

Lamorinda

OUR HOMES

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Lamorinda Home Sales

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Home (and garden) for the holidays!



Arizona Roses will continue to bloom until January pruning.

By Cynthia Brian

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all year!" ~ Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"

One sentiment was universal this season in the holiday cards and emails ... hope for a safe, healthy, prosperous future. This has been a year of enormous challenges, chaos, and crisis amid a frightening pandemic that rendered many people feeling hopeless and helpless. Even with shelter-in-place mandates and Zooming taking the place of "being there," resilience will rule the roost as we celebrate at home during the holidays.

Gardening has seen a rise in popularity throughout this year as people craved fresh air while social distancing. Farm fresh food graced the city tables after fruits, vegetables, and herbs were planted by first time gardeners.

Green thumbs were grown!

Every day those who tend gardens work hand in hand with Mother Nature. As the Grand Dame, she is always in charge. Gardeners are her faithful stewards, nurturing the land that feeds our bodies while clothing our spirits with beauty, fragrance, and spiritual wellness. As the earth settles down for its winter nap, we also slow our pace in our outdoor spaces with preparations for the at-home holiday celebrations and a new year.

Being in a garden provides relief from stress and lowers blood pressure. Gardening transports us to another realm where nature charts the course. Even looking at a beautiful photograph of nature will enhance your mood and elevate your joy.

I have spent more hours in my garden these past few months than ever before. No matter how well I know my landscape, it is ever-changing, never ceasing to amaze and awe me. My body is getting extra exercise from hauling redwood chips to my barren hillsides to stop erosion and enrich the soil. When it began to rain, I fertilized and planted more perennials including guara and golden breath of heaven plus more bulbs for next season. Jonquils are already blooming with their heady fragrance wafting through the chillier air. Azaleas and rhododendrons have burst into bloom and the cyclamen pops with luminous colors. The delicate orange persimmons dangling from the almost leafless branches and the glimmering red pomegranates masquerading as ornaments hanging on the tree fill me with wonder at their annual holiday display. Both delicious and nutritious, they are my December garden gifts.

This is a good time to cut branches from redwood, pine, fir, or other low-hanging conifers to swag staircases and doors with fresh garlands. This practice accomplishes two

goals: 1) you get free, fresh holiday greenery and 2) you are preventing future fire-laddering by removing the branches.

For those unable to celebrate in person with families scattered far and wide, this will be a quieter, less ebullient Christmas. Yet the magic of the season will buoy hearts as we anticipate a vaccine allowing us to gather in 2021.

Devote a few hours to hoe, hoe, hoe and the melancholy of the past 10 months will help you carol ho, ho, ho even while you observe the holidays home alone.

Waving a magical virtual wand over your home and garden, I wish you a blessed, safe, and healthy holiday.

We'll be together again next year with faith, hope, and love!

Happy gardening. Happy growing. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Photos Cynthia Brian

Bright red pomegranates resemble ornaments hanging on the tree.



Happy Holidays!

During this time of year, we can't help but think of how grateful we are for all of our clients, friends, and family. Lamorinda, a place we call home, is so special and unique, that we love introducing it to others and welcoming them as new neighbors to our community. On the surface, it may seem that we are only in the business of helping people find or sell their home, but we are also introducing and educating people to the special nuances that each town has to offer.



As so many families and friends are brought together during this magical time of year we want to remind you that it's about being together, making those lasting memories, catching

up during a walk around the reservoir, creating that favorite family dish with a child, or repeating that silly holiday story for the umpteenth time. The holidays are a time to reflect, relax and rejoice.

