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## WNDU Curb Appeal

by Mark Linton

If you haven't seen the "curb appeal" home and landscape makeover featured on WNDU for the past couple of months, I'd like to share some very exciting news with you. Linton's teamed up with Bail Home Services and Construction in Goshen to provide \$10,000.00 worth of exterior renovations to a lucky contestant who was one of hundreds who submitted their home for a free "curb appeal" makeover.



The WNDU viewers voted the winner and chose Justin and Kim Fennell of South Bend as the winner. After meeting with the Fennell's, Tracey Bail and myself formulated plans and drew up designs to dramatically change the front of Justin and Kim's home. The process has been featured on numerous morning and evening news shows on WNDU. If for some reason you have missed these, you may view them online by searching "WNDU Curb Appeal".

It's not only been fun working with Bail and WNDU, it's been an honor to work for the winners, Justin and Kim. They are a young, married family with two small kids. If you'd like to see the finished products their home is located at 1242 Chimes Drive in South Bend, near the intersection of Ironwood and Edison.

Our thanks go out to the Fennell's for allowing us the opportunity to feature our skills and talents. We also appreciate the team effort from Bail Home Services and Construction, as well as WNDU for making all of this possible. Stay tuned for another episode next year, as we search for the next lucky "curb appeal" winner.

*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!*



## Christina's Corner

As I prepare Linton's for the holidays, I feel like a kid opening gifts on Christmas morning. Each new box has something better than the last one. It is truly a decorator's paradise. Like a story, each item comes to life as I entertain the many possibilities they possess. It is very rewarding to create something that you and others enjoy. This is true in your home as well; shake it up a little this holiday. An new trend is to carry fall into winter. For example, take a simple fall arrangement and add several frosted birds or glitter fruit to it. It will add life to the arrangement.

through the entire house. No, you don't have to buy all new holiday decorations. Let me show you how to accomplish this. Let's say we choose silver for our theme this year. Easy! Dress your tree and decorate it as always. Then deck it out with silver ribbon, add dried flowers sprayed silver, silver fruit, silver balls that are tucked in here and there. This concept can be carried over into any wreath, snowman, Santa, floral arrangement, etc. Just remember to carry your theme through the entire house; your guests will think you had a decorator come and help you. That can be our little secret! Happy Decorating and Happy Holidays!

This holiday season, keep a theme and carry it

Christina

## LINTON'S 2008 Calendar of Events!

Nov. 4-6 (Tues. & Thurs.)..... Red Carpet Open House  
Nov. 8-9 (Sat.-Sun.) ..... Christmas Open House

Saturday & Sunday hours for all events:  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Red Carpet hours:  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Linton's Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 - 7:00 • Saturday & Sunday 8:00 - 6:00**

## Clip & Save

**FREE**  
**Christmas Ornament from our**  
**Customer Appreciation Tree**

*(Limit 1 coupon per family-Please)*  
*(No Purchase Necessary/While Supplies Last)*  
**Valid Only 11/10/08 - 12/31/08**

## Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

In November & December you can get free pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus for non-perishable food donations! Bring your own camera!! (Everyone in the picture must have at least one item to donate.) All food collected will be donated to Guidance Ministries.

All children under 12 will have a chance to pull one coupon from Santas bag as a gift. Coupons cannot be exchanged for cash or put back in to try for something else. If a child pulls a coupon for a "big gift" they must come back on December 6, 2008 to pull another coupon to see which "big gift" they have won.



What's in Santa's bag? Coupons for a chance to win "big gifts" including an airplane ride with Santa, a signed 8 x 10 picture of Miley Cyrus-Hannah Montana (certificate of authenticity included), day trip for a family of four on the South Shore to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and more. (Employees, family or volunteers of Santa's Pantry, Linton's Enchanted Gardens, Diverse Society or Guidance Ministries are not eligible for "big gifts".)

Come join the fun at Linton's Enchanted Gardens on November 8 & 9, November 29 and December 6, 2008 from 12:00-5:00 pm and get your picture taken with Santa.



## ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,

What should I be doing for my yard in the winter months? I didn't really like what I had this year, and some things I tried just did not work out. Where do I go from here?

Signed,  
All Frozen Up

Dear All Frozen Up,

Spend the really nice, clear fall days outside studying your yard. Take down notes about what you'd like to keep and what you would like to see changed. Remember to jot down flower colors of perennials and shrubs you would like to see remain. Do you want to add a retaining wall or hardscape such as a patio or deck? Maybe you have a special event coming up where it would be beneficial to have one. All of this information will aid designers later on.

