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Maintaining Beautiful Ponds

by Geoff Fleenor

A few tips for a beautiful pond:

Marginal plants that grow along pond and stream edges can be planted directly into the water. Wash soil out of roots and cover them with stone along waters edge. They will help take up excess nutrients! Floating plants and water lilies help shade and cool the water. Pond Balance will control string algae! Barley

straw is also beneficial, if started early.

Submerge black nylon pond netting tightly tied to two long plastic garden stakes about 3' apart over a deep area of the pond. Koi can hide under it protected from Herons! Koi love broccoli buds and stems.

Microbelift will benefit water quality



and reduce sludge! Mosquito dunks will kill any mosquito larvae the fish don't eat! It won't harm fish, frogs, etc.

Floral Designs

Even though Linton's Floral & Gift Shoppe is homey and comfortable, it is anything but traditional. Our floral designs are unique and we think we offer home decor that is equally different from what everyone else has. It goes along with our motto: "Quality & Excellence".



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!

Dogwood Blues

by Geoff Fleenor

Occasionally, our native Dogwood, cornus florida, or its cultivars are the subject of inquiries by customers to our staff. Here are some tips for culture of our favorite native tree.

- Do not plant too deep! Root flare should show at soil line and don't cover the trunk with mulch!
- Sun or shade is okay; next to concrete drives is not!
- Mix ample sphagnum moss and compost into top 6" of soil over a much larger area than needed to plant the tree.
- Lightly tease out rootball of the tree, allowing better root spread.
- Do not put amended soil in bottom of the hole.
- Keep well watered, (never water foliage!) but never soggy.
- Good drainage is essential.
- Use acid based fertilizers in the spring and early summer.

Disease resistant varieties such as Chinese Dogwood (kousa) and pagoda dogwoods are available for \$24.99 and up.

Signature Style

It's what we bring to you. Great designs that express the personalities of the players. Always,

Seasonal Shopping

by Geoff Fleenor

A lot of you are out in force in Spring, anxious to brighten up the yard. However, it pays to do some monthly shopping for the best "all seasons" highlights in the yard. All summer and fall, different plants are blooming and changing for some dramatic effects. Late spring and early summer are just the beginning!

Many new perennials, trees and shrubs will be available later this summer and fall!

Is it getting really hot in the yard? We have a great selection of shade trees ready to plant all season. Reduce your air conditioning bills, cool your yard and be nice to the environment by planting some trees!



that means the tastes, the passions, and the idiosyncrasies of the homeowners.

Pond & Waterfall Drawing Winners

A drawing for a pond and waterfall was held in conjunction with the Notre Dame Spring Home Improvement Show. Congratulations to Richard & Sally Ellis of Edwardsburg, Michigan who were the winners of the pond & waterfall. We hope they enjoy it!

LINTON'S 2004 Calendar of Events!

- August 7 & 8..... Summer Open House
Hawaiian Luau
- September 4 & 5 Birthday Open House-
(22 yrs. of Quality & Excellence)
- October 2 & 3..... October Fest Open House-
- November 2 & 4..... Red Carpet Open House
(6-8 pm)
- November 6 & 7..... Christmas Open House
Saturday hours for all events • 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday hours for all events • 10 am - 4 pm

“ The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses.

Hanna Rion ”

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

Pretty/Tasty

Sometimes, you just have to stop and *eat* the roses!

Ok, you don't have to, but you can, with a side of nasturtiums, daylilies, fuchsias and orchids. An astonishing number of things that delight the eye and now can accommodate the taste buds, too.

Nearly everyone has seen nasturtium blossoms tossed over a salad, but there's plenty more available to the adventurous palate.

Nasturtiums. Edible flowers with training wheels-just strange enough to add some excitement. A few scattered blooms or petals transform a garden salad from plain to fancy, and they're as peppery as they are pretty. In fact, they're more satisfying than...

Orchids. The crisp fleshy texture is pleasant, but such weird beauty should taste the part, too. The mild earthy fragrance and matching flavor don't match the visual impact. You've eaten orchids all your life, with every bite of vanilla ice cream or anything else containing extra of *Vanilla planifolia* - a member of the family of Orchidaceae. Millions chow down on it everyday, but few realize the familiar vanilla "bean" is an orchid seed pod.

