

Lamorinda

OUR HOMES

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Lamorinda Home Sales

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener Cynthia Brian

Risky business



Photo Cynthia Brian

Even in a small window box, vegetables and flowers grow well together.

By Cynthia Brian

“Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you’re a thousand miles from a cornfield.” ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

When you bite into a crunchy apple, eat a bunch of juicy grapes, or slather butter on roasted sweet corn, unless you’ve grown these crops in your personal garden, do you ever wonder about the life of the farmer who provides you with your food? To grow healthy, nutritional produce, farmers work daily, rain or shine, in every season, to provide city dwellers with sustenance. They get paid when they sell their harvest, yet it only takes one natural disaster to destroy their year-long labors and erase the opportunity for remuneration.

Farming is a risky business.

A few times when I was a child, our family suffered the fate of a failed harvest. The culprit was usually a heavy rain mildewing the fruit before it could be picked. This year, the demon was the horrific fires with the unending days of suffocating smoke that smoke-tainted the grapes. One hundred percent of our Cabernet Sauvignon will hang on the vines to rot because they cannot be pressed and made into wine. The smoke-taint is so pervasive that the taste of eating a single grape is like licking an ashtray. Most growers of red grapes throughout Northern California are suffering the same fate. There will be no check in the mail. A full year of blood, sweat, and tears up in smoke, literally!

With global warming and climate change, farms are going to fail. Food insecurity will become more prevalent, even in abundant America. In the face of natural, financial, and social crisis, now more than ever, we all need to learn to be food resilient by reconnecting to the land and growing our own to supplement what we buy. Urban agriculture is a buffer to economic instability building resilience through biodiversity and organic gardening practices.

Autumn has arrived and with it the optimal time to plan before planting. Start small. Plant densely and use crop rotation for seasonal vegetables. Intermingle flowers and vegetables. Plants need water or they will suffer and die. Until the rains come, you will need to observe your plantings to ascertain that seeds and roots are not drying out. Before you begin your planting process, planning is essential.

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Orinda ~ 111 Tappan Lane
SF 6,353 | BD 6 | BA 4 | Car Gar 3 | Pool | \$5,895,000
Live in an extraordinary architectural masterpiece and thrive on almost four acres showcasing breathtaking sunsets from the 180-degree vista high atop Orinda's coveted Tappan Lane.



Lafayette ~ 29 Sanford Lane
SF 5,150 | BD 5 | BA 4.5 | Office | Car Gar 3 | \$3,795,000
Discover Hidden Oaks, an exclusive pocket of exceptionally crafted East Coast-inspired estates. Located on a prominent more-than-half-acre corner lot and showcasing meticulous amenities throughout.



Orinda ~ 2 Rabble Road
SF 5,363 | BD 5 | BA 4 | Car Gar 4 | Wine Cellar | \$3,298,000
Unobstructed views, privacy, and a rare corner lot with expansive lawn and sport court make this Wilder Ranch estate an exceptional home.



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Lamorinda home sales recorded

| City | Last reported | Lowest amount | Highest amount |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| LAFAYETTE | 11 | \$1,225,000 | \$5,100,000 |
| MORAGA | 10 | \$555,000 | \$2,750,000 |
| ORINDA | 12 | \$1,325,000 | \$3,450,000 |

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LAFAYETTE

- 3188 Kingsley Place, \$2,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 2406 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$980,000, 07-29-02
- 3120 La Playa Court, \$1,335,000, 4 Bdrms, 2733 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 08-13-20
- 3201 Lucas Drive, \$1,310,000, 3 Bdrms, 1607 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$865,000, 06-15-05
- 3137 Mars Court, \$1,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 2009 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$1,130,000, 08-24-10
- 40 Meek Place, \$1,225,000, 4 Bdrms, 2276 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 08-13-20
- 1727 Reliez Valley Road, \$1,850,000, 4 Bdrms, 2932 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$420,000, 12-01-89
- 22 Toledo Court, \$5,100,000, 5 Bdrms, 6001 SqFt, 2016 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$5,525,000, 11-08-19
- 1070 Via Alta, \$1,925,000, 4 Bdrms, 3919 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$1,875,000, 05-31-17
- 1019 Walnut Drive, \$1,475,000, 3 Bdrms, 1813 SqFt, 1947 YrBlt, 08-11-20
- 3660 West Road, \$1,350,000, 3 Bdrms, 1225 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$1,190,000, 06-20-18
- 1035 Windsor Drive, \$1,367,500, 3 Bdrms, 1800 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 08-12-20

