

Lamorinda

OUR HOMES

Lamorinda Weekly Volume 16 Issue 3 Wednesday, March 30, 2022



Lamorinda Home Sales

... read on Page D2

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Plant for Peace



Marsh rosemary (Limonium), also called sea lavender makes an excellent dried flower.



Buttery, yellow freesia are also fragrant.



A walk around the Emeryville harbor yielded these spectacular cobalt spires of Pride of Madeira.

By Cynthia Brian

*“Lose yourself in nature and find peace.”~
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Between the pandemic, the Russian-Ukrainian war, and, for me, a frightening family medical emergency, 2022 has been tumultuous and tough. Everyone is feeling the pain regardless of any city, county, or country residence. Anxiety and stress mount daily as news of the world become ever desperate, depressing and diabolical.

Increased research indicates that nature-based activities are an excellent therapeutic intervention to ease our mental and physical stress. Whether it is a walk in the park, forest-bathing, hugging a tree, smelling the jasmine, or weeding your garden, taking a break with the beauty of the natural environment is an essential element in keeping us well. Listening to bird songs, the croaking of frogs, the lapping of waves, or the trickling of a fountain all have positive effects on our health. We'll lower our blood pressure and decrease levels of the stress hormone cortisol

as we awaken our senses outdoors.

Standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, I continue to embrace the colors of blue and yellow. Perhaps because I'm looking for those colors, they seem to be everywhere, and I am shooting photos. This week I'm enjoying the tiny, starred cerulean of Blue-Eyed grass as well as the ubiquitous buttery blooms on freesia. Marsh rosemary (Limonium, sea lavender), nasturtiums, and sedum carpet hillsides and paths reminding me of the courage of the Ukrainians.

... continued on Page D8

VLATKA BATHGATE

IF I HAD A BUYER FOR YOUR HOME WOULD YOU SELL IT?

Call me at 925 597 1573

Vlatka@BestLamorindaHomes.com

CalBRE#01390784



VLATKA GETS RESULTS ALL OVER THE EAST BAY

COMING SOON 115 El Toyonal, Orinda



Mid Century Modern with a flat yard and views

Sale Pending - Multiple offers
40 Barbara Rd, Orinda



Representing Seller

Sale Pending - Multiple offers
94 Devin Dr, Moraga



Representing Seller

Sale Pending over asking
522 Moraga Way, Orinda



Representing Seller

Sale Pending over asking
524 Moraga Way, Orinda



Representing Seller

VLATKA CAN HELP YOU WITH BUYING OR SELLING YOUR HOME.
WWW.BESTLAMORINDAHOMES.COM

©2021 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker® is a registered trademark licensed to Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. An Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. Each Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office is owned by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. CalBRE License # 01908304

Lamorinda home sales recorded

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	8	\$490,000	\$3,950,000
MORAGA	10	\$438,000	\$2,880,000
ORINDA	5	\$1,800,000	\$2,700,000

Home sales are compiled by Cal REsource, an Oakland real estate information company. Sale prices are computed from the county transfer tax information shown on the deeds that record at close of escrow and are published five to eight weeks after such recording. This information is obtained from public county records and is provided to us by California REsource. Neither Cal REsource nor this publication are liable for errors or omissions.

LAFAYETTE

- 4041 Happy Valley Road, \$3,425,000, 4 Bdrms, 2358 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 02-10-22
3340 Johnson Road, \$3,950,000, 4 Bdrms, 5132 SqFt, 1936 YrBlt, 02-11-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,350,000, 07-29-15
1048 Leland Drive, \$1,706,500, 3 Bdrms, 1831 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 02-15-22,
Previous Sale: \$383,000, 06-01-91
300 Lowell Lane, \$3,950,000, 3 Bdrms, 2322 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 02-07-22
546 Morecroft Road, \$2,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2861 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 02-18-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,180,000, 08-01-13
1 Mountain View Lane, \$3,535,500, 3 Bdrms, 4132 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 02-18-22,
Previous Sale: \$959,000, 04-13-99
3182 Old Tunnel Road #D, \$490,000, 896 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 02-16-22,
Previous Sale: \$407,500, 05-14-15
1968 Reliez Valley Road, \$1,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 2727 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 02-10-22,
Previous Sale: \$675,000, 02-04-09

