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# Linton's Leaflet



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Mark Linton

Many of our customers ask if late summer and fall are good times to plant shrubs. The popular school of thought is that spring and early summer are the best times to plant. On the contrary, shrubs and other hardy plants can be put in the ground when nature seems to be saying that it's time to hang up the shovels for the season. The reason is that while the air may be nippy, the soil stays warm for many more weeks. Although the top of the plant may have lost its leaves, the roots can continue to grow until the soil temperature approaches freezing, which is much later than when the air temperature approaches freezing. Autumn also tends to see more rain than the summer months, giving another boost to your new plantings. The cooler days are also easier on them than hot summer weather.

At Linton's we have our own nursery in Bristol, IN where we grow our plants in containers. This allows us to extend the planting season through the summer and fall. This is unlike other nurseries that grow their plants in the ground. By being a container grower, we are able to offer this areas only Two Year Guarantees. We feel so confident about our plants that we offer both our landscape and Garden Centre customers a registered guarantee!

Don't think that we can only grow small trees and shrubs above ground, because we are able to install 15-20' container grown trees any time that the ground isn't frozen! At other garden centers or nurseries, not everything is suitable for summer and fall planting. Shrubs and perennials that are sold "bare root" - meaning the roots



aren't planted in a pot but instead are soil-less and covered by plastic wrap or wax - are better off planted in the spring. They may take longer to become established in your yard than plants that were growing in soil and as a result, may not grow new roots by the time the ground freezes. Trees and shrubs that other nurseries grow in the ground can only be transplanted when they are not leafed out. Even then, they experience a "transplant shock" because the roots are severed!

Plant your new shrub or tree by digging a hole that's about twice as wide and as deep as the container or burlap bag it came in. Remove the plant from the pot. If the roots are wound around each other, loosen them by pulling them apart or roughen up the roots by rubbing your hand repeatedly over them. If you don't do this, the tight roots may stunt the growth of the plant. Add some peat moss, available at Linton's, to the soil to help the soil retain moisture and pack the soil loosely around the roots. Make sure the top of the plants root ball is about an inch above the surrounding earth. Then give it a good drink of water mixed with root stimulator which is also available at Linton's. If you choose to use mulch around your new plant, make sure to keep the mulch away from the stem or trunk to prevent rot.

In the spring, your new plant should produce new growth and be well established in the garden. So install your plantings this fall and you'll be glad you did in the spring!

Sept. 26 & 27 • Oct. 3 & 4 / 10 & 11 / 17 & 18

# FALL FESTIVAL

## Free Straw Bale Maze!

### Build your own SCARECROW!

Assembled by kids of all ages starting at \$9.99

### Pumpkin patch & photo spot.

(bring your own camera)

### Fall decorations available!



### Pumpkin Patch EXPRESS RIDES

Only **\$4.99**  
and includes a pumpkin!

## FALL FRENZY

Enjoy

# 50% - 90%

savings on plants, trees & shrubs!

Cash & Carry Only

Some items excluded in this sale and quantities are limited.

## Kind Words from our Customers

"From the design, through the installation and finally to the follow up, Linton's were professional in every way. They will be our first call for future landscape projects. A big thumbs up!" Mark & Mary Minier



"I would like to thank you Mark, as well as everyone on your staff that worked on my (landscape) project. I came to understand what was involved with all the work that needed to be done. WOW! This was the biggest unknown since I got drafted. Speaking with the workers was very 'educational' for me.

Due to the removal of trees, shrubs and weeds, as well as other things that didn't belong, my property finally looks like something I can be proud of. It's fantastic. I never knew contrast and color could make such an improvement. I also saw my yard featured on your show (Colorful Inspirations) on WSBT and it made my day.

Also thanks to everyone at the Interior Decor shop for all their help. I was just there and picked up some items I saw on one of your other shows. I got a tripod lamp that is fabulous and looks great in my home.

Thanks Again,  
Frank Haschka

## Special Occasions call for Flowers!

Nothing says "WOW! YOU DID IT!" with more sincerity than flowers.

Landed a new job. Won a promotion. Passed an important exam. Paid off a car. Stopped smoking. Achieved a weight-loss goal. Finished writing a book. Completed a report. Bought a new home or condo. Retired. Got good news from the doctor. Completed a special course. Graduated. Accomplishments-small or awesome-deserve the recognition and celebration of flowers from Linton's Floral Shoppe. Please call on our staff of floral designers for all of your floral needs.



