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Beautiful Paths and Pathside Plantings

Paths can either create a focal point or lead you to a focal point in the garden. There are two important reasons for creating a path. First, is functional. The reason is to get you somewhere in the best way possible. Second, is to direct your attention to a destination.

Choosing paving materials expresses the theme of your garden. Brick is a traditional paving material but can be laid in more contemporary patterns to give your garden a modern look. Stone is very favorable as a paver. Square cut stone gives the garden a tailored look, while flagstone has a less for-

mal look. Stepping stones may be laid in the lawn or in a gravel sea as is often used in Japanese gardens.

Gravel is an easy way to make a path, but gravel has a tendency to jump over the edging and mix with the lawn or planting bed. If you have a woodland path, simply using bark or other natural material may work very well.

If two people want to be able to walk abreast down your path, it should be at least four feet wide. If your path is going down a slope, you may need to put a stair here and there depending on the steepness of the slope, or you can wind down the slope for easier travel.

After your path has been installed, think

about the type of plantings you want to place along the path. A path without plantings is just a walk across the yard; however, an overgrown path defeats its functionality.

As a general rule, pathside planting beds should be at least one-half the width of the path. Wider is even better as long as the scale matches the surrounding landscape. For example, a narrow line of annuals bordering a path isn't very interesting and is out of scale. Variations in height and width of plantings along a straight path make the trip far more interesting.

At Linton's, our crews specialize in the design and installation of various garden paths. We also can design complimentary plantings for your pathways that either you or our crews may install for you.



As a service to our customers, Linton's offers complimentary wedding consultations. Please call Ruth Linton at Linton's, 574-293-9699 to set up your appointment!



Extending Color In Your Perennial Garden

by Debby Fessenden

While walking through Linton's Garden Centre with a customer looking at all the beautiful blooming perennials, one of the most frequently asked questions is, "Will it bloom all summer?". All perennials have a bloom period - spring, early or mid summer, and fall. The secret to having a beautiful flower bed all summer is to plan ahead and purchase plants keeping their bloom period in mind so you will have some plants blooming at different times all summer. If you need help, one of our Garden Centre staff will be happy to help you select your plants.

There are several things to keep in mind when planning a perennial garden. First, determine if your garden will be primarily in the shade or sun, and if the soil well drained or wet. Most perennials don't like wet feet, so you might consider making a raised bed to improve the drainage. It's also important to plant perennials in a good growing medium. Your plants will love a soil that has been amended with compost or peat moss, which you can purchase at Linton's

Garden Centre.

Deadheading spent blooms before they go to seed will keep plants blooming longer. Another method of enjoying the bloom period of a particular perennial is to pinch part of the plants back. I have several stands of Shasta Daisy and I wanted to extend the bloom period. When the plants grew 6" to 8", I pinched back every other shoot which delayed the bloom of the ones I pinched back thus extending the bloom period.

Another thing to keep in mind when selecting perennials is their foliage. After the bloom period, the remainder of the growing season you will see the foliage, which in many plants can be almost as attractive as the bloom, especially in shade gardens.

Perennial gardening is exciting and fun. Watching your plants come out of the ground in the spring is very rewarding and sometimes something will come up as a volunteer that you

LINTON'S 2006 Calendar of Events!

- August 5 & 6.....Hawaiian Luau Open House
- September 2 & 3 Birthday Open House
(24 yrs. of Quality & Excellence)
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 October Fest Open House
- November 1 & 3..... Red Carpet Open House
(6-8 pm)
- November 4 & 5..... Christmas Open House

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

were not expecting! Visit Linton's Garden Centre to see all the new varieties of perennials as well as the old reliables.



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

Linton’s Information Center

Do you need gardening tips and advice? Be sure to check out Linton’s Information Center located in our large greenhouse. Free pamphlets are available on subjects such as ‘Attracting Butterflies & Hummingbirds to Gardens’, ‘Planting for Busy People’, ‘Fountain Care’, ‘Herbs’, ‘Ornamental Grasses’ and many more.



“A bit of fragrance clings to the hand that gives flowers.” Chinese Proverb

Woven Moments - Makes the Perfect Gift

The most remarkable gift of the year! We are excited to tell you about our hot new gift item. Your photo transformed into a woven heirloom. It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3! Purchase the Tote and Pillow kit or the Tapestry Throw kit from Linton’s Gift Shoppe, then you or the gift recipient selects the perfect photo. Submit your selected image as a photo, digital CD or upload to the Manual Woodworkers and Weavers Website. Your woven heirloom will arrive ready to display in approximately 4-6 weeks.



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ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris, I would love to create a moon garden, but need some advice on how to go about it and suggestions for plants. Sincerely, Luna

Dear Luna, The term ‘moon garden’ came from the Victorian era and refers to a garden area containing all white or pale blue flowers (preferably fragrant) that take on a whole new life at night. Color is the result of light being reflected off of an object and a moon garden is at its best bathed in moonlight or using artificial lighting in different areas of the garden. Place your garden near a patio or close to a path you might be walking along in the evening. A crescent or half-moon shape would be nice to carry the theme of a moon garden.

There are many wonderful plants that would be perfect for a moon garden. Edge your garden with plants such as lamb’s ear, white lamium or white impatiens. Foliage plants like variegated hosta or artemisia also work well. Other suggestions of plants for a moon garden would be moonflower, cleome, white garden phlox, flowering tobacco, white dianthus, climbing or shrub rose, clematis or delphinium. Hydrangeas such as Anna Bell would also be a good shrub for your moon garden. There are many others too numerous to mention. Browse Linton’s Garden Centre for other ideas for plants for your moon garden.



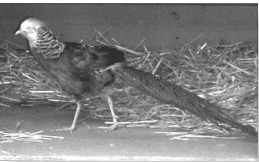
Sincerely, Iris

New Petting Zoo Friends!

