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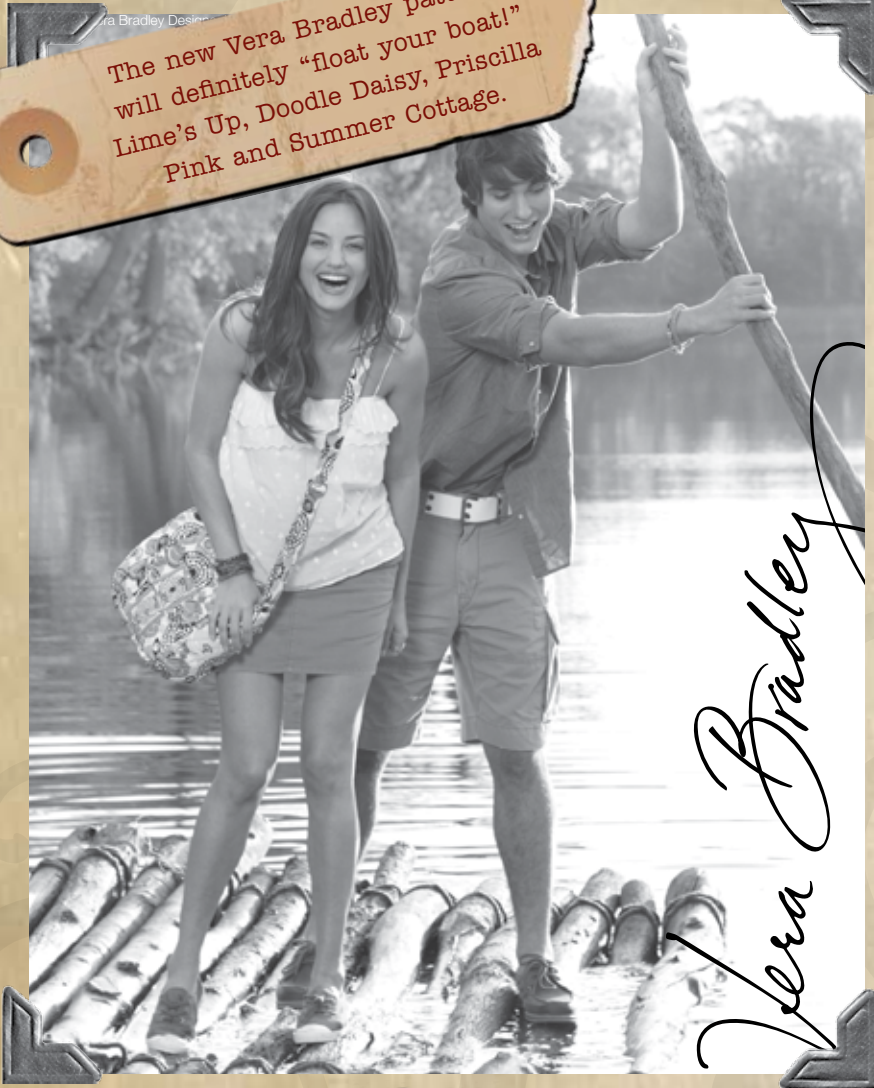
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GARDENS



# Spring 2012

Landscaping \* Lawn Care \* Nursery  
Garden Centre \* Floral & Interior Décor Shoppe

The new Vera Bradley patterns  
will definitely "float your boat!"  
Lime's Up, Doodle Daisy, Priscilla  
Pink and Summer Cottage.



## Lights, Camera, Action!



Mark B. Linton of Linton's Enchanted Gardens is proud to have been selected and featured on many local television stations as the "local expert" for both interior decorating and landscaping. Mark is regularly featured as the areas resident "Garden Guru" and offers both landscape and gardening tips as well as advice to the viewers. In other segments, Mark offers decorating ideas for the homeowner, and suggests how decorative items can be selected and displayed together, as well as the importance of color and fabric selection.

Mark can regularly be seen on WNDU, News Center 16 Saturday mornings featuring the Garden Centre's newest plant introductions on a segment called "Dig this Plant". Linton's Enchanted Gardens introduces over 300 new plants annually, all of which are grown locally at the firm's nursery, around the corner in Bristol, IN. According to Mark, WNDU and Linton's Enchanted Gardens have partnered together for many years, and have developed an 8 week segment that documents the selection and progress of one lucky WNDU viewer along with the transformation of their home's overgrown / outdated landscape. The show called "16 Curb Appeal" awards the free donated landscape makeover to one of the WNDU viewers that is selected by the 16 viewing audience. Mark is featured meeting with the winner, going through the plant selection process, the design process, site preparation, installation, and then the final reveal for all the viewers to see the major transformation that was created by Mark and his team of landscape professionals.