MORAGA

- 1988 Ascot Drive #D, \$555,000, 3 Bdrms, 1473 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$515,000, 12-15-17
- 11 Benedita Place, \$960,000, 3 Bdrms, 2095 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$455,000, 11-27-00
- 38 Buckingham Drive, \$1,025,000, 3 Bdrms, 1696 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 08-11-20
- 284 Calle La Mesa, \$1,725,000, 5 Bdrms, 2666 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 08-11-20
- 72 Corte Yolanda, \$1,650,000, 5 Bdrms, 2623 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 08-13-20, Previous Sale: \$1,050,000, 07-23-03
- 222 Fronteras Drive, \$2,060,000, 5 Bdrms, 4718 SqFt, 2018 YrBlt, 08-12-20
- 12 Kimberly Drive, \$2,750,000, 4 Bdrms, 4261 SqFt, 2003 YrBlt, 08-13-20, Previous Sale: \$1,950,000, 11-15-12
- 19 Lance Court, \$1,330,000, 4 Bdrms, 1722 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$720,000, 12-16-03
- 1807 Saint Andrews Drive, \$1,500,000, 3 Bdrms, 2828 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$400,000, 12-01-88
- 12 Via Barcelona, \$940,000, 3 Bdrms, 2109 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 08-12-20, Previous Sale: \$879,000, 05-21-15

ORINDA

- 46 East Altarinda Drive, \$1,325,000, 4 Bdrms, 3764 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$545,000, 07-01-89
- 18 Charles Hill Circle, \$3,450,000, 5 Bdrms, 6137 SqFt, 2003 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$3,300,000, 09-27-04
- 212 El Toyonal, \$1,760,000, 3 Bdrms, 2580 SqFt, 1940 YrBlt, 08-13-20, Previous Sale: \$450,000, 03-24-98
- 101 Hillcrest Drive, \$1,525,000, 3 Bdrms, 1872 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$846,000, 02-22-11
- 16 Keith Drive, \$1,525,000, 3 Bdrms, 2787 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 08-11-20
- 11 Moraga Viax, \$1,432,500, 5 Bdrms, 2043 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$1,190,000, 10-10-16
- 292 Moraga Way, \$1,670,000, 5 Bdrms, 2923 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$1,275,000, 05-04-07
- 220 Overhill Road #222, \$1,772,000, 4 Bdrms, 2513 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 08-13-20
- 20 Robert Road, \$1,775,000, 4 Bdrms, 2397 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 08-13-20
- 76 Southwood Drive, \$1,500,000, 3 Bdrms, 1951 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 08-11-20, Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 03-06-20
- 13 Valencia Road, \$1,330,000, 3 Bdrms, 1344 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$840,000, 08-14-13
- 73 Van Ripper Lane, \$2,240,000, 4 Bdrms, 3300 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 08-14-20, Previous Sale: \$1,115,000, 07-03-01

Fabulous Reliez Valley Home



1418 Reliez Valley Rd has it all; 2,765 Sq Ft, 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, on a large .59 acre lot. Updated kitchen and appliances; formal dining room; living room includes a large stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings and lots of light. Family room opens up to a large patio and lawn area with a bocce ball court and raised planter beds. Master suite and 3 bedrooms on the upper level and 2 additional bedrooms on the lower level, perfect for in-law, au pair or home office. Lafayette schools and close to freeways. You don't want to miss this home!

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Feng Shui

The best mirror placement in the home



Photos provided

By Michele Duffy

Feng Shui is an ancient practice for arranging objects and furniture so that the healthiest and most vibrant life-force Qi circulates in your home and in your life. Mirrors are often referred to as the “aspirin” in Feng Shui, since they are so versatile and effective, and we often kid by saying “place two mirrors and call me in the morning,” but this powerful antidotal wisdom demonstrates the belief that mirrors encourage almost immediate results.

Mirrors are one of the nine “Methods of Minor Additions” that are effective with the tradition of mindful “intention-setting,” and work hand in hand with why and where we place mirrors.

The important intention-setting step symbolically aligns our best wishes with the

actual physical mirror, for a desired effect. Part of our intention is also understanding the “why,” so that you can align your highest intentions and infuse the physical mirror with a divine purpose in your life and space.

Feng Shui Intention-Setting 101

- 1) Set intentions from your heart, your very best self – not when you are sleep deprived, worried, fearful or angry, etc. A gratitude or spiritual practice are fast ways to rekindle alignment to our inner healing, plus offer a connection to restore personal positivity, happiness, meaning and even purpose. There’s no “right” or “wrong” way to think, but be mindful of your state of mind and try to do this work with an expansive mind and heart;
- 2) Intention-setting connects your personal Qi to whatever Feng Shui “cure” you are working on, be it mirrors, water fountains,

or plants;

3) Intention-setting creates a living, breathing positive meditation within our minds and hearts and transfers into the home and walls we occupy, which is incredibly important today as we are home more;

4) Intentions ideally should be more about what we dream of or want to manifest, what we want more of, and also what we need more of;

5) Intention-setting includes using language that creates our mindful visualizations, so many layers of vivid detail are more powerful;

6) Intentions can include specific dates for the requested change to occur.

