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## Fall Celebration

Fall Is In The Air

Come and join us at Linton's Enchanted Gardens to celebrate the fall season from October 1-31. There are many wonderful activities offered during this special time.

Children of all ages will enjoy our straw bale maze. Crawl through our maze that is loaded with secret tunnels and lurking surprises and end up in our pumpkin patch. Will you find your way out-or will we have to come in and get you?

The kids will love our storybook house, as well as our two-story tree house and going through the carved-out door of a huge tree trunk and climbing up the stairs to the "Club-House". Once there, the kids will discover a talk tube, a lookout window, balconies and then turbo spiral slide back down. Swing from a tree branch to the "Club House".

Follow the life-size carved wooden bears as Mamma Bear shows you the way, Papa Bear is holding a sign "Don't feed the bears.", and Baby Bear has wandered off to go fishin'. Although Papa Bear is holding a sign that reads "Don't feed the bears.", it's okay to feed our friendly animals. A handful of food for the animals is only a quarter. Visit our miniature



pony, donkey, baby doll sheep, pygmy goats, pot belly pig, llama, peacock, pheasants and lion head rabbit.

Take a stroll through our wonderful garden centre that is decorated for fall. We have a large assortment of pumpkins, gourds,

straw bales, cornshocks, Indian corn, scarecrows and witches as well as Mums and Asters. You can even build your own scarecrow!!

During our "Spooktacular" on October 25 & 26, children dressed in costume will receive a treat. Parents in costume will enjoy 50% savings and the family dog in costume will receive a doggy treat! There will also be pumpkin bowling for kids of all ages. Come and join the fun!!

Remember your visit by bringing your camera and taking a group or family photo in our photo spot!! This area is decorated with mums, straw bales, pumpkins and gourds. It's the perfect way to capture those wonderful family memories.



*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 for the fall season, it is easy to get distracted due to the retailers needing to push Christmas Decor. What a shame! Fall is a time when we can "reap what we've sown." And why not use Mother Nature as an inspiration when it comes to decorating your home inside and out this season. As the temperature becomes cooler, warm the inside with fall colors.

As our summer flower pots die out, fill them in with bittersweet, wheat, pumpkins, gourds, dried pods, fruits and mums. A simple fall garland and/or swag can be entwined in a hanging light, over a doorway or tucked into a shelf.

As it gets darker sooner in the evenings, enhance the ambience with a few new lamps. Let's not forget the comforting scents of cinnamon, nutmeg or pumpkin that are available in candles, sprays, and reed diffusers.

So cuddle up for a cozy fall and take the time to enjoy the entire harvest season!

Christina



## LINTON'S 2008 Calendar of Events!

Oct. 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.).....Octoberfest Open House  
Oct. 25-26 (Sat.-Sun.).....Spooktacular  
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**

# Selecting An Ornamental Grass

By Laura Sherman, Garden Centre Manager

Ornamental grasses are beautiful for a variety of landscape styles; formal, cottage, or wildlife, etc. Many people select ornamental grasses for their low maintenance qualities and their versatility. They require very little care. Some grasses grow in poorer soils with little water. Grasses can benefit from mulching and many from cutting back in the spring before new growth appears.

When choosing a grass, there are a few things to consider. First decide on the site, most grasses will require full sun and do best with moderately moist soil. Then decide how tall you would like the mature height to be. They vary greatly from Little Bunny Grass that grows 6-12" to the very large Ravenna Plum Grass that grows 9-12' tall. You also have many choices on plume colors and foliage colors - from gold, greens, variegated, blues and some purple/red colors. Unfortunately, the ever-popular Purple Fountain Grass is an annual and will die in the winter. This can be a great choice if you don't mind planting it every spring.

Part of choosing a grass is educating yourself on the two types. These are clumping and rhizomes or creeping roots. Rhizomes types spread by creeping roots and will form dense mats and can be used as specimen, a ground cover or to fill in an area or on a hillside to control erosion. To keep it more controlled in a specific area, you can trim it back or place it in a container and then bury the container. These types of grasses are nice because they are quick to grow. They can also be thinned out and placed in other areas of the garden more and grow faster than the clump forming type. Examples of rhizome types are Ribbon Grass, Japanese Blood Grass and Japanese Forest Grass for shade.

Clumping grasses grow in tufts and increase in girth as they mature. It is more difficult to separate or share this type of grass because it grows rather slowly. Some examples of this type of grass are Karl Foresters, Huron Sunrise and Little Bunny.

Linton's Enchanted Gardens carries more than 60 different types of ornamental grasses. Please visit our Garden Centre and let our team of master gardeners help you choose the perfect variety.

## ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,

I tried your suggestions for fall color last year and now I want more! What else can you recommend?

Signed,  
Color My Interest

Dear Color My Interest,

Perk up your tired summer garden beds with a splash of great fall color! As the bright, summery tones start to pale and fade away, compliment those remaining soft browns and umbers with vivid red, scarlet, rose pink, and rich purple. There are many full sun and partial plants that can provide unusual, late color. Try the fall colors of royalty- 'Purple Emperor' Sedum, 'King of Hearts' Bleeding Heart, and 'Black Knight' Butterfly Bush.

Tuck in some golden yellows and bronzy orange items to pick up the colors of the changing fall leaves. Golden Barberry, Coreopsis, Ligularia, and the new varieties of Black-Eyed Susan sit very well next to red leaved shrubs or plants with blue fall flowers. Check out Crimson Pygmy Barberry, Pink Potentilla, and fall-blooming 'Josee' Lilac. The favorite standby of fall, Chrysanthemum, comes in many different tones and varieties. Plant in fall or treat as an annual. It will delight any gardener's eye.

