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## Feng Shui

### Health at home



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**Painting a centrally located stairwell yellow activates the earth element that governs health, like in this Orinda home.**

**By Michele Duffy**

Taking care of ourselves during these challenging, unprecedented times underscores the importance of addressing what we do have control over, and creating a peaceful, calm and uplifting home. Home should, ideally, restore balance and bring

greater harmony into our lives, providing a place of refuge and well-being to weather life's storms. How can we attract better health and well-being at home and create with Feng Shui the sanctuary we need right now?

First, the health area is located in the middle of the Feng Shui map or Bagua and this central position is important to note since when we place health as a priority, or centrally in our lives, health will positively influence all the other life areas. The health area symbology is the Yin/Yang black and white symbol which is synonymous with balance. The Yin/Yang symbol is not rigid or fixed, it is always moving, flowing, and changing to maintain balance. Movement of Qi or energy is central to good Feng Shui and also to our health in general. When Qi or energy flows easily and moves around our home effortlessly, there is less stagnation or opportunities for imbalances to manifest.

Many of the imbalances we experience can contribute to feelings of being stuck, anxious, worried, fearful, angry or stressed out. If our spaces are out of balance it will affect our health, including physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. This can include too much furniture, clutter, or uneven floorplan shapes. Effective Feng Shui is like acupuncture for the environment and functions to create healthy Qi flow circulating around our homes so that we feel nourished and supported when we are in them.

What is currently located in the center area, the health and well-being area of your home? Is there a bathroom? A staircase? Is there ample natural light? A messy closet? What colors dominate the space? Is the room used often or not at all? Next, check to see what is in the center of your bedroom? Is there a ceiling fan? Is the ceiling slanted? Finally, what is also in the center of your yard? Is there clutter in any of these "center" location areas?

Some Feng Shui challenges might include draining, rushing, depressing, cutting or no

Qi/energy circulating, and these and many other unintended consequences will affect our health. Make notes about what you found in all of these "center" areas of the home, the bedroom and yard and pay attention to your intuitive response in these areas as well.

The Earth element rules the center/health area of the Bagua, and is a natural fit for creating good health. This element is activated by introducing square shapes, yellow/orange/brown, crystals, shells, rocks, ceramics, clay or slate to the center of your home, bedroom or yard. In the Five Elements creative cycle, fire creates earth, so we can also place triangles, anything with the color red, candles or lights to further support the earth element for a healthy home. Adding the earth element to the center of your home will activate improved health and well-being.

In each home there exists a unique template and so while these are good places to start your healthy Feng Shui refresh, reviewing the health details of your home with a pro yields personalized results. Recently, with a new Zoom client, we made a huge impact on increasing well-being in her family's home which is located on the water. Having water behind the home can be challenging, especially when water is seen from the front entrance door. Her family had faced many unnerving health (and financial) challenges and now that everyone was at home so much of the time, she wanted to ensure they were together, creating a healthy home.

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ORINDA	13	\$1,195,000	\$3,800,000

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### LAFAYETTE

- 867 Acalanes Road, \$1,850,000, 6 Bdrms, 3974 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 05-28-20,  
Previous Sale: \$1,810,000, 10-05-16  
935 Carol Lane, \$1,268,500, 5 Bdrms, 2166 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 05-18-20  
3716 Crestmont Place, \$3,315,000, 4 Bdrms, 4291 SqFt, 2000 YrBlt, 05-19-20,  
Previous Sale: \$2,938,500, 06-04-18  
1849 Del Rey Street, \$950,000, 3 Bdrms, 1914 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 05-27-20,  
Previous Sale: \$299,500, 07-01-92  
866 Revere Road, \$1,242,500, 4 Bdrms, 2117 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 05-18-20  
3569 Silver Springs Road, \$370,000, 4 Bdrms, 1951 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 05-21-20,  
Previous Sale: \$115,000, 09-01-77  
11 Silverhill Way, \$1,555,000, 4 Bdrms, 3207 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 05-19-20,  
Previous Sale: \$1,225,000, 07-06-18