Another WNDU segment called "Decorating Cents", features Mark offering decorating tips and ideas for the viewers wanting to decorate their home for the season or holiday on a limited budget. Mark and design team demonstrate how to decorate with out breaking the bank. This show airs regularly on the 16 Saturday Morning News.

WSBT has also regularly featured Mark on their news set as well, as Mark shares his creative ideas and passion for plants with the WSBT viewers.

ABC 57 has weekly featured Mark and Linton's Enchanted Gardens on their Fresh TV show, and new this year, the station has offered Mark a half hour time slot every Saturday morning between 7-7:30am.

The show called "Colorful Inspirations" will have three segments. The landscape segment called "Color by the Yard" features Mark along with a recently completed custom landscape. Mark explains to the viewing audience why certain plants and garden elements were selected to compliment the featured local residence. The interior decor segment called "Your Style / Your Home", features Mark, along with his interior decor team, sharing decorating tips and ideas for your home. The Garden Centre segment called "Every Bloomin' Thing" features an array of unusual plants, trees and shrubs which the firm grows and offers at their Garden Centre. Mark also offers growing and gardening tips to the viewer, as well as advice as how to properly maintain healthy plants.

Linton's Enchanted Gardens has many of these news segments posted on YouTube and can be seen by searching "Linton's Enchanted". The weekly half hour show featured on ABC57 can also be viewed on Linton's website home page, and is updated weekly. Visit [Lintons.com](http://Lintons.com)

## Rainy Day Sale

Next time the heavens pour liquid sunshine, plan a trip to Linton's Enchanted Gardens. You can shop in the comfort of our Interior Décor Shoppe or Conservatory! When our Rainy Days Flag is flying, you'll save 10% off your day's purchases from the Garden Centre! We even have a supply of umbrellas for you to use if you'd like to stroll through our gardens. You can visit our website, rain or shine, at [www.lintons.com](http://www.lintons.com).



## "Star of Hope"

Linton's has united with Vera Bradley Foundation, Soup of Success and the Elkhart Co. Convention & Visitor's Bureau to grow hope - the seed of success.

The "Star of Hope" patterned quilt is a one-of-a-kind wall hanging created exclusively for Vera Bradley.



- Win this beautiful wall hanging!
- Purchase 3 entries for just \$5.
- Proceeds go to the Vera Bradley Foundation for breast cancer research

"The love of  
gardening is a  
seed once sown,  
that never dies."

-Gertrude Jekyll



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# Experience The Growing Difference In Lawn Care



Each season your landscape grows and changes. Linton’s lawn care team has the experience you can trust to carefully inspect and manage the health of your landscape, trees, and shrubs.

Linton’s lawn care offers an array of services throughout the year, including mowing, fertilizing, pruning, trimming, and weeding, plus disease and insect control. During the spring, the lawn care division at Linton’s performs spring cleanups, lawn de-thatching, over seeding and lawn aeration, as well as planting of annual flower beds. During the summer, our services provide power edging, line trimming, aeration and over-seeding of existing lawns, as well as turf renovation. During the fall, Linton’s team provides clean up, bulb planting and gutter cleaning.

Additional services offered during the winter months include snow plowing, salting sidewalks and drives, and installing outdoor Christmas lights and décorations. Our maintenance program provides an alternative for homeowners who want a beautiful yard, but also want to enjoy their leisure time. Business owners use our services to keep a well-maintained landscape, adding professionalism to their company. Linton’s guarantees the highest quality and healthiest lawn possible. If clients are not 100 percent satisfied, Linton’s will inspect and re-treat whenever necessary at no charge.



## You Can Do It Yourself And Save Money

You can have a beautiful landscape plan designed free of charge by signing up for our Do-It-Yourself program. When you purchase a DIY program for \$375.00 you will receive a Linton’s gift-card that can be used to buy your plants. You will also be given a Green Thumb Savings Club membership which will save you 10% on all non-sale plant purchases. We will then make an appointment for our designer to come to your home to draw a one area design.

Once you have your design, visit our Garden Centre where our knowledgeable staff of experts will help you find the plants in your customized design. Linton’s Garden Centre staff can advise on planting techniques and materials, and will coach you through the process of beautifying your home.