MORAGA

- 2067 Ascot Drive #245, \$438,000, 1 Bdrms, 790 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 02-17-22,
Previous Sale: \$202,500, 05-24-01
3 Benedita Place, \$1,366,000, 3 Bdrms, 2095 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 02-14-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,070,000, 09-03-21
108 Brookline Street, \$1,375,000, 3 Bdrms, 1819 SqFt, 1983 YrBlt, 02-07-22,
Previous Sale: \$775,000, 08-12-08
777 Camino Ricardo, \$2,652,000, 5 Bdrms, 2831 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 02-14-22
61 Hardie Drive, \$2,475,000, 4 Bdrms, 2449 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 02-10-22
2 Moraga Valley Lane, \$2,880,000, 3 Bdrms, 2793 SqFt, 1999 YrBlt, 02-08-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,423,500, 04-28-08
1127 Rimer Drive, \$2,125,000, 4 Bdrms, 2308 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 02-08-22,
Previous Sale: \$270,000, 12-01-87
264 Sandringham Drive, \$1,775,000, 3 Bdrms, 1901 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 02-18-22
34 Sea Pines Street, \$1,495,000, 3 Bdrms, 2828 SqFt, 1981 YrBlt, 02-08-22
1744 Spyglass Lane, \$1,360,000, 3 Bdrms, 1819 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 02-15-22,
Previous Sale: \$265,000, 07-01-86

ORINDA

- 69 Hillcrest Drive, \$2,700,000, 4 Bdrms, 2887 SqFt, 1946 YrBlt, 02-10-22
139 La Cuesta Road, \$1,800,000, 5 Bdrms, 2358 SqFt, 1944 YrBlt, 02-11-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,342,000, 11-22-16
87 Muth Drive, \$2,065,000, 4 Bdrms, 1825 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 02-18-22,
Previous Sale: \$784,000, 08-25-04
65 Sleepy Hollow Lane, \$1,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 1784 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 02-07-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 06-19-18
22 Valencia Road, \$1,870,000, 3 Bdrms, 2777 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 02-16-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,037,500, 05-13-13