If your yard is all evergreens and conifers, you can really have fun using the dark green tones as a backdrop to show off new fall color! Try some of these, planted in the foreground: gold toned conifers-Thread Cypress, 'Sungold' False Cypress, and 'Yellow Ribbon' Arborvitae, and Cripsii Cypress. In the soft moss green color range, try out the little Linesville Arborvitae or a slender 'Moonglow' Juniper. For just a touch of the blues, try compact Colorado Blue Spruce or 'Blue Cream' Star Juniper. All of these are really different, and against the right background are really very striking!

Don't be shy about using garden decor items for your harvest theme. Small yellow and orange hued items such as pumpkins, Indian corn, and gourds set out in unusual places are great fun! Planting a pumpkin with left over annuals and vines is also a very neat way to decorate too! Fall provides that wonderful color display which is a delight to us all. Have fun and enjoy!

Signed,  
Iris

## 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).

## What are FreeBees?

What are Free Bees? If you are a regular customer of Linton's, then you already know. But if you're new to the area, you might just think that we are passing out those pesky pollinators that sometimes may sting us. Well, you are wrong!



Every week during the Garden Centre season, we pass on HUGE savings to our customers with our weekly Free Bee Sale. These are healthy plants that we have grown at our own Nursery in Bristol and have over produced.

When we need to get our inventory level down, we pass on these unheard of savings to our customers! Where else can you buy one or two plants and get three free? Linton's Enchanted Gardens of course!



You can view our weekly ad online at [www.lintons.com](http://www.lintons.com) or just simply stop by and pick up a weekly sales flyer and look for the red sale flags throughout the Garden Centre.

## 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.

“ Winter is an etching,  
spring a watercolor, summer  
an oil painting and autumn a  
mosaic of them all. ”  
Stanley Horowitz



The Forget-Me-Nots hoped Billy would Forget.

## What's Cooking?

### Winter Squash Soup

1 (2-2 ½ lb) butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and coarsely chopped  
 4 Tsp. olive oil  
 1 Onion, chopped  
 1 Slice Canadian bacon, diced  
 3 Cups low-sodium chicken broth  
 Freshly ground pepper, to taste  
 4 Tsp. minced fresh sage, or 1 ¼ tsp dried



Place the squash in a steamer basket; set in a large saucepan, over 1" of boiling water. Cover and steam until tender, about 15 minutes.

In a large nonstick saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat, heat the oil. Saute` the onion and bacon until the onion is light golden, about 5 minutes. Add the squash and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the squash is very soft, 10-15 minutes.

Transfer the squash mixture to a food processor; puree. Return to the saucepan and add the pepper; heat to serving temperature. Serve, sprinkled with the sage. Makes 4 servings.



## Employee Spotlight

Introducing . . . Frank Willard, Master Gardener/Garden Centre Staff!!

Linton's Enchanted Garden is proud to introduce Frank Willard of our Garden Centre Staff. He is a Master Gardener with over 40 years of gardening experience. Frank's home was featured on the Master Gardens Tour in 2007. He especially enjoys

evergreens and bonsai plants! Please stop by to meet Frank, he can assist you with your landscaping needs.

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## "Green Speak"

Do terms have you stumped? Here's a quick glossary of some of the more commonly used eco-friendly words.

**Biodegradable:** Materials that can decompose or break down, usually by the activity of bacteria or in sunlight, into basic components. Most organic materials-such as paper, grass, food scraps-are biodegradable under the right conditions.

**Downcycle:** Most recycled materials can only be used in a degraded form for components other than their original use. White writing paper, for example, is often downcycled into material such as cardboard and used to create more premium writing paper.

**Natural resources:** Raw material or energy supplied by nature and its processes (i.e.: water, minerals or plants). Trees are a natural resource used to make paper, and sunlight is a natural resource that can be used to heat homes.

**Organic:** Something that comes from a living organism, such as a plant, animal, person or bacteria. It also refers to a product grown or manufactured only with natural materials, like corn grown with compost and without chemical

fertilizer or pesticides, or shampoo made from plants instead of human-made materials.

**Post-Consumer:** Material that is being reused-recycled after it has been in consumer hands, such as newspapers going back to the paper mill to be recycled into new recycled content paper products.

**Pre-Consumer:** Material that is reused or recycled before it ever goes to market, such as paper scraps recovered from a paper mill floor going back into the next batch.

**Recyclable:** Material that still has useful physical or chemical properties after serving its original purpose and can be reused or remanufactured to make new products. Plastic paper, glass, steel and aluminum cans and used oil are some examples. This term may be misleading as there may not be a recycling program that takes the material in the consumer's area.

**Recycled:** Material that has been separated from the waste stream, reprocessed into a new product and brought back by the consumer as a new item.

**Recycled Content:** The amount of pre-and post-consumer recovered material introduced as a feed stock in a material production process, usually

expressed as a percentage.

**Renewable Resource:** A resource that is capable of being naturally restored or replenished, such as trees.

**Upcycle:** The process of converting a material into something of similar, or greater value, in its second life. For example, aluminum and glass can usually be upcycled into the same quality of aluminum and glass as the original products.

**Sustainability:** Social and environmental practices that protect and enhance the human and natural resources needed by future generations to enjoy a quality of life equal to or greater than our own.

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& Sunday, Oct. 5th

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*Fall Decorations Available!*

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