Dandelion. Young leaves, picked in cool spring weather, have been popular Pennsylvania Dutch green salads for many years, traditionally served with warm bacon dressing. Older leaves become bitter, like mainstream garden vegetables. A winery in Ohio's Amish country takes it to the limit: Their Dandelion Mayfest features dandelion wine, sausages, breads and gravy.

Daylilies. How do the flowers of *Hemerocallis* taste? That depends on whom you ask. Descriptions range from asparagus to green beans to lettuce to melon. All agree on cutting away the bitter white part at the base before using the petals in desserts, salads, soups or stir-fries. Whole blossoms can be stuffed with cheese and breadcrumbs and sauteed; young spring shoots are prepared like asparagus.

Fuchsias. The spectacular flowers, and the berries that form if you let them, are used in making jam and wine.

Roses. Nose candy, for sure; but edible? Extremely. Try a fancy Mideastern dessert with rose water for flavor and aroma. It's a wonderful accent, delicately floral-tasting, with an exhilarating perfumy rush when you exhale.

Willow Tree - Demdaco

Susan Lordi's inspiration for *Willow Tree* comes from love of family, closeness to friends, and an appreciation of nature. Each represents a quality or sentiment that helps us feel close to others, heal wounds, or treasure relationships to living things. Expression is revealed through gestures only...a tilt of the head, placement of the hands, a turn of the body. Available in our Gift Shoppe,



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 Day 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.



How Do You Say That?

(A short little course in plant pronunciations)

E. purpurea: (pur-PUR-ee-uh)

Purple coneflower

Eucomis: (YOU-kuh-dee-um)

Pineapple lily

Heuchera: (HEW-kur-uh)

Coralbell

Ilex cornuta: (EYE-lecks kore-NEW-tuh)

Chinese holly

Juniperus chinensis:

(joo-NIP-ur-us chey-NEN-sis)

Chinese Juniper

Malus: (MAY-lus)

Apple

Monarda: (muh-NAR-duh)

Bee balm

Nymphaea: (nim-FEE-uh)

Water lily

Pyrus: (PYE-rus)

Pear

Rosa: (ROE-zuh)

Rose

Salix alba: (SAY-licks AL-buh)

White willow

Sorbus: (SORE-bus)

Mountain ash

Taxus baccata: (TACKS-us buh-KAY-tuh)

Japanese yew

Verbena bonariensis:

(vur-BEE-nuh boa-nar-ee-EN-siss)

Vinca minor: (VINK-uh MY-nur)

ASK IRIS!

Dear Iris:

We built our home on a beautiful wooded lot, but now the only place I can get grass to grow is a small clearing around the deck. Should I cut down some trees? Help!

Dear Ginger:

No, do not cut down your trees. Notice you mentioned a "beautiful wooded lot". Give up the grass and take advantage of the trees by using lots of ferns, hostas, woodland wild flowers, viburnums, boxwoods, yews, hollies, azaleas and so on. However, removing non-native invasive plants such as Chinese Elm, honey suckle bushes and vines or damaged, unhealthy trees close to your home is a good idea.

Dear Iris:

What is deadheading flowers? I thought deadheads were middle-aged rock band groupies.

Dear Rose:

Not wanting to speculate on what deadheading among Grateful Dead Fans might be, in gardening I can explain. Removing old spent flowers from perennials, annuals, roses, lilacs, rhododendrons will prevent the plant from wasting energy, setting seed and sometimes promote further flowering this season or promote more flowers the following season. Not all plants need it and most can do well without.

"Lady Duck" Injured

During our storms, at the end of May our "Lady Duck" was injured and suffered a broken wing. With the help from Water Fowl Wildlife Rescuers in Bristol and Dawn Summerton (Linton's Garden Centre Staff Member), she is recovering at the wildlife hospital. Her 7 eggs were carefully moved to be with her during her stay there.