Then get ready to be 'snowed in' this winter. Head to your local library in late fall. Start browsing magazines and those "idea" books to gain inspiration, and get an idea of the look you are after. Also think about what time of year you spend the most time out in your yard-spring, summer or fall? Are you outside mornings through evenings? This will obviously influence when you want it to look its best. Select your readings carefully too. You don't want to fall in love with a look that doesn't work well here in our northern climate. Keep this in mind as you curl up in front of that cozy fireplace with all those colorful references.

When you feel you have seen enough, make a list of maintenance issues you can live with. Be practical and honest in assessing your time and abilities. Too often, calendar perfect "dream gardens" turn out to be a nightmare for a homeowner who underestimated his or her endurance, time and skill level to do the installation and maintain the look. What looked great in a magazine or book, may have taken quite a lot of time in the design stage and was installed by seasoned professionals.

Once you've decided on your direction, study your finances. Many people are putting travel and gas money into the equity of the home landscaping instead. After all, most people spend a lot of time in their yards, or see them from indoor viewing points. You may decide that you need to do your project in stages, or perhaps save time and money doing it all in one construction session. If you still don't know what you want or how to begin, winter is the best time to consult a professional landscape designer and contractor. Bear in mind that spring may come quickly, and they will get busy very fast! I guarantee that you will be glad you started earlier during the design and thought phase. And don't forget that spring can be just as unpredictable as to when it makes its appearance. You have to wait until the ground thaws to see your dreams sprout form the drawing plan to planting in the ground.

Signed,

Iris

## Decorating Seminar!

Decorating Your Home for the Holidays Seminar on Saturday, November 22 from 10:00-11:00 am. Get ideas on how to make your home sparkle with the splendor of the Holiday Season from Christina Pairitz, our Interior Decor Designer. Limited seating is available, call us at 574-293-9699 to make your reservation.

## Gift Card for the Holidays

Last minute holiday shopping for a friend or relative can be traumatic for you if you chose "the wrong gift" for them. Why not purchase a Linton's Enchanted Gardens gift card and let your special someone choose their own gift. Linton's Gift Cards never expire and may be purchased in any amount. Our gift cards may be used for landscaping, lawn care, floral & Interior decor as well as in our Garden Centre.

## I CAN'T do Houseplants...

By Laura Sherman

Yes you can! I am always amazed by the number of people, even avid outdoor gardeners, that are unwilling to try houseplants. Why? Because they're hard? They're dirty? Houseplants can be very easy with a little help from us.



Let me tell you some of the benefits of houseplants. They can actually help clean pollutants from the air in your home, especially new homes that tend to be more air tight for energy efficiency. They scrub significant amounts of harmful gases out of the air and place them in their soil where they can do no harm to anyone. They are mood enhancing. As you care for your plant, your blood pressure and stress level become reduced and a calming feeling relaxes your body. Houseplants can also help fight fatigue and colds by increasing the humidity level in the home and decreasing dust. And most of all, they're just plain beautiful to look at.

When choosing a houseplant start out simple. If you are a very busy person, and you choose a variety that requires 1 hour a day of care rather than a plant that needs only 5 minutes a week, you just set yourself up to fail at growing houseplants. Start out with some simple, easy to grow varieties such as Ivy, Spider Plant, Peace Lily, Palms, Ficus, Philodendrons, Tillandsia or a Mother-in-law-tongue. After you have had success with some of these varieties and you feel more comfortable, graduate to more exotic and touchy species of houseplants

Come on in and we'll help you get a beautiful houseplant you can live with.



Herb was sure the Greens wouldn't notice him, now that he had his new headscaping.



## Employee Spotlight

Introducing . . . Christina Pairitz, Interior Decor Designer!!

Linton's Enchanted Gardens is proud to introduce Christina Pairitz of our Interior Decor Shoppe Staff. Christina is a designer specializing in interior decor. She has many years of experience and inherited her skill from a very talented family. Christina is also certified in floral design. In addition to arranging all of our spectacular displays, Christina has decorated the set for WNIT, done designs for Tablescape and has conducted various design seminars, as well as assisting customers with their interior de'cor needs. Please stop by to meet Christina, she can assist you with your holiday decor!

## What's Cooking?

### Chocolate Mint Truffles



- 1 3/4 c (11.5oz pkg) milk chocolate morsels
- 1 c (6 oz) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 3/4 c heavy whipping cream
- 1 tbsp peppermint extract
- 1 1/2 c finely chopped walnuts, toasted, or baking cocoa

Line baking sheet with wax paper.