After achieving clarity and setting positive intentions you may proceed with placing mirrors in a safe, effective, and profound way. Remember, you will also need to use your BAGUA map for placement.

Feng Shui Mirror Placement 101

- 1) Only use sparkling clean mirrors;
- 2) Place mirrors high enough so none of the household members’ heads are cut off in the reflection;
- 3) Place mirrors on the side walls of the foyer to make a typically small space seem bigger and thus positively expand Bagua areas such as your Wisdom (right door wall), Career (center door wall), or Helpful People (left door wall). Mirrors should also be placed on side walls in hallways, too;
- 4) Place mirrors to attract more natural light into your home and life;
- 5) Place a mirror behind the stove and wipe clean daily to activate wealth and magnify your ability to generate abundance in the household (this is especially powerful when the stove cannot be placed in the ideal island area or “Commanding Position” for a stove);
- 6) Place mirrors to attract more of what is reflected in the mirror, for example, an expansive beautiful view, lush garden, calm waters, all symbolically and literally, aligning the healing of nature within your home and life;

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Orinda

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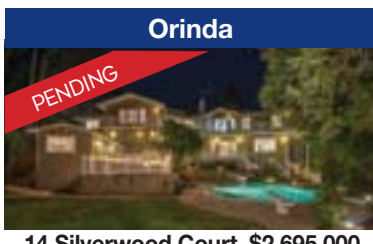
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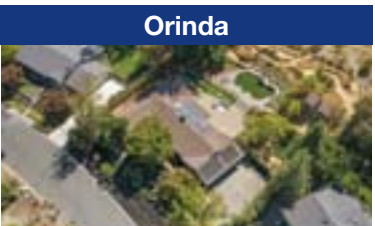
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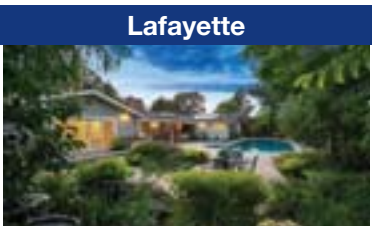
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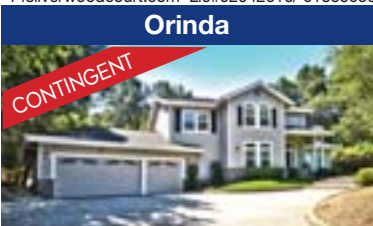
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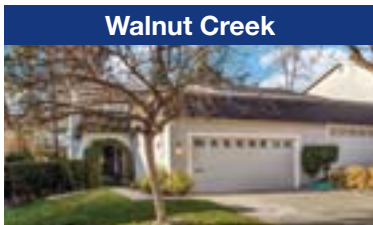
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Lamorinda Listings & Sales

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3337 Walnut Lane, Lafayette



Offered at \$1,795,000 3337walnut.com

106 Greenbriar, Moraga - Pending



Offered at \$1,295,000 106greenbriar.com

112 Merion Terrace, Moraga - Pending



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Offered at \$1,595,000 34ichabod.com

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216 The Knoll ORINDAWOODS



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3 BD | 3 BA | 2,583 SF | \$1,395,000

LIVE ONE LEVEL and entertain in style in this gorgeous two story chic and cool townhome located in the sought-after Orindawoods neighborhood. Attention to detail and design is noted in the recent renovations-with an abundance of light, beautiful hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, hill views and private living makes this unit unique. Orindawoods BART shuttle, top-rated Orinda schools and the proximity to town are a bonus!

Call for your private showing!

