of each plant or shrub.

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# Mr. Smarty Plants

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Dear Mr. Smarty Plants,  
Years ago, our new house came with a tiny patio as a contractor "perk". Since then, our family and our needs have grown. We'd like to use the space more, but it just does not work. Any ideas?

-Signed: Growing Family

Dear Family: Why not expand your couples' patio into something you all can enjoy. Begin by addressing any drainage issues that may be occurring around foundations and downspouts in the immediate area. New hard surfaces affect rainfall penetration and run-off, so problems must be fixed before your begin.

Make a list of your "use needs" and number of people you would like to accommodate. Observe the flow pattern to the yard from the existing patio. Planned paths and step pads will help reduce soil compaction and lawn disturbance from foot traffic and pets.

You don't always have to tear out what you already have. Pint-sized patios can be extended to maximize function to square footage, with like or complimentary materials built in an artful design.

Are wind, shade, or too much sun a consideration? Alter the environment if you don't have much flexibility in your site location. Professional landscapers can offer solutions with suitable plants and trees, arbors, pergolas, bench seatwalls and screening. They will also know the local codes, restrictions, & ordinance requirements and can give you the best design for your budget.

For evening use, include lighting for safety and the desired atmosphere. Enjoy friendly fireside conversation? A stone firepit will bring out the warm interaction you may be seeking. Night gardens can also be planted in flower beds or raised gardens which surround your beautiful new patio.

- Mr. Smarty

# Big Pink

## WEEKEND

### JUNE 21 & 22

**Linton's is part of a campaign to raise over \$1 million for Breast Cancer Research!**

Free long stem rose for the first 100 Cancer Survivors

**WEAR PINK AND GET \$10.00 OFF ANY SINGLE TREE OR SHRUB!**

(3 gallons or larger)

**The guest dressed in the "most pink" each day will receive a \$50 Linton's gift card and a \$50 donation to Breast Cancer Research Foundation!**

Hope Coneflower  
**\$16.99**

Remember Me Hostas  
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INVINCIBELLE Spirit Pink Hydrangea  
**\$25.99** 2 gal  
**\$39.99** 3 gal

\$1.00 will be donated towards research

**50%-75% off** Select Trees & Shrubs

Rio Roses 1/2 dozen bouquet was \$21.99 NOW **\$7.99**

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