DUDUM REAL ESTATE GROUP



WWW.DUDUM.COM

ADAM HAMALIAN



925.708.5630
DRE# 01917597

CAROLYN WAY



925.890.4115
DRE# 00947460

CHRISTINA LINEZO



415.425.3085
DRE# 01964989

JOY WIEHN



415.377.1884
DRE# 02047712

KAAREN BRICKMAN



925.351.5049
DRE# 01932119

LAUREN DEAL
HURLBUT TEAM



925.876.4671
DRE#02060294



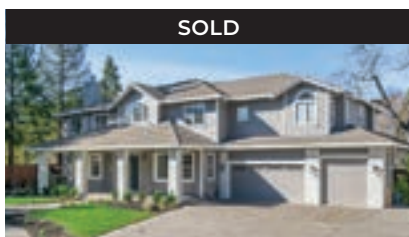
COMING SOON

3719 ROSE COURT, LAFAYETTE
OFFERED AT \$2,795,000
J. DEL SANTO/T. FRECHMAN | 925.818.5500



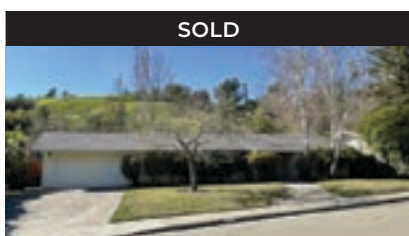
PENDING

3485 STAGE COACH DRIVE, LAFAYETTE
OFFERED AT \$2,895,000
LISA TICHENOR | 925.285.1093



SOLD

817 ASHLEY LANE, WALNUT CREEK
SOLD FOR \$4,125,000
DON & PAMELA COLOMBANA 925.878.8047



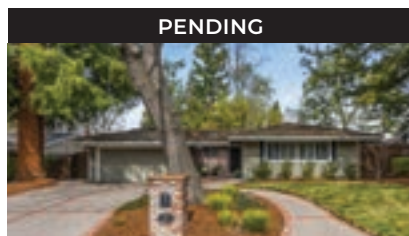
SOLD

750 CAMINO RICARDO, MORAGA
SOLD FOR \$1,700,000
MATT MCLEOD | 925.464.6500



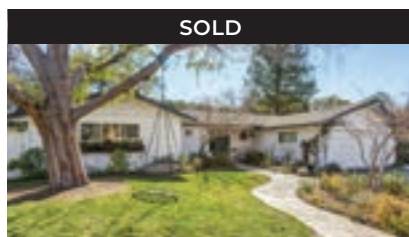
JUST LISTED

995 VICTORIA COURT, LAFAYETTE
OFFERED AT \$1,789,000
BRYAN HURLBUT | 925.383.5500



PENDING

167 BELGIAN DRIVE, DANVILLE
OFFERED AT \$1,750,000
RUTH EDDY | 925.788.5449



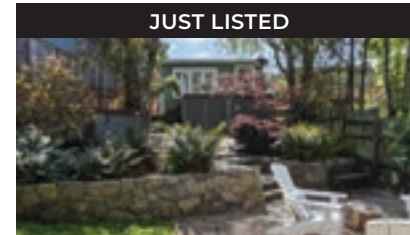
SOLD

3107 SANDALWOOD COURT, LAFAYETTE
SOLD FOR \$2,800,000
K. BRICKMAN / J. DEL SANTO | 925.351.5049



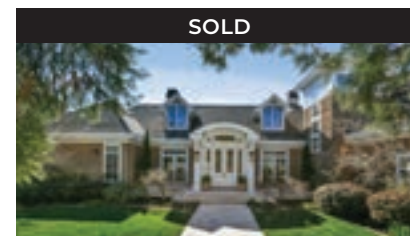
REPRESENTED BUYER & SELLER

951 YORKSHIRE COURT, LAFAYETTE
SOLD FOR \$1,520,000
K. WOOD / K. BRICKMAN | 925.381.7172



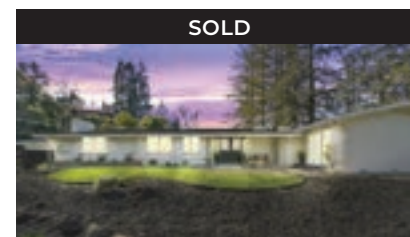
JUST LISTED

1173 GRIZZLY PEAK BLVD., BERKELEY
OFFERED AT \$1,050,000
RUTH EDDY | 925.788.5449



SOLD

3985 N. PEARDALE DRIVE, LAFAYETTE
CALL BRYAN HURLBUT FOR DETAILS
J. DEL SANTO / B.HURLBUT | 925.383.5500



SOLD

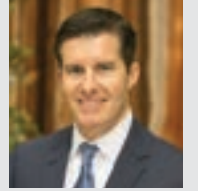
61 MORAGA VIA, ORINDA
SOLD FOR \$2,245,000
TINA FRECHMAN | 925.915.0851



SOLD • REPRESENTED BUYER

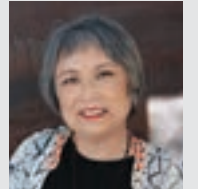
2837 MIRANDA AVENUE, ALAMO
SOLD FOR \$3,300,000
DON & PAMELA COLOMBANA 925.878.8047

BRYAN HURLBUT



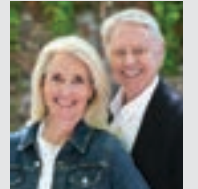
925.383.5500
DRE# 01347508

CHERYL HATA



510.912.5882
DRE# 013859346

JANE & DAVE SMITH



925.998.1914
DRE# 01476506/02105225

JULIE DEL SANTO
BROKER/OWNER



925.818.5500
DRE# 01290985

KELLY WOOD



925.381.7172
DRE# 01931711

LISA TICHENOR



925.285.1093
DRE# 01478540

LORI LEGLER



925.286.1244
DRE# 00805732

MATT MCLEOD



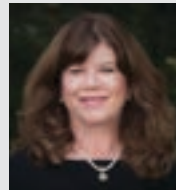
925.464.6500
DRE# 01310057

PAMELA & DON
COLOMBANA



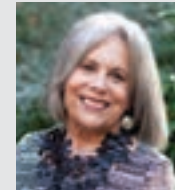
925.878.8047
DRE# 01979180/01979181

RUTH EDDY



925.788.5449
DRE# 01313819

SHELLEY RUHMAN



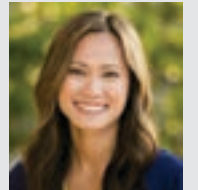
510.506.1351
DRE#01180260

SHERRY HUTCHENS



925.212.7617
DRE# 01320608

TINA FRECHMAN



925.915.0851
DRE# 01970768





"I'll treat you like a Rock Star"

COLDWELL BANKER
CONGRATULATES



**TOM
STACK**

Orinda
CalRE #: 01501769



International President's Premier
Representing the Top 1%
of Coldwell Banker® Agents Worldwide



"Tom is totally trustworthy & reliable. All his talents contributed to closing in record time. We enthusiastically recommend him as a Real Estate Agent extraordinaire."

~Adelina and Ricardo, Lafayette

"Tom guided us well through the entire process from listing to closing and treated us throughout as if we were his only client."

~Tim and Robin, Lafayette

"Tom Stack has heart. Tom managed the purchase of my perfect last home AND the sale of where I lived and raised my children as a single parent for 44 plus years!"