Another option that we offer is for you to bring to our Garden Centre a pre-drawn sketch of your home, along with measurements and pictures of the area that you would like design. Our Garden Centre staff will help you select the plants that would be suitable for your area and placement. This option does not require a purchase of a \$375 Gift Card and is free to all Green Thumb Savings Club Members. Annual membership into this club is only \$20.00.

## Special Events Calendar

May 5-6	Our Spring Fling	October 6-7	Oktoberfest
May 12-13	Mother’s Day Extravaganza	October 13-14	Pumpkin Bowling Benefits ADEC
May 19-20	Le Tour de Plants Benefits American Cancer Society	October 27-28	Spooktacular!
June 2-3	Our Garden Party	November 10-11	Christmas Open House *Pictures with Santa Sat. & Sun. 10am-4pm
June 9-10	The Pirate Adventure	November 15	Diamonds & Divas (4-9pm) Benefits Soup of Success
June 17	Father’s Day	November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22	Pictures with Santa Saturdays 10am - 4pm Benefits Guidance Ministries
July 7 & 8	Dog Days of Summer		
July 14-15	The Hawaiian Luau		
August 4-5	The Big Pink Weekend Benefits: Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation		
August 18-19	Our Birthday Party		

## Our Spring Plant Introductions Have Landed!

No, this isn’t Roswell; this is a “Restricted Area” at Linton’s Enchanted Gardens for serious plant collectors only! Yes, the U.F.O.s (Unusual Flowering Objects) have been spotted in the middle of our Garden Centre located around the landing gear of the “large, metallic silver flying disk”. We acknowledge, and no longer deny that these plants truly do exist! Our “Research Facility”, aka Linton’s Nursery, has grown these U.F.O.s utilizing intense security surrounding these never-been-seen-before, Unusual Flowering Objects. What many have believed to have been once a “cover-up”, we now agree to openly share these once “off-limit” U.F.O.s to only civilians who are classified as being “plant enthusiasts”. These U.F.O.s are now available for the very first time to those that are authorized to help our “Research Facility” find appropriate “test sites” for their future growth and development. We must insist that a strict limit of only 10 per variety be put into place, due to the extreme rarity of these growing and living organisms. Each U.F.O. has been properly identified, named, and tagged with its unique vital statistics, and each U.F.O. includes a small fee to help cover our plant research and development costs.

The U. F. O.s that are scheduled to be released from our “Research Facility” for this spring include: Bush Ballad Kangaroo Paw, Bush Tenacity Kangaroo Paw, Bush Volcano Kangaroo Paw, Calimero Columbine, Goldfinch Columbine, Tequila Sunrise Columbine, Sunshine Columbine, Midnight Prairieblues Baptisia, Robella English Daisy, Speedstar Carmine English Daisy, Red Beauty Pigsqueak, Chocolate Queen Cordyline, Magic Mirror Cyclamen, Sweetheart Sensation Cyclamen, Sweetheart Silver Cyclamen, Snow Wave Cymbalaria, Cardoon, Starburst Umbrella Sedge, Dyeri Ice Plant, Lavender Ice Ice Plant, Fire Spinner Ice Plant, Table Mountain Ice Plant, Double Starlette Dianthus, Candy Floss Dianthus, Coconut Surprise Dianthus, Passion Dianthus, Romance Dianthus, Sugar Plum Dian-

thus, Wicked Witch Dianthus, Pam’s Split Foxglove, Black Knight Echeveria, Ft. Laramie Strawberry, Tri-star Strawberry, Bangle Greenwood, Dark Reiter Geranium, Orkney Cherry Geranium, Red Dragon Avens, Fire Storm Avens, Totally Tangerine Avens, Amethyst Gem Lenten Rose, Rose Quartz Lenten Rose, Apple Crisp Coral Bells, Cajun Fire Coral Bells, Delta Dawn Coral Bells, Havana Coral Bells, Magnum Coral Bells, Pear Crisp Coral Bells, Spellbound Coral Bells, Stainless Steel Coral Bells, Solar Eclipse Foamy Bells, Sunrise Falls Foamy Bells, Absolutely Amethyst Candytuft, Anaconda Love Bearded Iris, Fall Fiesta Bearded Iris, Golden Guinea Kerria, Thunder & Lightning Knautia, Blue River Lavender, Bridal Bouquet Shasta Daisy, Paladin Shasta Daisy, Daisy Duke Shasta Daisy, Victorian Secret Shasta Daisy, Spring Combo Potted Mix Lilies, Double You Asiatic Lily, Landini Asiatic Lily, Orange Sensation Asiatic Lily, Sensation Asiatic Lily, Tiny Spider Asiatic Lily, Serotina Honeysuckle Vine, Mandarin Honeysuckle Vine, Golden Gift Magnolia, Karl Rosenfield Peony, Kaoukamon Tree Peony, Delft Blue Riding Hood Penstemon, Pinacolada Dark Rose Penstemon, Hot Pink Riding Hood Penstemon, Purple Riding Hood Penstemon, Millstream Daphne Creeping Phlox, Purple Beauty Creeping Phlox, Kinlough Beauty Primrose, Cherry Pinwheel Primrose, Madeline Salvia, Silver Sabre Salvia, Spice Island Korean Spice Viburnum, My Monet Sunset Weigela, Sonic Bloom Red Weigela, Ibiza Calla Lily, Odessa Calla Lily, Red Alert Calla Lily, Reno Calla Lily, Samur Calla Lily, & Strong Gold Calla Lily.