### MORAGA

- 785 Augusta Drive, \$1,400,000, 3 Bdrms, 2195 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 05-29-20,  
Previous Sale: \$1,000,000, 11-16-17  
192 Cypress Point Way, \$1,100,000, 3 Bdrms, 1644 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 05-20-20,  
Previous Sale: \$1,040,000, 06-21-19  
1716 Saint Andrews Drive, \$880,000, 2 Bdrms, 1464 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 05-20-20,  
Previous Sale: \$700,000, 05-19-09

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- 1 Aghalee Road, \$1,960,000, 4 Bdrms, 2010 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 05-29-20  
390 Camino Sobrante, \$1,480,000, 4 Bdrms, 2344 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 05-27-20,  
Previous Sale: \$620,000, 12-18-10  
392 Camino Sobrante, \$1,525,000, 2 Bdrms, 2391 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 05-27-20,  
Previous Sale: \$950,000, 12-12-13  
1 Casa Vieja, \$1,225,000, 4 Bdrms, 2057 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 05-27-20  
3 Corte Bombero, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 1967 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 05-18-20  
57 Davis Road, \$1,670,000, 3 Bdrms, 2457 SqFt, 1992 YrBlt, 05-20-20,  
Previous Sale: \$1,301,000, 04-01-15  
6 El Caminito, \$1,935,000, 6 Bdrms, 4855 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 05-19-20,  
Previous Sale: \$722,000, 02-12-99  
50 El Castillo, \$1,625,000, 4 Bdrms, 3025 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 05-27-20,  
Previous Sale: \$1,235,000, 05-15-13  
5 Heather Lane, \$3,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 4720 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 05-19-20,  
Previous Sale: \$1,650,000, 10-05-18  
24 Mariposa Lane, \$1,195,000, 3 Bdrms, 1318 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 05-28-20,  
Previous Sale: \$911,000, 06-10-05



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Color was an affordable way to adjust this center/health located bathroom (red/fire creates earth) to overcome draining bath Qi. Try this Benjamin Moore color "Poppy."

## Feng Shui Health at home

By placing a large crystal (earth element) ceiling light fixture in the center (health/earth) of the home in the "great room," we addressed many Feng Shui concerns with one adjustment. The crystal (earth) chandelier adjusted and refracted the view of the water from the front entrance door and it activated the health/earth element for the family's home. Now the room was warmly illuminated and spacious, and the home grounded in possibility.

My client could not get over the difference this small change made in her home, how it literally lifted the family's spirits and positively transformed the overall energy in the space which had a positive effect on everyone's health. Feng Shui neutralizes challenging issues so that we feel better in our homes and those positive vibes create the groundwork for improved health, and can be especially effective when also part of the overall design of the home.

### Some quick tips to activate health in your own home environment:

- Declutter your home and restore peaceful calm;
- Discard broken, chipped or mismatched items;
- Complete projects methodically, one at a time;
- Clean the house with green products and enjoy peace of mind;
- Balance your space with colors you love;
- Place your bed against a solid wall facing the door;
- Create in the bath a home spa with bath salt soaks, candles, and soft lighting;
- Eliminate depressing art or home items that do not bring you joy;
- Allow a path to your front door that is free from spiky sharp or overgrown foliage;
- Clear kitchen counter tops and create calm;
- Create a quiet spot near a sunny window for meditation, reading or napping;
- Create spacious and colorful uplifting views outside and clean up the yard;
- Fix plumbing so your personal plumbing works properly;
- Ground/fix the electrical system and notice an uptick in your own healthy circulation;
- All doorways should be cleared and well-lit so adult voices are heard;
- Clean windows for better insights and wisdom
- Introduce neroli or eucalyptus essential oils diffusers in bathrooms;
- Add flowering, colorful or fragrant plants to help refresh indoor air.

