

# Linton's Leaflet

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By Mark B. Linton

What is pondless? Pondless is a term that we use where we design a water feature that does not have a pond. At Linton's, we are seeing this as a growing trend.

Why build a pondless water feature? In a word "low-maintenance". I think it has to do with lifestyles. People are busier and don't want to spend time doing maintenance. The ponds that we design and install aren't considered high maintenance, but they do require some work. There is also the safety factor involved with having a pond where young children could fall. With pondless features, we bury the small water reservoir into the ground, putting our homeowner's minds at ease.

Most of our clients are interested in features that combine the sound of running water with low maintenance. The up-front costs are a little less than a pond which also makes it more attractive to our customers. The price range for pondless features that we build are \$1,000 - \$10,000 depending upon the size and features desired. We even have kits for our do-it-yourself customers which

start at \$500. The majority of the pondless features that we build also include landscape plantings and the average cost of these are in the \$5 -6,000 range.

Pondless waterfalls also are easier to fit in the growing number of small backyards. A pondless waterfall doesn't take up all the space that a pond does. We are also seeing a trend with corporations who have begun requesting the features as part of "contemplative gardens" where employees spend time during breaks. They can listen and watch the trickling water while surrounded by beautiful flowering plants, trees and shrubs. It provides a nice "escape" for the employees.

These pondless water features are excellent for those who want to create birdwatching opportunities. These features do a great job of attracting wildlife. Divots in the stones create pools where birds drink and bathe. Installing one several years ago for a client, we drilled holes through a huge monster boulder. It was all that our bobcat tractor could handle. It has done a great job of attracting birds for our client. They love it and have even named the boulder "Rocky".



# Floral Trends

By Ruth Linton

I don't really know who or how or why floral trends are set! However, I feel the impact of the list, and, agree with almost every flower listed. Of course, they are all beautiful and Linton's readily has immediate access to all. Here they are:

Calla, Clematis, Dianthus, Hydrangea, Peony, Carnation, Dahlia, Garden Rose, Orchid, and Tulip.

Surprised by Clematis or Dianthus? Look for brightly colored Clematis climbing on a mailbox and smell the fresh fragrance of Dianthus which is similar to a miniature carnation. Dahlias are grown in numerous local gardens with sizes up to a dinner plate.

Also, don't forget the design value of succulents - ex. Hens & Chicks!

A trend now that is often used by Linton's design team is personalization. Designs that use something familiar to the recipient's life make them feel special. This is particularly thoughtful when used in a funeral or sympathy remembrance.

Are you one of many who have said "I don't really care for carnations?" Is it because they are mistakenly associated with an older generation? Or, they are known as an inexpensive flower? Why not save some dollars and allow the Linton Floral Designers to use their expertise to use the new 'wow' color of carnations which include lavender, purple passion, and bright, bright chartreuse- none of which look like a budget flower. They do say "FUN"!

We encourage you to view the fresh floral designs in our ready-to-go cooler that supports these trends.

Also, our talented display team has incorporated the trends into tasteful, coordinated vignettes in our Retail Centre.

Need a little professional help incorporating the trendiness in your home? Linton's offers a complimentary one hour consultation.



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# heavenly hydrangeas

*By Jackie Weiss, Linton's Garden Centre manager*

Hydrangeas are really a great plant. They come in so many varieties and sizes and colors. They bloom in mid to late summer which is great because by that time all the spring blooming plants have stopped, summer annuals are starting to look a tad tired and Hydrangeas are a punch of color, just when we most need it!

There are 4 main types of Hydrangea species: The most popular is Macrophylla. These are also the most challenging for care. Macrophylla is known as 'big leaf'; usually pink or blue flowers depending on soil P.H. These need to be pruned at a certain time, and protected from winter wind and temperatures. Paniculata is another very popular Hydrangea. Flowers are mostly white but range in size. Paniculata Hydrangeas can easily be tree form. Pruning and protection differ on Paniculata from the macrophylla Hydrangea. Oakleaf Hydrangeas are in the Quercifolia family. These are some of the biggest plants, sometimes reaching 15-20', with large white flowers. Arborescens finally is the last variety of the four. These hydrangeas have very large 'mophead' flowers. These Hydrangeas usually require the least amount of maintenance.

