



# Leaflet



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## The Elements of Landscape Design

By Mark B. Linton

In order to create a pleasing, well-conceived space, I follow these five basic tenets of great landscape design:

**Scale:** I select ornamental trees like Weeping Cherry, Tree Hydrangea and Flowering Dogwoods to create height and a sense of dimension. A lot of the time, this becomes a focal point.

**Color:** I always want contrasting colors against a home. If the colors are similar,

they will blend or not show. For example; purple leaved plants and trees in front of a brown home blend in, where in front of a yellow home, they'd show up beautifully. It's important to offset formality with widely contrasting hues of both flowers and foliage.

**Structure:** When I design a residential landscape, I like to incorporate paths that encourage visitors to stroll and pause, as well as emphasize specimen and important rare plants. I also create areas that display examples of single species by planting masses to create a large impact.

**Texture:** When selecting a pallet of plants, I like to choose shrubs and flow-

ers with leaves of diverse sizes, shapes, and texture. For example, the openness and airiness of Liriope in front of a Boxwood Hedge gives a lovely contrast of textures.

**Ornamentation:** I love garden ornaments (that's why our Garden Centre is packed full of them). Urns, birdbaths, statues, sun spheres, fountains and sculptures all add interest and help to underscore a garden's design, even when plants and flowers aren't in full bloom. A word of caution: I'd love to sell you every piece of garden art that we have, but in *all* cases, a little bit goes a long way! Garden ornaments should be limited to just one (or a pair if using urns) per each area.



*As a service to our customers, Linton's offers complimentary wedding consultations. Please call Ruth Linton at Linton's, 293-9699 to set up your appointment!*



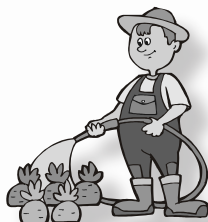
## Perennials for 2005

The popularity of gardening is booming! Why? Because people are discovering how enjoyable a beautiful landscape is, gardening is becoming an important part of our escape from the 9-5.

This is why I feel it's important to bring to Linton's, the largest selection of perennials in Michigan. I love the unusual, new, and outstanding plants that release gardeners from the "norm".

This season will bring even more; thousands of varieties from 2" pots to 5 gallon sizes to fit all budgets! Check out our new quart program! We will carry even more tropicals, rare annuals, alpines, rock garden and woodlands plants. New plants will be coming through the season so keep in touch.

Geoff  
"The Garden Guy"



## Proven Winners (Plus!)

For the past couple of years Linton's has increased the amount of specialty annuals by about 100% per year. This year we went nuts!!

Our Garden Centre will offer over 400 varieties of really great, rare and really cool plants. We will also have a huge selection of really nice hanging baskets and planters with great new plant material that's definitely not available elsewhere. Plus big, showy tropicals, vines, palms, tropical water plants and all the standard favorites will be available.

Our green house will boast a big selection of hummingbird and butterfly attractors even in hanging baskets! It's the best selection in the Midwest!

*Starts late April with new items through June!*



## LINTON'S 2005 Calendar of Events!

April 30 & May 1..... Spring Open House  
May 7 & 8..... Mother's Day Open House  
June 4 & 5..... Linton's Garden Party-  
Open House  
July 9 & 10..... Salebrate America Open House  
August 6 & 7..... Summer Hawaiian Luau  
Open House  
September 3 & 4 ..... Birthday Open House-  
(23 yrs. of Quality & Excellence)  
October 1 & 2..... October Fest Open House-  
November 2 & 4..... Red Carpet Open House  
(6-8 pm)  
November 5 & 6..... Christmas Open House

Saturday hours for all events • 8 am - 5 pm  
Sunday hours for all events • 10 am - 4 pm

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”  
Benjamin Franklin

**Linton's Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 6:00 • Saturday 8:00 - 5:00 • Sunday 10:00 - 4:00**

## Wedding Planner

Congratulations! You have decided to get married. Here are some steps (and tips) to help you organize the perfect wedding.

- Once the engagement is official, consult with both families, and decide on a tentative time and place for the wedding and reception. You should also draw up a guest list to have an idea of how large your reception hall should be.



- Consult your priest/minister to choose a firm date and time for the ceremony.
- Budget for the wedding, reception, clothes, honeymoon, flowers, music, photographer, limousine, wedding cake, etc.
- As soon as the wedding date is set, reserve a hotel banquet room, a restaurant, a hall or a tent (in the even of an outdoor wedding) for the reception. For a group of two hundred people or more, reservations should be made at least a year in advance. For a smaller wedding the hall should be reserved eight months to a year in advance.