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# Quilt Gardens

... along the Heritage Trail

BRISTOL ELKHART GOSHEN MIDDLEBURY NAPPANET SHIPSHEWANA WAKARUSA

Linton's is pleased to again participate in Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail. Our 2012 design is titled "Stellar Days" and features Janie Canary Yellow Marigolds, Wave Blue Petunias, Eureka Green Leaf Rose Begonias, Elegans Dreamland Scarlet Hybrid Zinnias and Xhybrida Celebrity Chiffon Mom Petunias.

2012 will be an exciting year for the Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail! With over 100,000 glorious blooms and 19 gigantic gardens it will be an experience to remember. The tour joins quilting, gardening and art into a one-of-a-kind event. A colorful patchwork of quilt inspired gardens and quilt-themed murals linked by the roads that form the Heritage Trail.

Every quilt garden and quilt mural has its own intricate pattern, many are original designs, and each has its own unique story. Each of the seven unique communities that host quilt gardens & murals has its own special character and fun finds you'll want to explore.

Enjoy the Quilt Gardens Tour from May 30 to October 1. It is free and fabulous way to enjoy our county and the creativeness of our gardeners!

## Low Maintenance Roses

By Laura Sherman

Roses have been a garden favorite for at least 100 years. However in the past few decades most home gardeners have shied away from their high maintenance. They needed to be regularly sprayed for black spot or Japanese beetles as well as pruning of old blooms as soon as the color fades from them. Now there is now hope for a low maintenance rose garden, with the "Knock out" family!

Over the past 5 or 6 years we have been blessed with the Knock out series of roses. These roses bloom continually from late spring into the late fall and put out over 2,000 blooms per season! They also resist most diseases and insects and their care is extremely simple. They require 5 or more hours of sun per day to flower at their fullest potential. Deadheading or removing of old blooms is not necessary and it does not encourage any more blooms to appear. In the fall there is no need to cover them with a cone or leaves. It is actually better if you don't. In the early spring prune them just a little bit to shape them or to control their size. Fertilizing is not necessary, but your plant will reward you even further with an additional feeding or two during the growing season.

Knock out roses come in a wonderful variety of colors. The red and pink varieties have a single or a double bloom. The Yellow or Sunny Knock Out only comes in a single petal. The bushes grow about 3'-4' feet tall and wide. If you are looking for something smaller, we now have an amazing new addition to our exciting collection, The Drift Rose.

The Drift Rose is a new and spectacular groundcover rose from the same people that introduced us to the Knock Outs. It is the next big thing for gardens. Like The Knock Out family of roses, Drift Roses are repeat-bloomers that are tough, disease resistant, winter hardy and virtually maintenance-free.

They are a cross between full-size groundcover roses and miniature roses and range in size from 2-3 feet wide x 15-18 inches tall. Just like the original Knock Outs they continuously bloom from spring to fall, they are naturally dwarf with very attractive foliage. Pruning is very easy. Cut back to about 6 inches in early spring (after the last hard frost) for best performance. Regular deadheading does not encourage re-blooming and simply isn't necessary.

Linton's Enchanted Gardens grows a variety of colors in Drift Roses, such as: Peach (a soft peach), Sweet (a light pink), Red (a very deep pink), and Pink (a medium pink). These hardworking bushes brighten up borders and fill in empty spaces around your favorite established plants.

Prices for these beautiful plants start at only \$14.99 for a one gallon bush. The versatility and ease of these roses are sure to bring you great pleasure for years to come.



