



# Matt Knows MORAGA



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**795 Camino Ricardo, Moraga • \$1,295,000**  
3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, 1,870 sf, .28 acre flat lot

Perfectly positioned on a corner lot in one of Moraga's most loved neighborhoods, this charming single-story home is coveted for its location... just steps away from Los Perales Elementary School. Besides top-rated schools (check availability) this location desired for its flat streets, large sidewalks, and central Moraga location which offers easy access to commute routes, the Moraga-Lafayette Trail, Moraga Country Club, Moraga Shopping Center, and the Sunday Farmer's market.

## What Matt's Clients are Saying...

**Ken & I want to express our appreciation to you for your outstanding service and the professional guidance you provided throughout the sale of our family home.** Having lived in our home for over 50 years it was not an easy decision to sell but you were very patient in explaining the process and helped us understand all our options. We never felt pressured and you made us feel comfortable and confident in all aspects of the sale process. Your expert advice in both marketing and preparing our home for sales was essential to a quick sale above our asking price!

**On top of that, you guided us through the complicated purchase of our new home in Rossmoor!** If you are looking for a trusted advisor that has strong local knowledge and can handle the complexity of both a sale and a purchase...**we highly recommend Matt McLeod.**

*~ Ken & Janet Forman, Moraga*

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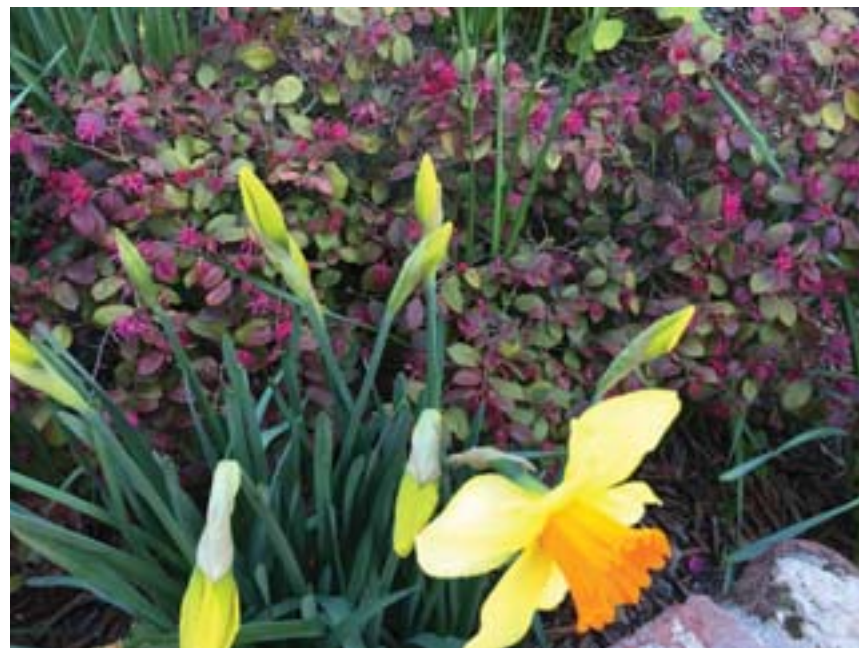


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## Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

### Awaken spring

*"The ghostly winter silences have given way to the great spring murmur of awakening life."— Jack London*



Spring daffodils and Chinese fringe.

Photos Cynthia Brian

## By Cynthia Brian

It all began when I witnessed the new growth unfurling on one of my loquat trees. The leaves were a mesmerizing bright green, like the color of lime with a hint of sunshine. Ah, sunshine, I thought! How I longed for warm, sun-drenched days. The darkness, cold and wet of winter had begun to unravel my soul.

The rains throughout the winter, although welcome and necessary, have been torrential. The creeks are full and raging. If only we could save this H2O to quench summer thirsty landscapes. Our hillsides are carpets of emerald grasses. The only hint that salvation was near was the happy stalks of the ubiquitous daffodils singing to the sky an end to the melancholia.

I wanted to bottle a bit of this luminosity from those loquat leaves so I did the next best thing ... I painted my fingernails the exact color! An odd choice, I've been told, but I was hell-bent on awakening spring.

The next day, the weather reports suggested that we would bask in sunlight for at least a week. My earthy polish must have summoned the gods of rebirth.

As if on cue, terra firma has erupted in a procession of power plants. Besides the narcissi and bergenia that have been blooming successively since January, we now witness muscari, tulip, hyacinth, ranunculus, anemone, oxalis, calla lily, azalea, freesia, Chinese fringe, blue star grass, and one of my favorite overlooked specimens, hellebore joining the parade.

Hellebores are deer-resistant, low-maintenance perennials that stir with blooms (actually sepals protecting the flower) before other plants. Known as the Lenten rose, they prefer partial shade, are evergreen and boast flowers January through May.

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