For your free wedding consultation, contact Linton's Floral Shoppe at 293-9699 to schedule your consultation with Ruth Linton. Our wedding designs will make an elegant combination and a day to remember.

*This spring, we will be carrying a great selection of both spring, summer, rare tropical and semi-hardy bulbs.*

*Easy to dig and store!*

*They can be real garden jewels. Stop by and visit our Garden Shoppe. You'll want to try some, they're really fun!*

## The Secret to...

### Fishing Out Runaway Eggshells

When a shell fragment finds its way into your bowl of batter, forget using your fingers to chase the slippery shell around. Instead, just dip a clean eggshell in - the stray will latch on like a magnet!



## ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,  
I bought a wisteria three years ago and it has never bloomed. I don't understand why. I water, fertilize and train all the new shoots to cover my trellis. It's big, but a flop!  
Signed, Floppy

Dear Floppy,  
You care too much! Try becoming Cruella de Ville of the plant world for awhile! Cut off all its long winter arms back to two buds, except those being trained for framework. Do this once in June or July and again in October or November. Don't fertilize it, *ever!* Starve it!!! Good soil and water are okay, but keep fertilizer away from root zone. by denying it lush growth and food it will strive to flower and produce seed. Just be stern! By the way, it takes 20-30 years for seedlings to flower so buy our grafted plants from our Garden Centre.  
Sincerely, Iris

## How to Whiten Linens with Lemons

Damask napkins, linens, even white socks can be whitened on the stove: Fill a pot with water and a few slices of fresh lemon, and bring to a boil. Turn off heat, add linens, and let soak for up to an hour; launder as usual. For extra brightening, spread them out in the sunlight to dry.



“My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky.”

William Wordsworth

## Decisions, Decisions...

Just can't make up your mind? Stand up and let your head and shoulders roll slowly toward to floor. With eyes open and arms hanging freely, hold the position for one minute as you breathe deeply. Hanging upside down literally gives you a "new world view" that's like a breath of fresh air for the brain. You'll see your situation in a different light and know what to do in a snap.

## What are FreeBees?



It's our way of saving you, our valued customer money! What's the catch? There is none! We will be running weekly specials that will be featured in the Elkhart Truth as well as in our in-store flyer. All featured items will be "FreeBees" and each week we will have different FreeBees offered.

FreeBees are FREE plants, trees, shrubs and flowers offered in conjunction with a purchase. For example: Buy one, get one free or buy one, get two free. This is our way of saying "Thank you" to you, our loyal customer. Watch for the FreeBees!

“Birds sing after a storm;  
why shouldn't people feel  
as free to delight in  
whatever sunlight  
remains in them?”

Rose Kennedy

## How Do You Say That?

(A short little course in plant pronunciations)

Actaea simplex: (ack-TEE-uh SIM-plecks)  
Bugbane

Brunnera macrophylla:  
(brun-NEER-uh mack-ro-e-FILL-uh)  
Siberian forget-me-not

Chelone glabra: (kuh-LOE-nee GLAY-bruh)  
Turtlehead

Francoa ramosa: (frank-OH-uh ruh-MOE-zuh)  
Bridal Wreath

Ginkgo biloba: (GINK-oh by-LOE-buh)  
Ginkgo

Hosta: (HOSS-tuh)

Leymus arenarius:  
(LAY-mus ar-eh-NAIR-ee-us)  
Lime Grass

Musa basjoo: (MEW-zuh BAZ-joo)  
Hardy banana

Penstemon:  
(pen-STEE-mun)  
Beardtongue

Serenoa repens:  
(sair-eh-NO-uh REE-penz)  
Blue Saw Palmetto

Thujaopsis dolabrata:  
(thoo-YOP-siss doll-uh-BRAY-tuh)  
False Arborvitae

Ulmus crassifolia:  
(ULL-mus krass-ih-FOE-lee-uh)  
Cedar Elm

Vicia faba: (VISS-ee-uh FAY-buh)  
Fava Bean

## 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 plastic nursery pot returned to us, Linton's will reward you with a credit of 5¢ per container. (1 gallon or larger). And we don't mind if the container was purchased elsewhere.



At Linton's, every day is Earth Day!

*Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition.*

### Clip & Save

**FREE  
Tray of Annual Flowers!**

*(No Purchase Necessary)*

*Expires 6/1/05*

## Free Master Gardener Seminar

During our Spring Open House, on Saturday, April 30 there will be a Free Master Gardener Seminar. The subject of the seminar will be Container Gardening and will be held from 10-11 a.m. in our Garden Center. A free door prize will be given away. Come join the fun!!

