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Groundbreaking Ceremony at New Location

On March 22, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Linton's Floral Shoppe and Garden Centre took place at 315 County Road 17 in Elkhart. Attending the ceremony was Elkhart Mayor Dave Miller, along with Mark & Kimberly Linton and members of the Linton Management Team.

This indoor showroom will allow Linton's customers to shop no matter what the weather is doing outside. This new facility will be heavily themed; (similar to a theme park). Theming will make Linton's new retail facility a shopping destination.

Linton's has acquired an 8 3/4 acre retail site located 8/10 of a mile south on the same busy road where they are presently located. There will be a stoplight for ease of getting in and out. They will be moving from the county to within the Elkhart City limits. This new site will feature two glass conservatory-type greenhouses which will allow the firm to offer something they couldn't offer before; a wide assortment of seasonal and tropical flowers all year long! The new facility will boast over 25,000 square feet under one roof.



The addition of "Enchanted Gardens" to the Linton name will convey the new look. Outside, the expanded Garden Center has the potential of being over twenty times the size of the present location. This will be the first time a petting zoo is allowed within the city limits.

A new feature in the Garden Centre will be the train to transport customers through the new facility. This new location will rank Linton's in the top of the largest garden centers in the State of Indiana.

Linton's has been in business for 25 years. What started out as a landscape design and installation firm, has blossomed into a company which now has five divisions. Linton's has grown from one employee (Mark Linton) to a staff of over 75.



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!



Selecting The Perfect Tree For Your Landscape

By Laura Sherman

A landscape without a tree or three is like a painting that has never been completed. Trees add beauty, texture and vertical and horizontal form to the landscape. There are enough varieties to suit any homeowner.

Flowering trees such as dogwoods, crabapples, pears and cherries, to name a few, provide spectacular beauty in spring and early summer. Some crabapples, dogwoods, maples, sweet gum and many more provide beautiful fall color. Smaller trees are often used for their ornamental qualities while larger trees can be used for more practical purposes such as providing shade during the hot summer months. They can also be used to block an unsightly view or enhance a garden. Evergreens are also very useful in providing privacy or a sound barrier if you live near a busy street or highway.

I love my crabapples and cherries for their spring blossoms and know the birds appreciate the fruit they bear for food in the winter and I love the

fall season for the beautiful rich colors of my dogwoods and maples-not to mention playing in the falling leaves!

Evergreens now come in many textures and colors as well, from gold to orange to deep, deep green. Some are feathery like the Canadian Hemlock and others stand like a stately sentinel on your property. If you favor a Japanese garden, some of the ginkgos, cypress, dogwoods and Japanese Maples would look wonderful! Willows look beautiful near a water feature.

Linton's carries all of these species and many, many more. Our knowledgeable staff can assist you in selecting a tree that will suit your needs. We also provide instructions for planting, staking kits, if needed and our Guarantree which lasts for two years from date of purchase.

Visit us to help you with all of your gardening and landscape needs.

LINTON'S 2007 Calendar of Events!

May 5-6 (Sat.-Sun.)..... Spring Open House
May 12-13 (Sat.-Sun.)..... Mother's Day Open House
June 2-3 (Sat.-Sun.)..... Garden Party Open House
July 7-8 (Sat.-Sun.)..... Salebrate America Open House
Aug. 4-5 (Sat.-Sun.)..... Hawaiian Luau Open House
Sept. 15-16 (Sat.-Sun.)..... Birthday Open House
Oct. 6-7 (Sat. -Sun.)..... Octoberfest Open House
Nov.6 (Tue.) &
Nov. 8 (Thur.)..... Red Carpet Open House
Nov. 10-11 (Sat.-Sun.) Christmas Open House
Nov. 20 (Tue.) Linton's Christmas Party

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

“ The creation of a
thousand forests is
in one acorn. ”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

Donate To Charity

Have you ever wondered what to do with your extra baskets or glass vases? For each used basket or glass vase, Linton's will reward you with a 50 cent gift certificate. We will then donate the baskets and vases to charity.

Note: Baskets and vases must be in relatively good condition.

Kind Words From Our Customers!

"Thank you Linton's for making our wedding a day we will never forget. Thank you for your suggestions and help."

Matt & Jennifer Datema

"What a great job. Thanks, our yard is beautiful!"

Susie & Tom Krauter

New Arrival

We've had a new arrival to the Linton's Petting Zoo!! Come and meet our new miniature donkey. In 1929, miniature donkeys were first imported to the United States from the Mediterranean islands of Sicily and Sardinia, where they were used as work animals. One of the largest original breeders of miniature donkeys in the United States was August Busch of Busch Beer. He liked to give away the donkeys as gifts to his friends.

Another fascinating aspect of the donkey is The Legend of the Donkey Cross: "Bring me the colt of a donkey," was the Master's request. A young donkey was brought to Jesus to carry him to Jerusalem. A week later Jesus was ordered crucified. The little donkey so loved the Lord, that he wanted to help carry the cross. But alas, he was pushed away. The sad little donkey waited to say good-bye until nearly all had left. As he turned to leave, the shadow of the cross fell upon his shoulders. And there it has remained, a tribute to the loyalty and love of the humblest of God's Creatures. Come see the shadow of the cross on the back of the donkey.



ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,
With all the rain we had during our mild winter, instead of snow, how are my trees and plants going to do?
Signed, All Washed Out



Dear All Washed Out,
As we did not experience a normal winter, trees and plants in our zone did not really go through a period of dormancy or rest like they usually would.

You may have experienced a variation in bloom time this Spring, with some things blooming early or not at all. You probably noticed earlier than normal bud development and new shoot growth as well. Those many cloudy, rainy days we had, did provide a photo period of sorts which would affect a plant's internal chemistry for blossom production and overall growth. Warmer temperatures would also have been a factor.