Come and meet the new arrivals in Linton’s Petting Zoo! We have added two pigs, Wilbur and Miss Piggy. Also, Maxwell our red & gold pheasant.



Children can feed the animals for 10 cents. For keeping little hands clean, we have a Purel Hand Sanitizer dispenser in the petting zoo.



Contest Winner!

The Spring Edition of the Linton’s Leaflet was mailed to over 7,000 people. We had eight people respond to the “Flower Quiz”. Congratulations to our winner, Mrs. Perrye Martin of Bristol. Presenting the \$75.00 Linton’s Gift Certificate to Mrs. Martin is Catherine Clifford of Linton’s.



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.



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What are FreeBees?

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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!

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.

Quiz Corner! “Trees”

This is a quiz about trees. Read each short rhyme to find the clues, and then use them to decide which of the four suggested trees best fits the description.

- 1. Beside cool streams or shady lanes; I toss my shining tresses; my skins contain an anodyne; Which name would you consider mine? I offer you four guesses?
 - I am wattle
 - I am apple
 - I am huon pine
 - I am willow
- 2. I offer fruit, I offer flowers; at every stage together; with pleasure viewed; I am imbued with sweetness in warm weather.
 - I am oak tree
 - I am plum tree
 - I am lemon tree
 - I am poplar
- 3. With gleaming gold salute the skies; when autumn touches me; my dreaming spires; are much admired; but which of these is me?
 - I am poplar
 - I am rowan tree
 - I am plane tree
 - I am willow

- 4. I once repelled the mischief; of many a wicked sprite; with berries round; I may be found; guarding you by night.
 - I am rowan
 - I am tamarisk
 - I am blackwood
 - I am douglas fir
- 5. Greatest tree of southern lands; tallest plant that ever flowers; shy in gullies, and remote; a blooming giant you may note; Stalwart, here I tower.
 - I am english oak
 - I am californian redwood
 - I am mountain ash
 - I am weeping willow
- 6. A spreading, shady tree am I; in temperate climes I like to dwell; my nuts fall from their shining cases; staining fingers, staining faces; and, like my leaves, release a spicy smell.
 - I am a walnut tree
 - I am an oak tree
 - I am a coconut palm
 - I am an elm tree
- 7. At Christmas time I have my day; I prick unwary fingers; my berries red, above your head; suggested carol singers.
 - I am mistletoe
 - I am holly
 - I am pine
 - I am fir

- 8. My catkins small, turn brown and fall, all damp in morning dew.
 - I am elm
 - I am black wattle
 - I am silver birch
 - I am rowan
- 9. In southern springtime I am gold; dark foliage Midas-touched; I make you sneeze; I hum with bees; retiring? Me? Not much?
 - I am flowering almond
 - I am hawthorn
 - I am a tulip tree
 - I am black wattle
- 10. With creamy scented candles; I was in spring well crowned; spiky shells; around me fell; my gleaming nuts abound.
 - I am brazil nut
 - I am japanese plum
 - I am flowering cherry
 - I am horse chestnut

Please submit your answers to Linton’s via mail or in person. You may also email answers to catherine@lintons.com.

The first correct entry will receive a \$75.00 gift certificate!

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What’s Cooking?

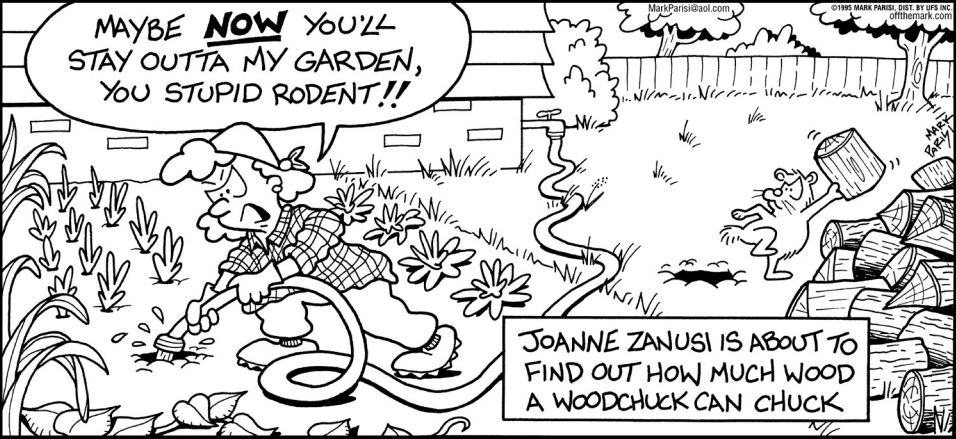
Shrimp, Bell Pepper and Green Banana Salad

- 8 lbs. small green bananas
- 4 1/2 lbs. salad shrimp, cooked
- 2 lbs. red bell peppers, diced
- 1 1/4 lbs. scallions, sliced, including light green parts
- 1 1/4 C. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 1/4 C lime juice, freshly squeezed
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 2 oz. dill leaves, freshly snipped
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- 3 tbsp. salt or to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper



- 1. Bring a large pot of water to boil. Cut ends off the bananas and make a shallow incision along the length of the peel. Add bananas and cook until skins begin to darken and bananas are firm but tender (begin testing after 2 to 3 minutes with a sharp knife). Remove with a slotted spoon, peel and cool in salted water.
- 2. Blot bananas dry, dice, and place in a large bowl. Add shrimp, red bell peppers and scallions. Toss to blend.
- 3. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lime juice, sour cream, dill leaves, sugar, salt and pepper. Pour over salad, toss to blend, cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Yield: 24 (8 ounce) portions • Prep time: 15 to 20 minutes.

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