### Personal Feng Shui tips for health:

- Get moving, hike, bike, dance, whatever you enjoy doing but move your Qi;
- Balance periods of intense activity with periods of rest and relaxation;
- Be kind, patient, and helpful to yourself and others for greater happiness;
- Cleanse your life of negative people;
- Contemplate impermanence and that this too shall pass;
- Spend more time in nature;
- Play uplifting music;
- Spend time with emotionally supportive pets;
- Eat more plants, vegetables and fruits;
- Dab yourself with essential oils like Lavendar for peacefulness;
- Place Himalayan salt lamps to eradicate EMF's;
- Switch social media, electronic devices, and TV's off;
- Sleep restfully and well.

Creating a home that is healthy and provides a sanctuary for you and your family is now accessible and possible using Feng Shui, so please let me know what you notice when you make even a few of the suggestions, and please remember to email me any questions at [spaceharmony@gmail.com](mailto:spaceharmony@gmail.com).

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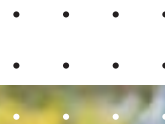
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## Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

# Guardians of the Garden Galaxy



Integrated pest management creates a gorgeous garden oasis.

Photos Cynthia Brian

By Cynthia Brian

*“Nature teaches beasts to know their friends.”*  
~ William Shakespeare

The gray turtle dove darted from the mulberry tree to the wooden nest box and back again. Thinking there must be eggs, I grabbed my camera and discovered a baby dove nestled in a hollowed nest with the mother bird proudly standing guard. The sounds of gentle cooing surrounded this bucolic scene. I felt blessed that these birds chose my garden to settle.

If you want a healthy, glorious summer garden, beneficial insects, arachnids, birds, amphibians and reptiles must call your landscape “home.”

Many people scream at the sight of a snake or a lizard and start swatting when they witness a spider. However, these are

beneficial biologicals devouring the insects and predators that capture prey that destroy your garden. Everyone loves lady beetles, known as ladybugs, and people understand the value of bees, but did you know that frogs, hoverflies, ground beetles, praying mantids and lacewings are invaluable friends to the garden?

The guardians of my garden galaxy are plentiful and ubiquitous. Every day as I walk through my oasis, I am greeted by numerous lizards darting from rock to plant, frogs hopping to hide under a leaf, spiders weaving webs, bumblebees, hoverflies and honeybees sucking the nectar from a variety of species, and birds making nests and dining on insects. My favorite garden guardians are the kingsnakes that eat gophers, moles, voles, and keep the rattlesnakes away.

Our garden colleagues keep nature in balance without the use of pesticides, herbicides and insecticides. Using integrated pest management, natural sources of nutrients including compost and mulch will fertilize and keep your garden healthy.

Here are some of the benefits of inviting our flying, hopping, slithering, and scooting comrades into your garden.

### Birds:

As they fly from tree to tree, birds are pollinators adding more blooms and fruit which attract more birds. Birds eat a variety of pests including mosquitoes, aphids, grubs, slugs and spiders. Large birds such as owls and hawks eat rodents including voles, moles, squirrels, rats, and other unwelcome critters. They help control weeds by eating weed seeds. Watching birds and listening to their song reduces stress.

Invite birds to your landscape by offering:

- A water source including a gurgling fountain or birdbath.
- Birdhouses for shelter and nesting.
- Feeders for seed. Even putting a pie tin in the bushes with seeds or picked clover and dandelions will attract our feathered friends,
- Plant a selection of flowering plants, shrubs, and berries for them to enjoy.

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An elaborate bird nest with eggs.

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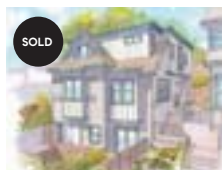
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A frog sits on the patio rug.



A King snake keeps the voles, moles, rats, and rattlers away.



Ladybugs in various stages on barley stems.

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#### **Frogs and Toads:**

Natural pest control. They eat caterpillars, cutworms, bugs, beetles, grubs, slugs, grasshoppers, and numerous other detrimental insects.

Invite frogs and toads to your landscape by offering:

- A place to hide. Frogs and toads are shy. They prefer a cool, shaded area with lots of moisture and plants. Turn over a flowerpot and they will make a house.
- A pond allows them to lay eggs. Have fun watching tadpoles.