One thing that Northern gardeners need to be aware of, is that all the rain may have leached away those soil nutrients that remained from Fall. Areas that have weakly bound, sandy soils are more likely to experience leaching since soils were not frozen. Plants and trees may need some help with nutrition. Now that the calendar is further along into the year, do a fast read-up on fertilizer types and ratios for your various plants. Soils with some clay tend to stay cooler longer in Spring and have better capability to hold nutrients year round. These soils may not need anything. Bear in mind that poor Spring nutrition has negative effects too.

Prune away any storm-damaged limbs, branches and foliage that you have not taken care of yet. Current thinking on pruning sealers is; do not use them. Pruning wounds have been found to heal better naturally, and only limb cuts of 2 1/2-3" diameter benefit from sealant.

Sincerely, Iris

Customer Memories

I have a cute story for you. Four years ago my son took his first date to your Garden Center & Petting Zoo. As they made their way through all the pretty flowers, he noticed his date admiring the pink roses. Imagine my surprise when he asked me for his wallet and informed me he was buying her these roses and how to spell the words he wanted to write on the card. The relationship with the little girl didn't last but the experience, the wonderful service from your staff and the reaction from his little friend & her parents made a huge impact on my little guy. He's 10 now...and every chance he gets he's buying some special lady (aunt, grandma, cousin, etc) flowers. What you do makes a difference, THANKS!! ~ Dee Dee Tichacek

Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Megan Pierson of Goshen. She was the winner of the Cactus Quiz in our Winter 2006 Newsletter.

Pictured is Megan and her son Ethan being presented with the Linton's Gift Certificate by Catherine Clifford.



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.

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!

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.



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What's Cooking?

Penne with Pistachios, Asparagus and Cream

Toast: 1/3 C. pistachio nuts

Cook: 1 lb. thin asparagus, cut into thirds, saute in 1/4 C. unsalted butter.

Remove & Discard: 1 lg. clove garlic, peeled and halved lengthwise

Add: Cooked asparagus, 1/4 tsp. ground white pepper, 1/3 C. dry white wine

Pour in, Simmer & Season: 1 C. half & half, 1/4 C. heavy cream, 1 tsp. sea or kosher salt.

Prepare, Combine & Add: 1 lb. dry penne, asparagus sauce, 1/2 C. freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Garnish with: Toasted chopped pistachio nuts



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. **Toast** the nuts on a baking sheet for 5-7 minutes; cool, chop, and set aside. **Cook** the asparagus in a stock pot in boiling salted water; uncovered, over medium-high heat until tender, about 3 minutes. Remove asparagus, saving the water so the pasta can be prepared in the same pot. **Saute** garlic in butter in a saute pan over medium heat, pressing the garlic with a wooden spoon to release its flavor. When the edges start to brown, remove and discard garlic. **Add** the asparagus and pepper. Increase heat to high and pour in the wine, stirring for about 1 minute. Reduce heat to medium. **Pour** the half & half and cream over asparagus mixture and simmer about 2 minutes. Season with salt; keep warm while boiling the pasta. **Prepare** penne (in asparagus water) according to package directions; drain and return to the pot. Combine asparagus sauce with pasta, stirring over low heat. Add cheese, stirring until it melts; transfer to a platter. **Garnish** with pistachio nuts and serve immediately.

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Quiz Corner! "Cottage Garden Flowers"

1. The Polyanthus is closely related to another charming flower. Which is it?

- ☐ Rose
- ☐ Pansy
- ☐ Primrose
- ☐ Violet

2. One of the following flowers has the old country nickname of "heartsease". Which is it?

- ☐ Lily
- ☐ Pansy
- ☐ Rose
- ☐ Tulip

3. There is a pretty little flower that shares its name with a musical instrument. Which is it?

- ☐ Drumflower
- ☐ Flutewood
- ☐ Harp Flower
- ☐ Viola

4. If you wanted a bouquet of red, white, and blue, which of these bunches could you not choose?

- ☐ Poppies, Daisies and Cornflowers
- ☐ All Polyanthus
- ☐ Violets, Salvia and Lobelia
- ☐ All Roses

5. Which of these flowers changes color from blue to pink according to the amount of acid in the soil?

- ☐ Roses
- ☐ Hydrangea
- ☐ Daisies
- ☐ Marigolds

6. Honesty is a lovely flower. Its blooms are followed by round silvery pods that give its alternative name "money flower". Most honesty flowers are purple, but some can also be...?

- ☐ White or purple and white striped
- ☐ Pink
- ☐ Only white
- ☐ Red

7. Some flower names can be used for girl children, but there are a few that could be adapted for a boy. Which of these does not come into this category?

- ☐ Ragged Robin
- ☐ Jolly James
- ☐ Herb Robert
- ☐ Sweet William

8. There is a flower with a charming name that makes me think of Christmas. However, it doesn't bloom in December. What is it?

- ☐ Santa Bell's
- ☐ Star of Bethlehem
- ☐ Christmas Bush
- ☐ Carolianthus

9. Which of these flowers once caused a huge panic and made many people bankrupt?

- ☐ Carnation
- ☐ Tulip
- ☐ Marygold
- ☐ Love-Lies-Bleeding

10. Here is a delightful flower that has a real name reminding me of eagles, and two common names that sound like items of clothing. Is it...?

- ☐ Eagling, Lady's Slipper, Laces-and-Frills
- ☐ Aquilla, Jockey Cap, Tutu Flower
- ☐ Aquilegia, Hooped Petticoat, Granny's Bonnet
- ☐ Eagletta, Blue Bonnet, Scarfia

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

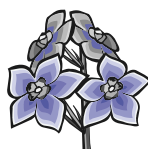
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