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Lamorinda home sales recorded

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	16	\$594,000	\$2,510,000
MORAGA	8	\$737,500	\$2,695,000
ORINDA	7	\$1,025,000	\$3,300,000

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LAFAYETTE

- 3402 Black Hawk Road, \$1,485,000, 3 Bdrms, 1835 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 11-03-20, Previous Sale: \$1,238,000, 01-26-16
- 3172 Camino Colorados, \$2,510,000, 5 Bdrms, 3206 SqFt, 2016 YrBlt, 11-04-20, Previous Sale: \$838,000, 07-01-09
- 1207 Camino Vallecito, \$2,250,000, 6 Bdrms, 4185 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 11-02-20, Previous Sale: \$1,795,000, 03-14-15
- 1070 Carol Lane, \$1,220,000, 3 Bdrms, 1728 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 11-03-20, Previous Sale: \$275,000, 08-20-98
- 3281 Isola Way, \$1,301,000, 3 Bdrms, 2719 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 11-06-20, Previous Sale: \$1,075,000, 09-13-15
- 3267 Marlene Drive, \$594,000, 2 Bdrms, 1160 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 11-04-20, Previous Sale: \$157,500, 06-22-99
- 1308 Martino Road, \$1,210,000, 3 Bdrms, 1865 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 11-03-20
- 1209 Monticello Road, \$1,220,000, 3 Bdrms, 1573 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 11-02-20
- 14 Northridge Lane, \$2,005,000, 4 Bdrms, 3186 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 11-03-20, Previous Sale: \$1,743,000, 07-13-10
- 3132 Sandalwood Court, \$1,550,000, 4 Bdrms, 1599 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 11-04-20, Previous Sale: \$1,062,000, 09-13-13
- 3546 Silver Springs Road, \$2,195,000, 3 Bdrms, 1834 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 11-06-20, Previous Sale: \$1,695,500, 02-29-16
- 3445 Solana Court, \$2,400,000, 4 Bdrms, 3359 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 11-03-20, Previous Sale: \$2,250,000, 04-09-18
- 1024 Via Nueva, \$2,355,000, 4 Bdrms, 3723 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 11-05-20, Previous Sale: \$110,000, 06-01-91
- 1107 Via Roble, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 3264 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 11-02-20
- 11 Westminster Place, \$1,120,000, 3 Bdrms, 1968 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 11-06-20, Previous Sale: \$122,500, 10-01-79
- 3265 Wooded Creek Lane, \$1,225,000, 4 Bdrms, 2031 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 11-06-20, Previous Sale: \$297,000, 07-01-91

MORAGA

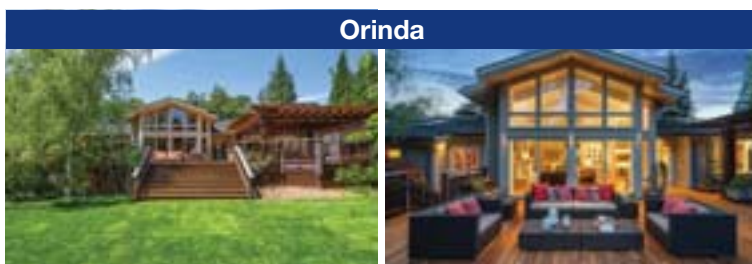
- 1379 Camino Peral #B, \$737,500, 3 Bdrms, 1716 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 11-03-20, Previous Sale: \$300,000, 08-27-01
- 3972 Campolino Drive, \$1,320,000, 3 Bdrms, 1756 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 11-05-20
- 12 Crockett Drive, \$1,975,000, 4 Bdrms, 3012 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 11-04-20, Previous Sale: \$1,190,000, 06-02-11
- 2 Crockett Drive, \$2,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 3453 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 11-02-20, Previous Sale: \$1,180,000, 07-16-01
- 152 Danefield Place, \$1,825,000, 4 Bdrms, 2055 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 11-02-20, Previous Sale: \$1,440,000, 08-21-17
- 208 Fronteras Drive, \$2,031,000, 4 Bdrms, 3270 SqFt, 2016 YrBlt, 11-02-20
- 3933 Paseo Grande, \$1,345,000, 4 Bdrms, 2341 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 11-03-20
- 8 Southard Court, \$2,695,000, 5 Bdrms, 4152 SqFt, 1999 YrBlt, 11-05-20, Previous Sale: \$2,230,000, 03-19-14