Place milk chocolate and semi-sweet morsels in large mixer bowl. Heat cream to a gentle boil in small saucepan; pour over morsels. Let stand for 1 minute; stir until smooth. Stir in peppermint extract. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate for 35 to 45 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir just until color lightens slightly. (*Do not overmix or truffles will be grainy*)

Drop by rounded teaspoon onto prepared baking sheet; refrigerate for 10 to 15 minutes. Shape into balls; roll in walnuts or cocoa. Store in airtight container in refrigerator. Makes about 48 truffles.

Variation: After rolling chocolate mixture into balls; freeze for 30 to 40 minutes. Microwave 1 3/4 cups (11.5 oz pkg) milk chocolate morsels and 3 tablespoons vegetable shortening in medium, microwave-safe bowl on medium-high (70%) power for 1 minute; stir.

Microwave at additional 10 to 20 second intervals, stirring until smooth. Dip truffles into chocolate mixture; shake off excess. Place on foil-lined baking sheets.

Refrigerate for 15 to 20 minutes or until set. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.

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## Announcing ... Linton's "Saturday Seminars" 2009!

If you would like to attend one of our informative 10 am - 11 am seminars, please call us at 574-293-9699 to make your reservation. Seating for our seminars

will be limited. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call us to cancel. Discounts and free samples will be offered along with

question and answer sessions at our new Enchanted Gardens location at 315 CR 17 in Elkhart. We look forward to seeing you!

January 3 .....	It's All About Me (Free samples of Crabtree & Evelyn) .....	Christina Pairitz/Interior Designer
January 10 .....	Growing & Arranging Tropical Flowers In The Home .....	Ruth Linton/Floral Designer
January 17 .....	Bringing The Outdoors In With Easy To Grow House Plants .....	Laura Sherman/Garden Centre Manager
January 24 .....	High Style Floral Designs by Ruth .....	Ruth Linton/Floral Designer
January 31 .....	Interior Accessorizing With Christina .....	Christina Pairitz/Interior Designer
February 7 .....	History of Chocolate (Free samples of South Bend Chocolates) .....	Mark Turner/South Bend Chocolates
February 21 .....	Expert Tips To Care For Your Lawn .....	Bill Watson/Lawn & Turf Expert
February 28 .....	Create Your Own Martha Stewart Floral Arrangements .....	Linton's Floral /Design Staff
March 7 .....	Spring Garden Into Your Decor .....	Christina Pairitz/Interior Designer
March 14 .....	Ponds, Streams & Waterfalls .....	John Amos/Master Gardener
March 21 .....	Out Of This World Plants for 2009 .....	Danny Gouge/Nurseryman
March 28 .....	Unusual Flowering Objects .....	Jennifer Satkoski/Linton's Nursery Manager
April 4 .....	Pruning 101 .....	Debby Fessenden/Assistant Garden Centre Manager
April 11 .....	Attracting Birds & Butterflies To Your Garden .....	Laura Sherman/Garden Centre Manager
April 18 .....	New Hydrangeas and Their Care .....	Jennifer Satkoski/Nursery Manager
April 25 .....	Container Gardening .....	Danny Gouge/Nurseryman
May 16 .....	Ornamental Grasses .....	Laura Sherman/Garden Centre Manager
May 23 .....	Fun In the Shade With Plants .....	John Amos/Master Gardener
May 30 .....	Designing Your Landscape for Four Seasons of Color and Inerest .....	Debby Fessenden/Assistant Garden Centre Manager



YOU'RE INVITED TO LINTON'S

# Holiday OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Nov. 8th - 8am-6pm

Sunday, Nov. 9th - 8am-6pm

We welcome you to taste our selection of Gourmet Foods and Sweets while listening to the Sounds of the Season, as you stroll through our "Winter Wonderland" decorated with over 30 themed Christmas Trees.

Also...

- FREE gift boxes with purchase!
- Door Prizes!
- Tropical & Seasonal Plants in The Conservatory
- Christmas Ornaments
- Willow Tree Angels
- Holiday Decorations

- Huge selection of **YANKEE CANDLES**  
*Buy 3 and get one FREE*
- Interior & Seasonal Décor

**Pictures with Santa**

**12:00 - 5:00 pm**

*(bring your camera and donate a non-perishable food item per each person in the picture)*



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