

It's All in the Details

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The Wall's dogs, Simon and Piper, enjoy the shade of the oak tree on the back patio.

Photo Doug Kohen

And almost every room has a different architectural design feature in the ceiling that draws the eyes upward, like the unique, cathedral-like barrel vaulted ceiling in the great room.

A detached greenhouse with a louvered roof, heating, and air conditioning that provides for a 12-month

growing season completes the property. "The gardening is all new to me," says Laura, whose thumbs are getting greener. She has planted a number of tomato plants in large 10-gallon plastic tubs, along with string beans, rhubarb and a variety of herbs. "They thought of everything," says Laura, "It's perfect."

The City of Orinda will be accepting nominations for the Mayor's Award for Architectural Excellence 2010. Nomination forms and guidelines will be posted at the City website, www.cityoforinda.org, later in the summer.

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