ORINDA

- 10 Bates Boulevard, \$1,415,000, 4 Bdrms, 2030 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 11-03-20, Previous Sale: \$1,275,000, 07-06-17
- 32 Candle Terrace, \$3,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 4856 SqFt, 1990 YrBlt, 11-03-20, Previous Sale: \$3,140,000, 11-13-18
- 4 Candlestick Road, \$1,900,000, 3 Bdrms, 2375 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 11-02-20, Previous Sale: \$1,117,000, 08-14-13
- 705 Ironbark Court, \$2,400,000, 3 Bdrms, 3858 SqFt, 1986 YrBlt, 11-04-20, Previous Sale: \$1,700,000, 11-26-13
- 48 La Vuelta, \$1,025,000, 5 Bdrms, 2129 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 11-05-20, Previous Sale: \$325,000, 03-01-88
- 60 Southwood Drive, \$1,925,000, 3 Bdrms, 2505 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 11-02-20, Previous Sale: \$810,000, 12-06-10
- 57 Van Ripper Lane, \$1,530,000, 3 Bdrms, 1966 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 11-04-20, Previous Sale: \$870,000, 08-10-00

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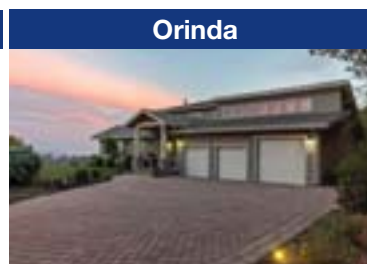
Orinda

20 Hacienda Circle \$3,825,000

6 Bedrooms/6 Baths, 8063 sq. ft. State of the art, architecturally designed craftsmen estate.

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2 Camino Del Cielo \$2,288,000

4 Beds/ 3.5 Baths. 4083 sq. ft Flat .87 ac panoramic view lot, pool and hot tub!

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Orinda

34 El Toyonal \$799,000

3 Bedrooms/2 Baths
 Mid-century modern on large lot.

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 represented buyer Lic#01272382



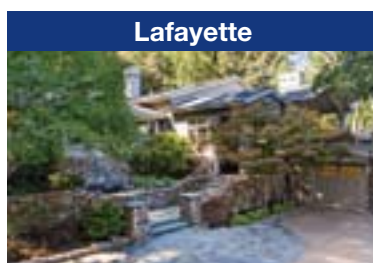
Orinda

10 Chelton Court \$1,300,000

3 Bedrooms/ 2.5Baths. Del Rey rancher with to roam/expand on 0.49-acre parcel

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Lafayette

1201 Cambridge \$3,195,000

4 Beds/ 3 Baths. Happy Valley Elegance including an extra 600 sq ft Guest Cottage

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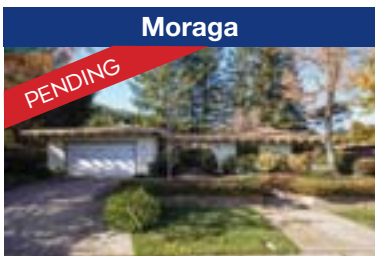


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1076 Serrano Court \$1,485,000

3 Beds/ 2 Baths. Quintessential Lafayette rancher with Farmhouse style charm.

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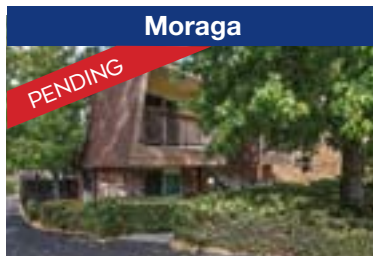


Moraga

315 Constance Place \$1,780,000

4 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths. Perfect for entertaining with pool, spa, koi pond & more.