#### **Lizards:**

Reptiles are excellent eaters of garden pests including slugs and harmful insects.

A plethora of lizards living in your landscape is an indicator of a healthy ecosystem. The food you grow will be free of heavy metals and pesticides since lizards cannot thrive in a hazardous environment.

Invite lizards to your landscape by offering:

- Only natural methods of pest control.
- Avoidance of all weed killers.
- Mulch to regulate moisture in the soil.
- Rocks, bricks, or stones for sunbathing.
- A saucer or small container with water for drinking.

#### **Snakes:**

Garter snakes and kingsnakes are especially beneficial in our area because they eat insects and rodents. One snake can devour an entire rat

family in two weeks. Kingsnakes also kill rattlesnakes and keep them away. Make sure to learn the good snakes from the poisonous ones.

Invite snakes to your landscape by offering:

- A hiding place in bushes, tree stumps, driftwood, or even metal panels.
- A water source on the ground, a small birdbath, fountain, or the "butterfly bowl".

#### **Ladybugs:**

Also known as Lady beetles or Ladybird beetles, their larvae look like alligators. Both the adults and larvae are voracious general pest predators of aphids, beetles, caterpillars, lace bugs, mealybugs, mites, scale, whiteflies, and insect eggs. The larvae consume over 40 aphids per hour and an adult ladybug will consume over 5,000 aphids in a lifetime. If you have a small garden or a minimal pest population in a large garden, they will fly away. Rejoice because your garden is organically balanced.

Invite ladybugs to your landscape by offering:

- A wide range of flowering plants to attract and keep them on site.

#### **Hoverflies:**

Also known as syrphid flies or flower flies, hoverflies earned their name by hovering over flowers to sip the nectar, much like hummingbirds. They look similar to bees but they do not sting and are not harmful to humans. The adults are primarily pollinators and the larvae are pest predators, crawling along plant surfaces searching for prey. They seize the insect, suck out its contents, and discard the skin. They mimic bees and wasps to protect themselves from predators but have two wings instead of four.

Invite hoverflies to your landscape by offering:

- A variety of nectar and pollen-producing plants such as aster, calendula, cornflower, cosmos, dill, fennel, lavender marigolds, mint, statice, zinnia, wild mustard, and sunflowers.
- Food throughout every season by timing plantings for continuous blooms.

#### **Spiders:**

Spiders help maintain a healthy balance in your garden by eating harmful pests from spring through winter. By controlling the bad insects, they reduce plant pathogens that damage plant tissues. Most spiders are peaceful. The most common web builder is the yellow and black spider, and the black wolf spiders are active hunters.

Invite spiders to your landscape by offering:

- Grass clippings, mulch, lush bushes, and perennials for habitat.
- Cover crops such as clover and vetch and hedges like boxwoods are havens for spiders.
- Sunflowers, vining beans, and corn as well as other tall flowers are excellent for webs.

Grow a diversity of plants, eliminate pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides to attract beneficial insects, birds, spiders, reptiles, and numerous other guardians of our garden galaxy. By providing the basic needs of food, habitat, water, and shelter, you and your family will enjoy increased outdoor amusement while learning an appreciation of nature. Your garden will be their dinner table and their bedroom. Know your friends and protect them.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.



**Bumblebees and hoverflies pollinate the lavender.**



**Cynthia Brian is awed by a nest on a redwood tree.**

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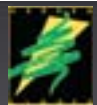
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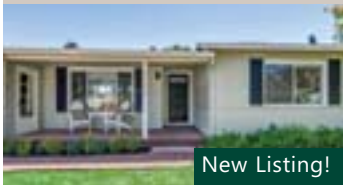


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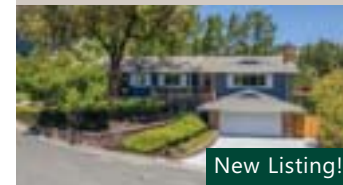


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