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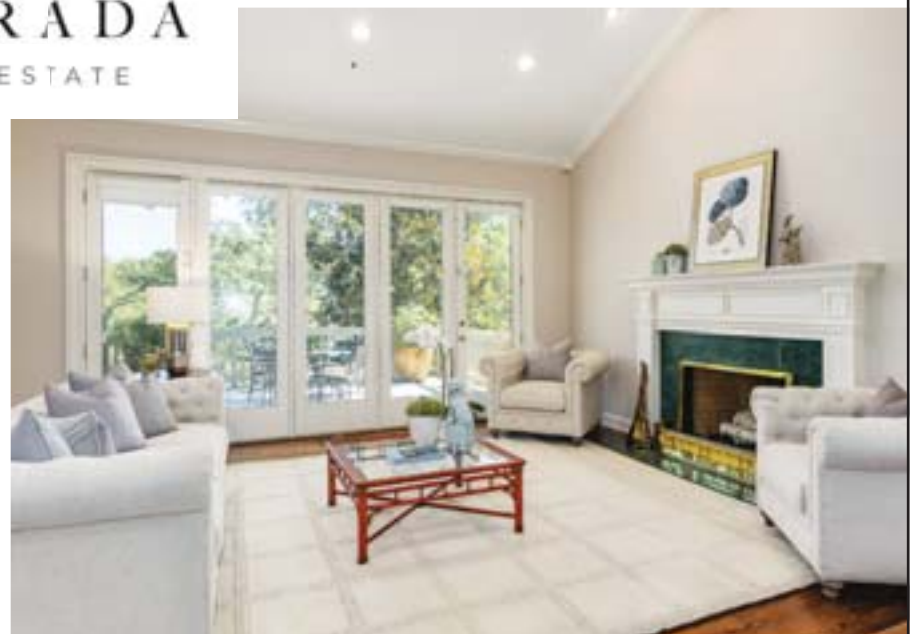
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OFFERED AT \$2,595,000



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For a virtual open house experience go to:

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\$1,995,000

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| 3 <i>Bed</i> | 2 <i>Bath</i> | 9.9 <i>Acre</i> | ±2,651 <i>Sq. ft</i> |
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PENDING



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3 Bedrooms, 2.5. Baths
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SOLD



1182 Glen Road, Lafayette
Sold for \$3,520,000
4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths
3,675 sqft., .41 acre

SOLD



11 Candlelight Ln., Lafayette
Sold for \$2,079,000
4 Bedrooms, /3.5. Baths
3,262 sqft., 1.1 acre lot size

SOLD



472 Kingsford Dr., Moraga
Sold for \$1,435,000
4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths
2,405 sqft., .46 acre lot

HAPPY BUYERS



73 Van Ripper Ln., Orinda
Sold for \$2,240,000
4 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms,
3,300 sqft., .33 acre lot

HAPPY BUYERS



24 Sanford Ln., Lafayette
Sold for \$3,805,000
5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms,
5,169 sqft., .55 acre lot

HAPPY BUYERS



222 Fronteras Dr., Moraga
Sold for \$2,060,000
5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms,
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Feng Shui

The best mirror placement in the home



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- 7) Mirrors placed on dining room walls magnify our ability for wealth (if we can afford dinner guests, we are “well off”);
- 8) Mirrors placed on living room walls magnify happy social, family, and creative moments, so make sure you let the good times roll in front of your mirrors;
- 9) Place mirrors to activate one of the nine Bagua areas, for example, to attract a partner we might place a mirror in the relationship area (far right) of the home;
- 10) Place mirrors on the outside of the draining Qi of the bath so that negative Qi is hidden or neutralized; this is especially effective for bathrooms in the wealth (back left) area of the home since mirrors symbolically represent the water element;
- 11) Avoid placing mirrors that reflect your

desk or your work may double, and since mirrors are water element avoid placing in the Fame & Reputation area (back middle area) ruled by fire, so your good name is not extinguished!

Mirrors can soften our spaces and round out the rough edges for a smoother Qi flow throughout our homes. This is important since a scientific, medical, or Feng Shui definition of well-being is all about movement, so that’s partly why mirrors have earned an exalted place in Feng Shui. They work. What do you personally notice after you place two mirrors? I would be honored if you call me to let me know. Be safe and well, dear readers!



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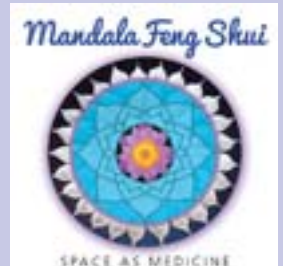
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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener Cynthia Brian

Risky business



Photos Cynthia Brian

Guavas are nearing harvest time.

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How to plan to succeed in planting

PREPARE your soil. Add aged manure and compost to improve absorption.

GROUP plants according to their watering needs. A succulent garden requires very little water. Astilbe and ferns require substantial H₂O.

CONSIDER the best time to plant. You want your plants to establish a strong root system while the soil is still warm, yet the days are cooler, but before the winter freeze arrives.

MULCH with two or three inches to retain moisture, slow the growth of weeds, and prevent erosion. This can be shredded newspaper, bark, grass clippings, leaves, wood chips, stone, or pebbles.