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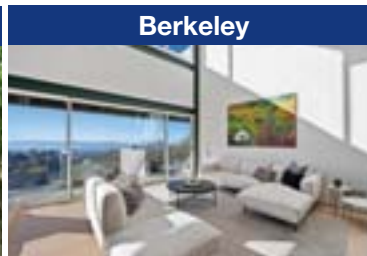
Moraga

142 Ascot Court, #3 \$499,000

2 Beds/ 2 Baths
 Fabulously updated cozy condo

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Berkeley

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Feng Shui

Lighting 101 and the Fire Element



Photos provided

By Michele Duffy

Winter's chilly temps typically drive us indoors as the days grow shorter and the nights longer and colder. Any winter, but especially this year, our collective craving of more light, warmth, illumination, and the promise of a better time ahead are particularly pronounced. Light lights the way and comforts us in ways anew in 2020, but one thing is always present in light and that is an uplifting of any dreariness associated with the winter season and warmth to keep us cozy.

We all have experienced the "atmosphere" candles create around our dining tables or in our homes and this quality of light is also unique. Incorporating the warmth of the Fire Element in winter addresses our human capacity for comfort and will go a long way to balance out the home environment for maximum enjoyment – especially with so many of us spending more time at home in 2020. Without the Fire Element in our

homes, and the expansive energy this element delivers, they can become dull and cold. Remember, that Feng Shui doesn't dictate right or wrong; instead, it invites us to trust our own intuition about what is working or not working in our space and then asks us to have the courage to make changes as they arise. Fire Element of Bagua summary:

- Fire rules the Fame/Reputation Bagua area;
- Fame and Reputation relates to how powerful we are, what we want illuminated or what we want to be known for;
- Fame and Reputation rules our hearts and blood pressure;
- The Fire Element is represented by the very active color red;
- The Fire Element represents passion, anger, spontaneity and movement;
- The Fire Element is represented by the triangle, and also spiky shapes;
- Since Wood creates Fire, layering cacti or "firestick" plants is excellent;

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AFTER A YEAR LIKE THIS, WE COULD USE SOME EXTRA HAPPY HOLIDAY WISHES.

Happy Holidays to all of my
buyers, sellers, fellow agents,
friends, and neighbors.

2020 Transactions

18 Daisy Lane, Orinda
511 Kiki, Pleasant Hill
117 Southwind, Pleasant Hill
1146 Upper Happy Valley Road
257 Ivy Place, Orinda
863 Camino Ricardo, Moraga
222 Overhill Road, Orinda



2020 Transactions

3226 Lucas Circle, Lafayette
112 Canon Dr, Orinda
95 Camino Encinas, Orinda
1091 Pereira Road, Martinez
46 Martha Road, Orinda
2 Middle Road, Lafayette
172 Glorietta Blvd., Orinda

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Feng Shui

Lighting 101 and the Fire Element

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- Fire is generally yang or activating, but fireplaces, candlelight or house lights are examples of Yin or calmer Fire;
- Fire elements direction is south and energetically directed upward;
- Fire element represents the sunny summer season;
- Fire element-infused décor includes red throws, blankets and pillows.
- Candles create atmosphere of warmth, gathering together and sharing, an accessible common sense Fire Element fix for long wintry months.
- All light fixtures should function safely and be replaced when needed;
- Fire element electrical systems correspond to our heart health.

Why would we turn our attention in our homes to the Fame and Reputation Bagua area? If you want to be recognized for your skills or talents, if you are publishing a book, if you lack clarity or passion, if you want to be rewarded as an employee, if you want to improve how others

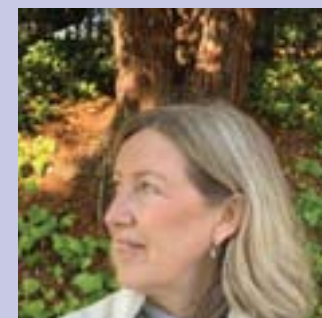
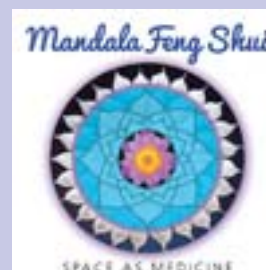
perceive you, or if you feel inactive or lackluster, then Fame is where we begin.

