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# Linton's Leaflet



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## Linton's Hours

Monday -Friday 8:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 8:00am - 6:00pm

## The Sound of Falling Water

The sound of falling water is nature's symphony, and has been proven to have a relaxing effect on the soul. Few things are more relaxing than the sound of a waterfall or fountain. By adding a water feature to a landscape, the home owner creates not only a focal point, but benefits from the melodic sounds as well.

A water feature can be as complex as a Koi pond with a natural looking waterfall or a simple fountain that is easily set up in minutes. According to Mark Linton, "our fountains simply need a source of power to re-circulate the water inside the catch basin, and no planting is needed." A fountain can be the focal point of your whole garden and set the stage for the rest of the landscaping. Fountains vary widely in style and price depending on your desired outcome. Battery operated styles start at \$19.99, while concrete and custom fountains are in the hundreds of dollars. Custom Koi ponds with waterfalls start at several thousand dollars, and feature low-maintenance options such as filters, power skimmers, and water level monitors and auto fresh water fill lines.

Linton's Enchanted Gardens has a wide selection of pond supplies for the Do-It-Yourselfer as well as the area's largest selection of fountains for both indoors and out. If you are considering a pond and waterfall, call Mark Linton for a complimentary consultation and design.







## Weddings and Linton's Floral Shoppe

Are you getting married? Do you know someone who is? We are so happy for you and our bridal consultant, Ruth Linton, is waiting for your call to schedule a one hour complimentary wedding consultation at (574) 293-9699. Her goal is to hear your ideas and turn them into a dream come true.

Fresh, out-of-the-box, ideas are sure to help you create an original wedding that fits your budget. We want your vision to become a reality and reduce the pressures that present themselves on your special day.

Linton's skilled designers make use of all the latest fun, glitzy, sophisticated, and sparkly additions to show off your floral pieces. Whether your wedding is rustic or glamorous, we can meet your needs. We design events from the most elaborate weddings and receptions to an intimate setting with just a bouquet and boutonniere.

Our fresh flowers always receive special processing to ensure that they remain vibrant throughout your entire wedding. We will be happy to discuss using our botanically correct silk flowers or a combination of fresh and silk.

Brides are talking about Linton's weddings and the word is "They went above and beyond what I expected!" Let us do the same for you.

## Artificially Yours

- By Ruth Linton

Silk flowers can add that special touch of color to an otherwise drab area. Sometimes a single flower laid on a book, tied with a ribbon or placed in an unusual container, will complete your color scheme.

Amazingly, I recently heard how many pieces were involved in the production of just one flower. Look carefully— is it 10-20 or more? No, more complicated reproductions

can often require several hundred pieces in order to replicate nature's creation! Linton's prides themselves in their selection of silk flowers that are mostly botanically correct.

Flowers, silk or fresh, almost always guarantee

a smile. So, it is understandable why, adding this touch of color suggests hospitality and a friendly atmosphere in your home. Going a step further, the addition of a beautiful butterfly or bird brings nature into your home.

If you have glass containers, vases, baskets or wreaths (in good condition) that take up storage in your home, Linton's will accept and recycle them. In return, we will give you a gift card for 50cents per item. We recycle them for you!



## PERK UP YOUR PORCH CONTEST WINNER!

### Congratulations Cassie Seal!

Linton's surprised Cassie with a \$500 porch makeover this spring. Thank you to everyone who entered!



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## GROW YOUR OWN GOJI BERRIES!

The Goji berry has recently been featured in many health magazines and even on talk shows, such as 'Dr. Oz' and is known as a 'super-food' because of its many health benefits. The Goji berry, like blueberries, acai berries, cranberries, strawberries, and cherries -- offers some definite health benefits. Berries like the goji berry are filled with powerful antioxidants and other compounds that may help prevent cancer and other illnesses, including heart disease.

Linton's offers two varieties of the perennial; the Goji Life Berry and the Goji Sweet Lifeberry. The goji berry is also called the wolfberry. It is a bright orange-red berry that comes from a shrub that's native to China. The shrub produces an abundance of tiny, sweet ovoid berries. The shrub grows between 3 and almost 6 ft. depending on the variety. They will grow in full sun to part shade and some staking may be necessary.

Goji berries are eaten raw, cooked, or dried (like raisins) and are used in herbal teas, juices, wines, and medicines.

Goji berries can be planted now and cost only \$27.99.



# Quilt Gardens

## in Northern Indiana

Elkhart County, Indiana is the only place in the United States where you can find Quilt Gardens! Linton's is proud to participate in the Quilt Garden Tour again this year. This tour is hosted by the Elkhart County Convention & Visitor's Bureau. Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail is available now through October 1, 2013 in Elkhart, Bristol, Goshen, Nappanee, Middlebury, Shipshewana and Wakarusa.

The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail brings visitors to our location from around the United States, as well as Canada! It is amazing how far people travel to see what is right here in our own backyard. It gives our community a great boost economically and is a wonderful way to travel through our county and support our local businesses.

More than 115,000 locally grown annuals are planted in quilt patterns. The 19 gardens range in size from 800 to 2,500 square feet that cover over 23,000 square feet of soil.

Linton's 2013 pattern is called "Bees and Butterflies" and was selected to represent our support of the natural forces which are so vital to all plant life. Bees and butterflies are beneficial insects that are important pollinators of flowering plants, trees and food crops. Both suffered decline with last year's drought and poor weather conditions. We hope our pattern will call attention to helping these creatures of nature and promote all efforts to their well being.