### Linton's Hours

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





# Fabulous Fall

*By Jackie Weiss, Garden Centre Manager*

There are plenty of things to do in the garden during the autumn months. Not only is this one of the pretties times of the year, (in my opinion) it is also one of the absolute best time to plant trees, shrubs, perennials, and grass seed! Because of autumn weather conditions, reliable rainfall, warm comfortable days, and cooler nights, all of which are ideal for plant growth. Most plants are starting to go dormant for the season, so planting is not as stressful as it is at different times of the year.

Add a late summer pop of color by planting fall flowers, such as Pansies, Chrysanthemums, Flowering Kale, Celosia, and Annual Sunflower. Don't forget to add pumpkins, gourds, Indian Corn and Corn Stalks to your autumn display. Fall is also the time to clean up vegetable beds. Remove any vegetable plants that are no longer producing. Till up the soil and cover with straw or leaves to hold future weed population down.

Prune most trees, shrubs and roses in the fall. Plants get pruned at different times, so make sure you know when to prune your individual plants. Dead, damaged, or diseased wood can be removed in the fall on everything.

Perennial should be cut back and all debris and leaves cleaned out of the perennial garden. Add new plants where there are blank spots.

Be sure to apply a winterizing fertilizer to lawn areas. This will strengthen the root system to withstand the winter months, and help the grass 'wake up' sooner in the spring. A winterizer will green up your lawn much quicker in the spring than not using one.

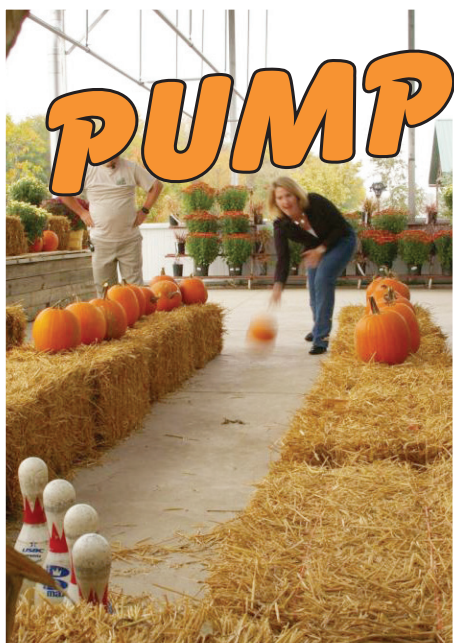
Make sure your wildlife feeders, bird and squirrel are in place and filled before the first snowfall!



## SEASONAL DÉCOR

Did you know Linton's can decorate your home's interior to reflect the season? Whether it is Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter, let our design team create an indoor living space that is as unique as you! As always, our initial visit is complimentary.





WNDU Anchor Tricia Sloma

# PUMPKIN BOWLING!

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**PUMPKIN BOWLING** was a SMASHING success! We are again partnering with ADEC, Inc. and the Elkhart Truth for our annual Pumpkin Bowling October 19 - October 31st. Come to our straw bale bowling alley, grab a pumpkin and 'bowl'. The lane is set up all weekend, pumpkins are only \$2 and 100% of the proceeds go to ADEC, Inc! The best part is that you get to bowl until your pumpkin breaks up. Pumpkin Bowling is fun whether you are 4 or 84!

ADEC, Inc 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, Inc!



Linton's is a proud recipient of TripAdvisor's 'Traveler's Award Certificate of Excellence 2015'.

According to TripAdvisor the award is given to businesses who are recognized by travelers as one of the very best in the business.

## Linton's BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday & Sunday • September 12 & 13

Linton's is Celebrating 33 Years of Quality and Excellence!

*It's Our Biggest Party Ever!*

This is our way of saying "Thank You"

**50-90% off**

Yellow tag items  
in the Interior Décor  
Shoppe

**33% off**

All Perennials  
& Ornamental  
Grasses

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

Free Ice Cream sampling in The Garden Cafe



*Vera Bradley*

Blue Bandana.  
New for Fall 2015



# The Garden Café

## Now serving Wine

We now serve wine at The Garden Café. We are working with area wineries to feature local and unusual wines. House wines start at \$5.99 per glass and wine is served seven days a week.

Our Indiana wine selection includes:



### 101 Lakes Red

Gold medal winning, Satek Winery's ripe concord blend with a powerful aroma but easy drinking. showcases a sweet jam flavor that is sure to win over any wine drinker who likes sweet wine.

### Chateau Thomas Classic Chardonnay

Aromas of tropical fruits and citrus with hints of oak. Smooth & flavorful.

### Chateau Thomas Abe Martin

#### Strawberry Blush

A wonderful blush with heavy aromas and flavors of fresh strawberries

### Satek Blackberry

Sweet fruit wine, tangy and inviting. For every blackberry fruit lover.