Ask the professionals at Linton's Enchanted Gardens regarding the care of your particular Hydrangea

## Kind Words from our Customers

*"Thank you so very much for making our wedding day unforgettable with such beautiful flowers! They were simply perfect and better than I could have dreamed of! We are so lucky and blessed to have had Linton's as our florist. Thank you!" - Lisa and Matt Connell*

*"I had lost my wallet while shopping out in the Garden Centre. Not only did the Garden Center staff assist me in my search that night, but they called to ask, the next day, where I'd been so they could concentrate their search efforts. Then, they called to tell me they had found it! I am SO appreciative of all their efforts! Thanks to each and every one!" - Pat D.*

*"I found Christie re-potting in the Conservatory and asked for her assistance. She readily helped me with what to plant where and how, etc. I found her to be very informative, friendly and engaging. Everyone should have her customer service skills. I will definitely be back for more help from her" - Kris G.*

*"Thank you so much for making our wedding day perfect! The flowers were beyond amazing, I absolutely loved them! It was such a pleasure working with Ruth and Melissa. Thanks again for everything!" - Zach & Courtney Bella*

*"Charlie was wonderful to work with as was the college student and helper. Super personable, hardworking and helpful. We can't thank you enough for fitting us in to your landscape schedule before our daughter's graduation open house. " - Andy and Jenni Wysong*



During your visit we invite you to dine in The Garden Café, in either the beautiful Veranda outdoors overlooking our gardens, or inside where you will enjoy the relaxing sounds of our indoor pond and waterfall.

Our Culinary Chef features fresh and healthy meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, which will be sure to please your taste buds!

Our "Chef's Special of the Day" is always a favorite, as well as the numerous decadent desserts and hand-crafted hot and cold drinks.





# Advice From A Garden

Cultivate lasting friendships.

Sow Seeds of kindness.

Listen to sage advice.

Don't let little things bug you.

Be outstanding in your field.

Take thyme for yourself.

No vining!!!



## THANK YOU!

Linton's customers helped up collect 1525 pounds of food for Church Community Services during our Easter Egg-stravaganza weekends!



### FREE Cooler Tote

(a \$60 value)

Exclusively yours with a Vera Bradley purchase of \$125 or more!

*While quantities last. See a store associate for details.*

*Vera Bradley*

# dog days of summer

## JULY 18 & 19

### A charitable event for the Humane Society of Elkhart County

Adoptable Dogs from Humane Society and Dog Town Resort on site Saturday 10-2

A DRESSED DOG IS YOUR "COUPON" FOR 50% OFF ORNAMENTAL GRASSES OR HOSTAS! (Limit of 6 items)



### BEST DRESSED DOG CONTEST EACH DAY!

Both winners receive a \$50 Linton's Gift Card and \$50 donation to ECHS!

### 15% off All Trees & Shrubs

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\$1 DONATED TO HUMANE SOCIETY FOR EACH TREE & SHRUB PURCHASED

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# Linton's Special Events for 2015

Saturday & Sunday	July 11 & 12	Wheel of Savings Weekend
Saturday & Sunday	July 18 & 19	Dog Days of Summer
Saturday & Sunday	August 1 & 2	Kids are a BIG Deal!
Saturday & Sunday	August 15 & 16	Big Pink Weekend
Saturday & Sunday	August 22 & 23	All Aboard for C.A.P.S.
Saturday- Monday	Sept. 5-7	Labor Day Sale
Saturday & Sunday	September 12 & 13	Birthday Party- 33 years!
Saturday & Sunday	September 19 & 20	Fall Carnival Days
Saturday & Sunday	September 26 & 27	Fall Festival
Saturday & Sunday	October 3 & 4	Fall Festival
Saturday & Sunday	October 10 & 11	Fall Festival
Saturday & Sunday	October 17 & 18	Fall Festival
Saturday & Sunday	November 7 & 8	Christmas Open House/ Santa Pictures
Friday	November 27	Pictures with Santa
Saturdays	11/7, 11/14, 11/21 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19	Pictures with Santa
Saturday	November 28	Small Business Saturday- Mystery Discount Tree!

