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Plant An Evening Garden

By Laura Sherman

You have worked all day and now you would like to sit outside and relax. However, it's dark in the garden and there is no view to really look at. I would like to give you some ideas for planning an evening garden.

Colors are important for your evening garden. Dark colors such as purple and deep blue would be lost in the evening. Light colors take on a luminescent quality in the evening. White, cream, or yellow would show up in a dark space. Some colors a bit darker would do okay if placed on the backdrop of a light

colored fence, house or statue, like light pink or light blue.

Perennials usually only bloom once a year so choose a variety of plants that have different blooming seasons.

Some white flower choices are Baby's Breath, Shasta Daisy, Bleeding Heart, Garden Phlox, Hydrangea, Alyssum, Impatiens, Petunias and Geraniums.

Some yellows or cream colors are Coreopsis, Columbine, Mums, Hollyhocks, Daylilies, Petunias, Impatiens and Straw Flowers.

Foliage color and texture can also play a wonderful role in the garden. Hosta, sun-loving Hosta, Caryopteris, Golden Barberry, Artemisia, Dusty Miller, Coleus, Lemon Daddy Hydrangea and Marguerite Sweet Potato vine are just some of the many choices that you can find at Linton's Garden Centre.

At Linton's Garden Centre our knowledgeable staff is happy to help you plan your evening garden. Now there is no reason, not to enjoy your garden no matter what time of day it is.



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!



Hop the Shops on County Road 17

To encourage more customers to visit the shops on County Road 17, Linton's offered a promotional program for Mother's Day. Businesses donated an item or items to be given away in a drawing which was held on Monday, May 7.

Participating merchants in this program were:

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Congratulations to Tammy Watkins of Goshen, who was the winner of the Mother's Day Gift Basket. Presenting the gift basket to Tammy is Christina Pairitz of Linton's.

LINTON'S 2007 Calendar of Events!

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

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

Kind Words From Our Customers!

"Linton's did a beautiful job on our flowers for our daughter's wedding. Everything was labeled, which saved any confusion about who-gets-what. The unity arrangement was beautiful. Great work! Thanks!"

Lorri

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

Christina's Corner

Greetings, I am Linton's Interior Design & Décor Accessorizing Consultant. I want to offer the following helpful tidbits. Please feel free to stop in and see me for help or suggestions or call me to set up a free in-home consultation.

Decorating with Accessories

Unless you have the talent to put together items that are unrelated with each other, the selections you put in a room must be compatible. To keep the room united, you want to achieve a sense of harmony. At the same time, you don't want the room to become boring.

Since accessories are so personal and carry the unique "stamp" of the family, they should be chosen wisely. Every room needs to be adequately accessorized, because accessories are the finishing touches to any decor. Here are some quick tips:

- Reflect on colors, sizes and shapes. Consider what makes them work in the room...example: fine China may look out of place in a casual style, but a piece of fine art might fit perfectly.
- Notice that most successful rooms have some large accessories, some that are medium in size, and a few that are small.
- A rustic collection will feel out of place in a formal style.
- Add an antique here and there in a contemporary setting to keep out boredom.
- Find some way to introduce an element of surprise.
- Keep your colors blended together. Avoid adding an odd color.
- Colored beads are a welcomed accessory. For example, drape out of a bowl, vase or candle holder.
- Look for unusual items to display: jewelry, pottery, candles, fishing equipment, rustic items, colorful silk, glassware, etc.
- Put plants everywhere: trees, floor plants, table plants.
- Balance the room for color and visual weight.
- Display collections in an organized manner.
- Placement is super important. Look for scale and proportion.
- Over doing it can create a cluttered room.
- Let the room reflect your own personal style.

ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris,

How much water should I give my trees and shrubs and how often?

Signed, Aquifer

Dear Aquifer,

Water should be done to meet the needs of each type of plant, tree or shrub. Experienced garden designers know how to place and combine plantings, so those that like the same moisture, light and soil conditions are grouped together. If you are not using design services, you should plan to research each plant's needs to find out about moisture requirements. Different soils retain moisture in different ways. Sandy soils drain quickly whereas clay soils may not drain well, or not at all. Watering schedules are also greatly affected by high temperatures and drying wind conditions, so bear this in mind. A common mistake of people new-to-gardening is overwatering, or poor judgement in placing sprinklers and irrigation systems.

Tree size is very important in determining how much water it will need and how often you should check it. A newly planted, 5-6' tall tree will not need the same watering as a mature 20' tall tree of the same species. Always do a quick check of the soil before you water again. Wet, soggy soils can quickly rot the root systems and wilt leaves, if your plant does not like excessive moisture. Overwatering also contributes to fungal growth, nutrition loss in the soil, and a long list of potential problems and diseases.

Poorly placed sprinkler heads can wet the leaves, but not supply enough moisture to the soil area. Dry soils cannot replace moisture lost naturally through the stomata of the leaves. In either case, the plant is stressed and suffers. Watering should not be a daily ritual, but should meet the daily needs of the plant.