## CLIP & SAVE CAFÉ SPECIAL

The Garden Café

**\$2 OFF**  
**BREAKFAST MEAL**  
(8am-11am)  
**OR DINNER MEAL**  
(4pm-7pm)

One coupon per person. Not valid with any  
Expires August 15, 2015



## "Watch This!"

Linton's invites you to tune into "Colorful Inspiration" on WSBT 22 on Saturdays and Sundays at 5:00am, ABC57 on Saturdays and Sundays at 5:00am, WHME 46 Saturdays at 7:30am, WNDU 16 on Saturdays at 6:00am and Sundays at 5:30am, and Fox 28/WSJV on Saturdays at 6:00am and Sundays at 5:00am & 7:00am. In this show Mark Linton features three segments: "Color by the Yard" features custom landscapes and tips for grouping and placing plants, trees and shrubs. "Every Bloomin' Thing" features a selection of unusual plants, trees and shrubs in our Garden Centre and plant care information. "Your Style, Your Home" features Mark and Linton's design team sharing decorating tips and ideas for your home.

We are also regularly featured on WNDU16 and WSBT22 as a local expert for both interior decorating and landscaping. Mark regularly gets to share his passion for plants and decorating as well as tips for all of us to use.

Of course, if you miss us, you can find the most recent show on our website or search YouTube for "Linton's Enchanted."

## 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 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.

## CLIP & SAVE

### FREE SEDUM PLANT WITH ANY PURCHASE

1 Gallon

Valid October 1 - 31, 2015  
Supplies Limited. Limit 1.  
Linton's.com



SEDSPT\*01R+05  
OR SEDRUAN\*01R+05





# Mr. Smarty Plants

**Dear Mr. Smarty Plants, After last year's long bitter cold, several things in our yard suffered or died. Help me plan a scene that looks good all year long, even in Winter? - Signed, Seasonal Blues**

Enjoy your garden year round with a well-designed plan for the "fourth season". The best defense against winter kill is to select cold-tolerant, hardy plants that can take local conditions. Consider your view from indoors. Decide which of the surviving plants you want to keep, remove the rest and start fresh.

An effective Winter Garden is a study of stark contrast and visual drama. Many plants are stunning with late Fall coloration of leaves, dried flowers, berries or seed heads. Enjoy the warm shades of gold, amber, and tan of dried grasses. Against a background of dark evergreens, they'll catch the snow in interesting & delightful displays. Keep the leafy, upper foliage materials on perennials to provide Winter-time blankets for growing crowns at ground level. Variation of visual levels within the garden space to add dimension in a late year scene. Be appropriate in mulch depth and type used to discourage rodent damage. An artistic trellis provides focus when stripped of leafy material come Fall. Rustic fences or walls protect plants from drying wind or cold, and catch snow in neatly repetitive patterns.

Deciduous trees also provide basic Winter time garden structure. Strong-textured, flaky, or peeling bark provides color too, from warm greys and silvers to lush russet brown. Weeping or contorted shrubs become artistic focal points in the late season yard. Shrubs with red, yellow, or coral bark always perk up a snow covered scene. Especially on those bright, sunny days!

Increased day length stimulates a slow, steady return to normal growth patterns for plants. Dressed for the cold, many Spring bloomers use their elegant bud coverings that contain hormones to inhibit blossoms from opening until Winter's dangers have passed. Don't rush to remove protection you have placed in Fall, but gradually remove it come Spring. Plants will transpire (lose moisture) even during the slowed metabolism of Winter conditions, so water as needed, during warm up periods. Here's a fun list to help you build a Winter garden: Paper-bark Maple, Bar Harbor or Andorra Juniper, Russian Cypress, Roses, Coneflowers, shrub Dogwoods, Weeping Cherry, Contorted Hazelnut, Holly, Winterberry, Snowberry. Talk to our professional designer for other ideas.

- Mr. Smarty



# FALL carnival days

SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
SEPT. 19 & 20



COME ONE! COME ALL!

ND HOME GAME LOUNGE!

**FALL FRENZY!**  
Enjoy **50% - 75%** savings on plants, trees & shrubs!  
Cash & Carry Only  
Some items excluded in this sale and quantities are limited.

**FUN & GAMES**  
All guests are invited to join the fun and everyone's a winner! Winners receive discounts **50% TO 100% OFF!**



**LINTON'S EXPRESS**  
Train Rides \$3.99

Free Petting Zoo & Kids Korner  
SWAN PADDLE BOAT  
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**FREE SAMPLES IN OUR GARDEN CAFE**  
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