## 2015 Design & Dine Dates and Projects

Enjoy a delicious meal, then complete a project to take home. \$29.99 per person includes dinner, instruction & materials. Dinner features soup, sandwich and choice of coffee or soft drink from our Garden Café. See a sample of the design on our Facebook page.

Thurs. 7/16/15 Air Planter

Thurs. 9/17/15 Leafcasting

Thurs. 10/22/15 Pumpkin Painting

Thurs. 11/19/15 Porch Pot

Thurs. 12/10/15 Twine Snowman



Tickets can be purchased at Linton's Customer Service Counter.



## UFO! "Restricted Area"

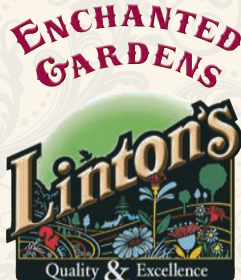
Roswell at Linton's? No, but it is a "Restricted Area" for serious UFO (Unusual Flowering Objects) plant collectors! At the landing gear of the alien space ship located in our Garden Centre you'll find the products from our 'Research Facility' in Bristol. The cover-up has been blown and the whistle-blowers have demanded we disclose the presence of these results to the public. This area, previously off-limits, has been opened up to customers classified as 'Top Plant Collectors.' We are seeking 'test sights' to help our Research Facility. Each UFO has been properly identified and tagged with its unique statistics. Test sights will be charged a fee to obtain the UFOs to cover discovery and development costs.

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# Mr. Smarty Plants

**Dear Mr. Smarty - I have a smaller yard that I don't know how to landscape. How can I best use my downsized space so that it works well for me and also seems larger?**

## - Signed Cramping My Style

Dear Style - Rule out design looks that are impractical to really work in small spaces. If woodland themes and meadows are still in your dreams, you can sometimes have them - in part. Miniaturize a concept to recreate a similar flavor with well-planned use of small scale trees, understory shrubs and sweeping perennial beds mixed with annual flowers that hint a woodland's edge. Water features need to be part of an overall design to be effective. All alone, they consume space but don't create the natural style you may want. Rock features, stones, and gravel help to soften and bring Nature to an otherwise urban setting. They can evoke a feeling of the orient in smaller spaces, whereas a lush, tropical look may require more space. Step pads and step-able ground covering paths can give direction to an otherwise mundane square lawn area. Try to incorporate an appealing distant view into the base design plan when that is possible. The merged view expands the perception of your space to be larger than it actually is. Nothing like that available? When screening is not an option, undesirable settings and unsightly objects can be downplayed with a properly placed new focus to draw the eye away from the offender. Strong lines and bright colors expand a narrow space. Vivid plants or painted objects provide central interest to build supporting beds to encompass them. Tiered steps and raised beds of varying heights both provide changes in ground level, altering the perceived space.

Small, formal gardens w/ traditional center courtyard lawn space still work in tight spaces. The plant life then takes the spotlight, with the basic design becoming secondary. Keep problematic weeds at bay with: moss Phlox, Ladie's Mantle, 'Walker's Low' Catmint, Creeping Thyme, False Lamium, and Lilyturf. They spread less in a confined space. Whether you want a plant oriented garden, or prefer one streamlined for relaxation and entertaining, a good design helps. Space in town is usually at a premium, but you can still have your personal oasis though you lack square footage. A skilled, professional designer can help you select your theme. - Mr. Smarty



# Wheel of Savings July 11 & 12 Weekend!



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