Brothers Mark and Kirk Linton invite nationally recognized P. Allen Smith for a tour of their award-winning Home and Garden Centre, at Linton's Enchanted Gardens in Elkhart, IN.

P. Allen Smith is well-known throughout this country as being the host of P. Allen Smith Gardens, as well as author of the best-selling Garden and Home books. Smith is a regular contributor on NBC's "The Today Show".

Both Mark and Kirk are honored to have Smith stop by and visit their new destination Garden.

In an ongoing effort to increase our ADA accessibility, Linton's Enchanted Gardens now has a wheel chair available for the use of our guests. It is located just inside our front entrance.



## A U.F.O. WAS BORN

In 1981, Fred Birzele had an out-of-this-world vision. He wanted to create a one-of-a-kind play house for his two grand kids, Jeff and Angie Birzele. Fred was gifted with his hands and began working on a project that wouldn't be completed until five years later.

In 1986 his vision became a reality when he was able to transport, deliver and install this U.F.O. in the back yard of his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Dean and Peggy Birzele. This was no easy task. The play structure became the talk of the town as it soon became a popular attraction for the neighborhood kids. The U.F.O. came equipped with a matching boarding ladder, and once inside, the kids had the perfect place to do their homework with custom space-age triangular furniture. The U.F.O. even had an interior ventilation system, as well as a rotating beacon light.

After the Birzele's kids were grown and moved out of their home, the UFO became part of the Birzeles' elaborate gardens. When the family contracted for Linton's to install some landscape plantings, Mark Linton admired the unique structure and thought of a use for a similar U.F.O.

When Mark inquired with the Birzeles about where one could procure such a thing, it was learned that this was the only one in existence!

At this time Mark was designing and constructing the firm's new Garden Centre and wanted to use the U.F.O. as a place to introduce the firm's new plant introductions, later to be referred to as U.F.O.'s (Unusual Flowering Objects). So in 2008, after spending 22 years in the Birzele's back yard, a custom transport trailer was constructed by John Helman, a local carpenter/builder, and the U.F.O. made the 3-1/2 mile journey down East Jackson Blvd. and landed in the middle of Linton's Enchanted Gardens. We wish to honor and acknowledge its builder/creator, Fred Birzele, who passed away in 2008, as well as the Dr. Dean & Peggy Birzele family who have allowed us to share this unique structure for everyone to enjoy.



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**the SPRING FLING**  
 Saturday & Sunday  
 May 5 & 6

**SAVE 50% TO 75% OFF**  
 Selected items in our Garden Centre.

**ANNUAL FLOWERS** **LOCALLY GROWN FLATS \$9.99**  
 (limit 10)

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**YELLOW TAG SAVINGS UP TO 90% OFF**

**ENTER TO WIN!**  
*Exclusive Hope Blooms Quilt*  
 With every \$5 donation to the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer you will receive 3 chances to win!  
 See the quilt and meet the artist, Diana Bennett on Saturday 10 am - 12 pm.

**AN EVENT LIKE NO OTHER!**  
 Free hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy & drinks!  
 (served from 10am - 5pm)

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# Saturday Seminar

Our final spring Saturday Seminar is Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 10 a.m. in our Conservatory. Our Saturday Seminars are FREE and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please call 574-293-9699 for reservations.

April 28 Seminar is "Add Spice to Your Life: Easy herb gardening for decks, patio or windowsills." Whether you're an herb beginner or a "seasoned" grower there will be something in this seminar for you!

# What Are "Free Bees"?

What are "Free Bees"? If you are a regular customer of Linton's, you already know. But if you're new to the area, you might just think that we are passing out those pesky pollinators that may sometime 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 need to lower our inventory.

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! Just watch our weekly ads in the Elkhart and South Bend newspapers, or just simply stop by and pick up a weekly sales flyer and look for the red sale flags throughout the Garden Centre.

Our Free Bees specials may also be found on our website at LINTONS.COM., FreshTV/abc57-SaturdayMorning, and YouTube - search LintonsEnchanted.

As a service to our customers, Linton's offers

**COMPLIMENTARY  
 1 HOUR WEDDING  
 CONSULTATIONS!**

Please call Ruth Linton at 293-9699 to set up your appointment!

# 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 black plastic nursery pot (1 gallon or larger) returned to us, Linton's will reward you with a credit of 5 cents per container. And we don't mind if the container was purchased elsewhere. (We also recycle glass floral vases too!)

*Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition and without labels.*

**ENCHANTED GARDENS**