Thank you to Andrea & Dennis Badke of Water Fowl Wildlife Rescuers and to Dawn for their assistance!

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!

Helping The Environment

At Linton's, we continue to pursue initiatives that protect and preserve our environment. Imagine the tons of nursery pots and containers that get dumped into our landfill each season.

By recycling and re-using these pots, we can do our part to protect our environment. And, you can help!

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 original plant was purchased elsewhere. Sorry, we cannot accept flower-vegetable trays.



At Linton's, every day is Earth Day!

Note: Pots must be in relatively good condition.

*Embellish Your Vision
Enhance Any Decor.*

“ We can complain
because rose bushes
have thorns, or rejoice
because thorn bushes
have roses. ”
Abraham Lincoln

Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds continue to wow bird watchers and gardeners because of their size, speed and colors. Visit Linton's to see the gorgeous array of products available to feed these fanciful and diminutive flyers.



Roses

Needs full sunlight. The rose family offers thousands of varieties for use as cut flowers, screens, borders, containers, hedges, ground cover and specimen plants in the landscape.

What's Cooking?

Pecan-Pear Green Salad

1 large ripe red pear, sliced
2 T butter or margarine, *divided*
1/2 C coarsely chopped pecans
1/4 t salt, *divided*
2 C mixed salad greens
2 T balsamic or red wine
vinegar
2 T olive oil
Pepper to taste



In a large skillet, saute pear in 1 tablespoon butter until lightly browned, about 7 min. In another skillet, saute pecans in remaining butter until lightly browned, about 5 min.; sprinkle with 1/8 teaspoon salt.

Divide salad greens between 2 salad plates; arrange pears over greens. Sprinkle with pecans. In a jar with a tight fitting lid, combine the vinegar, oil, pepper and remaining salt; shake well. Drizzle over salad. Yield: 2 servings.

Enjoy!

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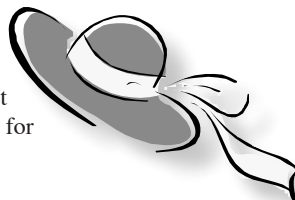
Rules And Responsibilities Of The Red Hat Society

There are no official rules, although we have some rather strong suggestions, the first of which is regarding red hat attire. Of course, to be a Red Hatter, one should wear a red hat and a clashing red purple ensemble at all meetings to keep up the spirit and purpose of the (dis)organization.

We also suggest rather strongly that women under 50 stick to the pink hat and lavender attire until THE BIRTHDAY. This adds an element of fun to aging, which we think is invaluable to women in our society who have learned to dread aging and avoid it at all costs. We believe that aging should be something anticipated with excitement, not something to dread.

The main responsibility is to have fun! We see this group as an opportunity for those who have shouldered various responsibilities at home and in the community their whole lives, to say goodbye to burdensome responsibilities.

This is a place to have fun and enjoy ourselves. Of course, someone needs to plan the events or they would never happen, but oftentimes members take turns at these things so that they do not become "jobs" for anyone.



Color Your World And Control Your Mood

Yellow helps with mental clarity and insight.

Blue has a calming effect and can create serenity.

Orange encourages optimism and can revive someone out of sluggishness.

Green provides balance for the mind and daily routine, giving a sense of control and a feeling of being in sync.

Red boosts energy level like a shot of adrenaline because it stimulates the heart rate.

Lilac/Violet sparks creativity.

Flowers & Plants In The Workplace

Flowers and plants are not simply visual embellishments. They can contribute to better feelings in employees and a more productive work environment.

Problem solving skills, idea generation and creative performance improve substantially in workplace environments that include flowers and plants.

Specifically, both men and women who work in environments with flowers and plants demonstrate more innovative thinking as compared to environments with sculpture or no decorative objects. Men who participated in the study generated 30 percent more ideas when working in environments with flowers and plants than ones without.

Men generate a greater abundance of ideas. However, women generate more creative flexible solutions to problems in workplace environments with flowers and plants. As a result, flowers and plants prove to be natural additions to any work environment.





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to our Hawaiian Luau
Open House*

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Aug. 7th & 8th

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and a hula skirt*

or

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