### Attracting Birds

Melt 1 lb. beef fat; mix in 1 cup of each of crunchy peanut butter, rolled oats, cornmeal and birdseed. Pour into disposable container and let solidify. Fit chunks into a wire cage or net bag and hang in a tree. Within a few days hungry diners will appear!



“ No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. ”  
*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## What's Cooking?

### *Spinach, Strawberry, and Hearts of Palm Salad*

1/3 C. cider vinegar  
3/4 C. sugar  
2 Tbl. fresh lemon juice  
1 Tsp. salt  
1 C. vegetable oil  
1/2 sm. red onion, grated  
1 1/2 Tbl. poppy seeds  
1 Tsp. dry mustard  
1/2 Tsp. paprika  
1 1/2 lbs. fresh spinach, washed & torn into pieces  
1 can hearts of palm, drained & chopped  
2 C. strawberries, stemmed & sliced  
1 C. chopped walnuts



For the dressing, combine the vinegar, sugar, lemon juice, and salt in a small non-reactive saucepan and heat over medium heat until the sugar dissolves, stirring frequently. Remove pan from heat and let cool to room temp. When cooled, whisk in the oil, onion, poppy seeds, dry mustard and paprika until thoroughly combined. Set dressing aside. In a salad bowl, combine spinach, hearts of palm, strawberries, and walnuts. When ready to serve, add some of the dressing, and toss gently. Serve the remaining dressing alongside the salad so diners may add more.  
Yield: 12 servings.

*As a service to our customers, Linton's offers complimentary interior accessory consultations. Please call Jean Tavernier at Linton's, 293-9699 to set up your appointment!*

## Wisteria

For most practical purposes, wisteria is Chinese (Wisteria sinensis) or Japanese (Wisteria floribunda). Both species, and the varieties within them, have more or less the same growth habits and requirements, although the Chinese varieties tend to be less hardy and less fragrant. Both species feature cultivars that bloom in pendulous clusters of lavender or white. Wisteria have an unusually long adolescence and at best might not blossom for 15 years; so the older the plant you start with, the sooner it will bloom. Plants grown from grafts (the safest method) will jump start those 15 years considerably.

Choose a location away from the house, to avoid structural damage-an arbor, an arched trellis, a pergola. You need a location in full sun for at least six hours a day. Wisteria likes reasonably fertile, well-drained soil in an area that is not likely to dry out.



Wisteria can be manipulated

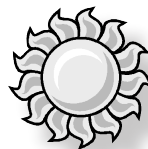
in various ways-as bonsai, for example, or trained as a standard-but pruning demands are rigorous. The only time wisteria should not be pruned is in early spring, because it blooms at this time.

*Due to the overwhelming response, we are no longer able to accept greeting card fronts for St. Jude's Children's Ranch. Thank you from the Linton's Staff for your generosity.*

**The sun is on fire  
In the sky  
And its warmth  
Flowers open**

**In the garden  
And the butterfly  
Flutters by.**

**Wings widespread  
It stops to feed  
At the flower bed  
And on its favorite flower  
The butterfly settles  
Like two extra petals.**



## Rainy Day Sale

Rainy days need not get you down. Next time the heavens pour liquid sunshine, plan a trip to Linton's. You can shop in the comfort of our covered greenhouses. When our Rainy Days Flag is flying, you'll save 10% off your day's purchases.



We even have a supply of umbrellas for our customers who like to stroll through the gardens. You can visit our website rain or shine at [www.lintons.com](http://www.lintons.com).

## Seeking Floral Designer!

Be part of a winning team with a commitment to Quality & Excellence. We are seeking an experienced floral designer.

Apply at Linton's Floral Shoppe, 54360 County Road 17, Elkhart.



- Stanley Cook





# Linton's

## SPRING OPEN HOUSE

*Saturday and Sunday*

**- Sale -**

*April 30th & May 1st*



### Free Kids Korner & Petting Zoo

*For kids of all ages!*  
Hand feed the exotic birds,  
bunnies, pygmy goats,  
mini horse & dwarf deer.  
Tree house!

Floral & Gift  
Shoppe

Yellow Tag Sale

### 50%-90% OFF!!

### FREE

Hot dogs,  
Cotton Candy  
& Pop

### Save 20% to 50% OFF...

Selected items in our Garden Centre.

### Annuals Sale

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& all of your  
old favorites

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