### LINTON'S QUILT GARDEN PLANT LIST:

Marigold 'Janie Orange'  
Marigold 'Boy Yellow'  
Marigold 'Janie Tangerine'  
Petunia 'Bravo Rose'  
Petunia 'Bravo Red'  
Petunia 'Bravo Blue'  
Zinnia 'Low Grow' White



Both the "bee" and "butterfly" are very old quilt design patterns. They have been represented throughout history in many aspects of design and art in many cultures of the world. Their presence as icons and symbols have represented industrious endeavors, political power of leaders, personal strength, health and transformation, as well as beauty, grace and happiness. We hope to inspire and delight our visitors with the pattern for our 2013 Quilt Garden.



In The  
Company of

# Hummingbirds



## Plantings that attract Hummingbirds:

**TREES:** Flowering Crabapple (nectar, perching, and nesting), Rose of Sharon (nectar, perching and nesting), Hawthorn: (hiding, shelter, and nesting).

**SHRUBS:** Butterfly Bush, Azalea, Weigela.  
**Perennials:** Bee Balm, Coral Bells, Columbine.

**ANNUALS:** Petunia, Cardinal Flower, Salvia, Lupine, Fuschia, Penstemon, New Guinea Impatiens.

Do you need a peaceful end to a stressful day?

Such an ending could include sitting in your garden with a cool drink and watching hummingbirds flit from flower to flower. It's easy to attract Hummers and once a feeding station is established, the birds will visit often, returning year after year. If you love these petite flashes of color, why not create a habitat for them? You can provide food, shelter, places to rest, nest and hide, as well as a safe place to raise their young.

Hummingbirds, with their keen eyesight, are intrigued by bright colors. Red, purple, pink, and orange are colors that catch their attention. The colors don't have to be all in plants! Why not add a bright gazing globe or a painted garden chair to attract them?

The Garden Centre staff at Linton's is ready to help you design your Hummingbird habitat. We just received handmade hummingbird nesters (and they really work!). Only \$34.99. You can find these, as well as feeder options, nectar and, OF COURSE, the perfect plants to provide the perfect home for your Hummer friends.

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# Big Pink PAYOFF!

Through our sales of  
Invincibelle Spirit Hydrangeas,  
Linton's has been a part of a fund  
raising effort by garden centers  
around the country.

Together we have raised  
\$482,906.00!

It's not too late to get involved!

Big Pink Weekend is  
coming up August 10-11  
here at Linton's.

We will have  
several opportunities  
to donate funds  
while adding to your garden.



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*Vera Bradley*

*The colors of summer*

Make this the most colorful summer  
ever with Marina Paisley, Sun Valley,  
Tutti Frutti and Lili Bell!



# Fairy Friendly

By: Jackie Weiss

Garden Centre Manager, Linton's Enchanted Gardens

A new trend in gardening is planting to attract Fairies. Yes, you heard me! Fairies are descendants of the Elves, thus they are protectors of air, water, fire, and plant spirits. Some say there is a fairy assigned to each and every plant. I don't know about that, but I do know that planting a fairy garden, either inside or out just feels like a good (and fun) thing to do. Fairy Gardens bring young and old together. Children especially are excited by the idea, and it's fun to get them involved. Planting an 'inside' fairy garden can be done in any size container. Use smaller houseplants to create fairy 'trees.' Incorporate miniature furniture, a trellis, ponds, and fairy homes. Let your imagination run wild. Keep in mind that fairies lead a pretty simple life, so nothing too complicated.

An outside Fairy garden can be as simple as hiding a fairy door beneath a Hosta leaf to create a whole fairy world. Again, let your



inner child take over and get to creating.

Stop in at Linton's to see our Fairy Gardens in the conservatory. Let the Garden Centre staff help you design your own Fairy Garden. Or, grab one that's ready to go.

Do you like the idea of the fantastical miniatures but you're not sure about fairies? Then make yours' a miniature world for Thumbelina or Tom Thumb! These miniatures are about igniting the imagination and creating a sense of fun and adventure.

## ✧ GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM ✧

**WHAT IT IS:** A program that allows Linton's customers to designate a non-profit organization to receive \$1 for every fresh floral purchase they make valued at \$30 or more.

**HOW IT WORKS:** Non-profit organizations register at the Linton's customer service counter by giving the agency name, contact name, address, phone number and Tax I.D. number.

Customers who purchase a fresh floral arrangement inform Linton's staff at the time of purchase which non-profit organization they would like their purchase to benefit. Offer is valid only at time of purchase, no retro-active donations will be made.

Linton's issues a checks to the non-profit organization quarterly.

## Employee Spotlight

Linton's Garden Centre is now under the watchful eye of Jackie Weiss, Manager and Christie Egendorfer, Assistant Manager.

Jackie Weiss joined the Linton's team this past winter. She has been married for 27 years to Brian, and they have two adult children, and 3 grandchildren. She started her career in garden centers in 1989 and has managed several garden centres in our area. Jackie loves being outside, whether gardening, riding bikes, walking, reading or playing with her grandkids. Jackie took the Master Gardener course in 1998.

Christie joined our team in March of this year. She has been married for 19 years with 2 daughters and a son. She worked for many years in the retail clothing business before discovering her true passion of gardening and garden center retail. She worked in garden centre retail for 5 years as an assistant manager prior to coming to Linton's. Christie has been a Master Gardener since 2010 and is a very active member in the association, reaching the advanced level, after only one year, in 2011. She has contributed many hours at the community garden. Her hobbies include gardening, playing on the computer, cooking and baking! "I love helping people of all ages discover gardening whether annuals or trees and shrubs." says Christie



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