These characteristics of the Fame and Reputation area apply to both professional and personal arenas. Remember that when we address a specific Bagua area we audit the back center area of our home, master bedroom and garden or yard. Visualize what you want to manifest in great detail, incorporate a vision board or place images of your goals as a way to activate this Bagua area. Placing the color red or triangles or candles in these locations will activate the Fame area as well.

Since the Fire Element is so Yang or strongly activating, exercise caution when using it. A little goes a long way. Fire also has a complicated relationship with a few of the other elements. In these Bagua areas use the Fire Element very purposely, but not in the kitchen where we already have a strong Fire element in the stove.

However you introduce warming Fire Element this year, may it lift your spirits and warm your hearts this holiday season! Peace on Earth!

Michele Duffy, BTB M.F.S. is an Orinda resident who, since 1999, enjoys creating "Space as Medicine" Feng Shui one space at a time, as well as hiking in nature, cooking, and spending time with her family; Canyon Ranch Feng Shui Master, International Feng Shui Guild (IFSG) Red Ribbon Professional. To schedule a professional 2020 Feng Shui Consultation, contact Michele at (520) 647-4887 or send an email to spaceharmony@gmail.com. Visit mandalafengshui.com.



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The holidays may look a little different this year though the love and spirit carries on. Please stay cozy while you're at home for the holidays.

Happy Holidays.

*From our Families to Yours,
Lisa & Kristi*



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3980 Woodsite Ct, Lafayette \$1,575,000
 Represented Buyers | 4 bed | 2.5 bath | 2,534 SF



50 Charles Hill Rd, Orinda \$2,100,000
 Represented Buyers | 5 bed | 3 bath | 3,013 SF



10 Rheem Blvd, Orinda \$1,887,000
 Represented Buyers | 5 bed | 3 bath | 3,439 SF



649 Vine Hill Way, Martinez \$1,400,000
 Represented Buyers | 4 bed | 4 bath | 3,564 SF



3 Briones Vw, Orinda \$1,461,000
 Represented Buyers | 3 bed | 2 bath | 1,477 SF



18 Charles Hill Cir, Orinda \$3,450,000
 Represented Buyers | 5 bed | 5.5 bath | 6,137 SF



8 Vista Via, Lafayette \$1,250,000
 Represented Seller | 3 bed | 2 bath | 1,337 SF



3885 Los Arabis Dr, Lafayette \$2,410,000
 Represented Seller | 5 bed | 4 bath | 3,426 SF



1045 Timothy Ln, Lafayette \$2,180,000
 Represented Seller | 5 bed | 3.5 bath | 3,320 SF



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2020 Year in Review



32 Sleepy Hollow Ln, Orinda **\$2,035,000**
Represented Seller | 5 bed | 3 bath | 2,306 SF



1045 Los Arabis Ln, Lafayette **\$1,800,000**
Represented Seller | 4 bed | 2 bath | 2,306 SF



1092 Sanders Dr, Moraga **\$1,410,000**
Represented Seller | 4 bed | 2.5 bath | 1,886 SF



1985 Reliez Valley Rd, Lafayette **\$1,650,000**
Represented Seller | 4 bed | 3 bath | 3,078 SF



1581 Huston Rd, Lafayette **\$1,695,000**
Represented Seller | 4 bed | 3.5 bath | 3,199 SF



7 Butler Dr, Lafayette **\$2,200,000**
Represented Seller | 3 bed | 2.5 bath | 3,606 SF



1418 Reliez Valley Rd, Lafayette **\$1,720,000**
Represented Seller | 6 bed | 3 bath | 2,765 SF



23 Coffee Berry Ln, Orinda **\$2,375,000**
Represented Seller | 4 bed | 4.5 bath | 3,512 SF



3 Songbird Ct, Lafayette **\$749,000**
Represented Seller | 2 bed | 1 bath | 766 SF

11 Sellers

12 Buyers

\$40+ Million in Sales

There is still strong buyer demand due to low inventory and historically low interest rates.
Call us to get your home ready for what should be a hot 2021 spring market.