FERTILIZE right before it rains so that the fertilizer absorbs into the roots and the soil.

Vegetarians seeking protein through plant-based items can choose to plant lentils,

beans, spinach, chickpeas, broccoli, white cabbage, spring greens, and figs. My tiny cherry pear tomatoes are flourishing amongst the Amaryllis Belladonna and the Jacobinia in a planter box outside my kitchen window. When nothing much is colorful in the garden except the roses, sage, and crape myrtles, it's marvelous to be able to pluck a few cherry tomatoes for a salad and three stalks of Amaryllis Belladonna for a flower arrangement from the same plot. I like using the multi-colored pistache berries in arrangements in the fall, but squirrels and turkeys are also claiming them as their favorite dinner.

Farming is not easy but becoming a backyard farmer will be rewarding and supply your family with enough produce to sustain you during good and bad times. Even a little self-sufficiency with your gardening endeavors will lower your risk of food shortages.



As pistache berries turn pink they become a favorite food for squirrels.

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for October

PLANT clover in your lawn or as a cover crop as it grabs oxygen from the air and stores it in the soil. Birds pecking at your lawn are not eating it. They are dining on insects that could be harmful to your lawn. The birds are your friends indicating that your lawn has an invader.

RESEED lawns or install sod. If your soil is too acidic, add lime for balance. Grasses require a moderate pH between 5.8 and 7.2.

MAKE a bouquet of whatever is blooming in your garden. Russian sage and Japanese maple leaves add texture and color as do the green, blue, and rose-colored pistache berries.

SAMPLE your grapes and make sure they aren't smoke-tainted.

DIG and divide iris rhizomes in October. Make sure to keep a few inches of the leaves on the stems and bury the roots two inches deep, eighteen to twenty inches apart.

EXPERIMENT by planting a variety of lettuces to keep your salads fresh all season. You can even plant in a pot on a sunny windowsill and snip often. Clip the microgreens as they sprout for delicate, delicious delights.

GROUP vegetables and flowers together, especially in small spaces for maximum production.

ADD a splashing fountain to attract the birds, hummingbirds, and entertain you.

CLEAR creek beds, hillsides, and property of dead branches and debris as fire prevention.

PRUNE your berry bushes, including summer raspberries, blackberries, and blueberries by removing dead canes, thinning new canes, weeding around the plant, then mulching with wood chips to keep the weeds out and the nutrients in.

JOIN the Lafayette Garden Clubs Zoom presentation where I'll be speaking on Thursday, October 8th. For more information visit <https://www.lafayettegardenclub.com/calendar>

WALK in nature when you feel stressed to kick up your cognitive performance. A stroll through a park, a jog around the Lafayette Reservoir (wear or bring a mask), or a simple skip through your back yard will do wonders for your mental fatigue.

Happy gardening. Happy growing.



A fall fountain splashes flanked by a garden of black-eyed Susans.



Cynthia Brian under a blooming crape myrtle.

Cynthia Brian, The Goddess Gardener, is available for hire to help you prepare for your spring garden. Raised in the vineyards of Napa County, Cynthia is a New York Times best-selling author, actor, radio personality, speaker, media and writing coach, as well as the Founder and Executive Director of Be the Star You Are!® 501 c3. Tune into Cynthia's StarStyle® Radio Broadcast at www.StarStyleRadio.com. Buy copies of her best-selling books and receive extra freebies, Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul, Growing with the Goddess Gardener, and Be the Star You Are! Millennials to Boomers at www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store. Cynthia is available for virtual writing projects, garden consults, and inspirational lectures. Cynthia@GoddessGardener.com www.GoddessGardener.com

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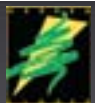
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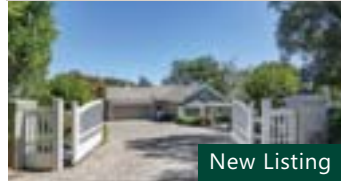


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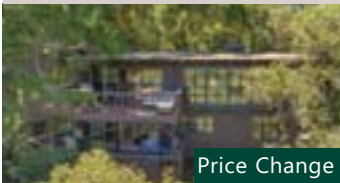
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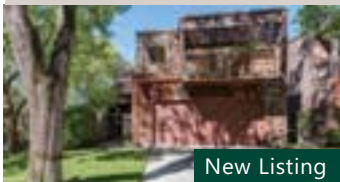
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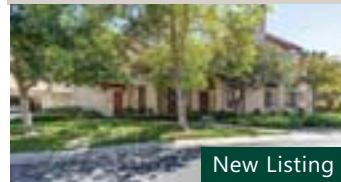
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