Dear Iris,

What does the term partial shade mean? I read it on the plant tag description.

Signed, Shadow

Dear Shadow,

Your name answers the question. Partial shade refers to areas that are shaded for part of the day from bright sunlight. Generally, they are found under or near the canopy of trees or forested areas, but may refer to areas that are sitting out in the open, slightly away from trees. However, during the hottest part of the day, the shadow of those nearby trees (or buildings) may fall upon the area providing shelter and coolness during the late afternoon. Conversely, the area can be shaded in the morning and receive only a few hours of sunlight later in the day. Each of these situations offer a unique amount of light and coolness to plants that survive there. Partial-shade loving plants include-Shrubs: Hydrangea, Daphne, Pieris, Kerria, Rhododendron; Perennials: Astilbe, Brunnera, Hosta and Epimedium.

Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Melissa Keller of Bristol. She is the winner of the "Cottage Garden Flowers" Quiz in our spring newsletter. Presenting the gift certificate to Melissa is Catherine Clifford of Linton's.

Congratulations to Melissa!



Rainy Day Sale

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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.



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Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition.



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What's Cooking?

Mexican Cole Slaw

For the Cole Slaw:

- 1 1/2 pints sour cream
- 1 1/3 C. juice from jarred pickled jalapenos
- 3 Tbsp. ground cumin
- 1 Tbsp. salt or to taste
- 1 1/2 lbs. pico de gallo
- 1 lb. purple cabbage, shredded
- 1 1/2 lbs. corn kernels, drained
- 1 1/2 lbs. jicama, peeled and shredded
- 4 oz. cilantro leaves, chopped

For the Pico de Gallo:

- 3 C. ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1/2 C. yellow onion, peeled and diced
- 1/4 C. cilantro leaves, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. fresh jalapeno, seeded and minced
- 1 1/4 Tbsp. garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp. each, fresh lemon and lime juice
- Salt to taste

METHOD:

1. To make Pico de Gallo: Combine ingredients in a medium-sized bowl and stir to mix. Cover and refrigerate until needed.
2. In a large bowl, combine sour cream, juice from the jalapenos, cumin and salt. Add Pico de Gallo, cabbage, corn, jicama and cilantro leaves. Toss to blend, cover and refrigerate.

Yield: 12 pounds

Preparation time: 15 minutes. Shelf-life: 2 to 3 days.



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Quiz Corner! "Topiary Design"

1. What is topiary?

- ☐ All of these
- ☐ One of the oldest means of creating decorative elements in the garden.
- ☐ The art of shaping and training plants to create a living sculpture in the garden.
- ☐ A softer alternative to statuary and architecture in the garden.

2. Portable topiary is created by training plants to cover the outside of a metal frame which is usually shaped like an animal, a standard, or a geometric form. What should you stuff inside of the frame with?

- ☐ Garden soil
- ☐ Sphagnum moss and sterile soilless growing mix
- ☐ Pea gravel
- ☐ Sawdust

3. What is the most reliable plant to use on a portable topiary?

- ☐ Fern
- ☐ Ivy
- ☐ Cactus
- ☐ Mistletoe

4. Standards, Poodles, and Spirals are classic topiary forms. How long can a potted specimen take to fully develop its form?

- ☐ 2 months
- ☐ 2 days
- ☐ 2 years
- ☐ 2 weeks

5. Knot gardens, shaped into elaborate ornamental patterns, evolved from medieval kitchen gardens where cooking herbs and medicinal herbs were kept in separate beds. Where did the first knot garden design appear in 1499?

- ☐ Venice
- ☐ Virginia
- ☐ Vancouver
- ☐ Vulcan

6. English yew (*Taxus baccata*) has been used for centuries on the British Isles for shaping hedges and animal/geometric forms, but it is not a dependable plant in some parts of the world. Which of the following plants are good substitutes for the yew?

- ☐ Columner junipers
- ☐ Cypress
- ☐ All of these
- ☐ Privets

7. A puzzle hedge is a network of paths framed by tall sculpted bushes or trees to make a life-size game. What is it also known as?

- ☐ A knot
- ☐ A maze
- ☐ A meander
- ☐ A hedgerow

8. In what Stephen King novel did the topiary outside a snowbound hotel come alive?

- ☐ Salem's Lot
- ☐ The Stand
- ☐ It
- ☐ The Shining

9. What is a topiary standard with multiple balls of branches trained along the stem also known as?

- ☐ A pug
- ☐ A poodle
- ☐ A chihuahua
- ☐ A shitzu

10. What is a type of topiary where a tree is trained in a flat, open pattern on a lattice or trellis? (often used on fruit trees when space is limited).

- ☐ Espadrille
- ☐ Espalier
- ☐ Espresso
- ☐ Ester

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