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HAPPY SELLERS:

- 1000 Circle Creek, Lafayette
- 11 Francisca Drive, Moraga
- 972 Carol Lane, Lafayette
- 215 La Espiral, Orinda
(Co-listed w/Nancy Booth)
- 1600 Oakmont Drive #4, Walnut Creek
(Represented Buyer and Seller)
- 59 Martha Road, Orinda
(Co-listed w/Nancy Booth)
- 1146 Nogales Street, Lafayette
(Co-listed w/Nancy Booth)
- 14 Edmund Court, Walnut Creek
- 5143 Coach Dr., El Sobrante-Richmond

HAPPY BUYERS:

- 38 Buckingham Drive, Moraga
- 1972 Magnolia Way, Walnut Creek
- 1001 Springfield Drive, Walnut Creek
- 1600 Oakmont Drive #4, Walnut Creek
(Represented Buyer and Seller)
- 803 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek
- 1148 Oak Hill Road, Lafayette
(Represented Buyer w/Nancy Booth)
- 944 La Gonda Way, Danville

Oh what a year!

Happy Holidays and best wishes to all for a healthier, happier, more peaceful and prosperous New Year!

Call me! I love helping my buyers and sellers get what they want.



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Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for December

- **FERTILIZE** trees, shrubs, and ground covers.
- **APPLY** snail bait to areas where slugs and snails do damage.
- **SPREAD** elemental sulfur to citrus, azalea, rhododendron, camellia, and hydrangea to lower the soil PH.
- **DEEP** feed smaller shrubs to accelerate growth in the gaps of hedges.
- **ADD** a swath of fluorescent red, white or pink cyclamen to add pops of color to the winter landscape.
- **DEADHEAD** roses to extend blooming until heavy pruning in January or if you prefer, allow the rosehips to form. Rosehips are a source of vitamin C and can be harvested for tea.
- **STUFF** stockings with gardening goodies including a hand trowel, gloves, seeds and a garden guide. "Growing with the Goddess Gardener" offers 12 months of helpful advice and comes with free seed packets and a relaxing CD. www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store
- **CUT** branches of berries from heavenly bamboo, cotoneaster, holly, or pyracantha to add to mantels and wreaths.
- **RAKE** leaves from lawns to keep them from matting.
- **MOVE** mower to a higher cutting level and don't mow when the ground is too wet.
- **PROTECT** tender plants from frost and freeze by moving potted plants inside or close to the house.
- **BUY** camellias now in the colors to suit your landscape décor while they are stocked as blooming specimens in nurseries.
- **CUT** back chrysanthemums to six inches after blooms fade.
- **PLANT** any remaining spring-blooming bulbs.
- **CELEBRATE** your home and garden for the holidays!



Hachiya persimmons are ripe to make a yummy Christmas pudding.



Golden Breath of Heaven (*Coloconem pulchrum*) translates to "pretty" in Latin will bear pink flowers.



Incorporate the red berries of heavenly bamboo holiday wreaths and arrangements.



The fluorescent red cyclamen illuminates any holiday landscape. Photos Cynthia Brian



Aptenia, also known as red apple, is a firewise and drought-tolerant ground cover.



Rosehips can be harvested for teas rich in vitamin C.



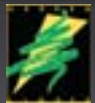
Cynthia Brian is at home and in her garden for the holidays.

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, including, 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. Hire Cynthia for writing projects, garden consults, and inspirational lectures. Cynthia@GoddessGardener.com www.GoddessGardener.com

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