~Mei-Sun, Lafayette

TomStack.com | **925.878.9964** | Tom.Stack@cbnorcal.com

16 ACRES of buildable and luscious land



16.14 Acres

List price: \$1,295,000

Welcome to 3533 Springhill Road! A rare gem offering 16 ACRES of buildable and luscious land with MASSIVE VIEWS of Mount Diablo, serene with a secluded feel, while being only minutes away from Downtown Lafayette. Build your dream home or multi-generational property in a dreamy like setting. Be the owner of your mountain with unobstructed views of Mt. Diablo and great hiking trails on your land, as well as direct access to the Lafayette Ridge Trail and the Briones Regional Park, if 16 acres of roaming isn't enough! Approximately 25 minutes away from San Francisco and minutes away from highway access. Utilities are in the street or nearby. Buyer to do his/her full due diligence and confirm availability of utilities and the possibility/cost to build/develop the subject real property to their own satisfaction. Please also reference 3535 Springhill Rd, which was a similar parcel that sold last year.

COMPASS



Ameer Tantawy
Realtor®
DRE#: 02000684
408.401.8921

Ameer@TheAmeerGroup.com
www.TheAmeerGroup.com



Just Sold

Featured in Sunset Magazine
4139 Coralee Ln, Lafayette
Sold for \$2,400,000 - Represented Sellers



Recently Sold

Stunning Mid-Century with Views
4123 Canyon Rd. Lafayette
Sold for \$3,450,000 - Represented Buyer



Dave Schurhoff
925.997.9569
dave.schurhoff@compass.com
www.daveschurhoff.com
DRE#: 01834201

More listings on the way!

It's not just Lafayette that's brimming with listings! I've got more on the way in Rockridge and Rossmoor. Contact me for details.

COMPASS



DAVE
SCHURHOFF
REALTOR



Congrats, partner!



**John Nash is our
newest partner at
Village Associates.**



Village. Of course.

#1 Real Estate Brokerage in Lamorinda | www.villageassociates.com | @villageassociates | 925.254.0505

DRE# 01301392



Congrats, partner!



**Angie Traxinger is
our newest partner
at Village Associates.**



Village. Of course.

#1 Real Estate Brokerage in Lamorinda | www.villageassociates.com | @villageassociates | 925.254.0505

DRE# 01301392



Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Plant for Peace



A salute to the bravery of Ukraine with a hillside of sedum and cherry blossoms.

... continued from Page D1

I hiked a trail around an Emeryville harbor to soak in the water views and inhale the fresh sea air, while marveling at the spectacular cobalt plumes of Pride of Madeira (echium fastuosum) and the sky blues of California lilac (ceanothus). My mood instantly improved.

Being in nature fosters resilience as well as encourages awe and wonder. Nature is restorative to body, mind, and spirit. Spring is here and the ground is bursting with new life. Trees unfurl luxuriant leaves, bulbs bloom in a kaleidoscope of colors, and fruit trees, including apple, pear, crabapple, and cherry are bursting with buds. This is the perfect season to plant peace.

I've planted three avocado trees that have been nurtured from a pit. A dwarf navel orange has been added to my citrus grove which is buzzing with bees sucking on the sweet nectar. Since I added new nutrient soil last season to my garden, there are numerous weeds. Pulling those weeds is time-consuming, yet it allows me to let my mind wander, relaxing enough to assist in solving challenges. Once my hillside is free of unwanted plants, I will begin to sow seeds of "pretties," flowering annuals that will bring me joy and tranquility.

If you are looking for seeds that will grow in our region, visit the Moraga Library where the Moraga Garden Club has installed a free seed library. The public is invited to take up to five packs of seeds and if you want to donate seeds to this marvelous outreach project, you are invited to do so.

It's not too late to plant roses and since peace is what everyone wants and deserves, consider planting the beautiful Peace Rose. It will brighten your garden and your heart.



The gorgeous blue clematis is an excellent climber on a trellis or arbor.

As I lose myself in nature to find peace, I recall the words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower: "One day the people of the world will want peace so much that the governments will have to get out of their way and give it to them."

I think that time is now!

Peace be with you.



Blue-Eyed Star Grass is a blue and yellow beacon of hope.

Photos Cynthia Brian

Now included with every
residence: More happy hours

Enjoy More at Merrill Gardens Senior Living

Find more hours in the day. Happy hours, not fixing-the-house hours, of course.
Please call or visit our website for more information. Then prepare to seize the day.



Come enjoy a meal on us!



(925) 272-0074

1010 Second St, Lafayette, CA 94549



PENDING IN 3 DAYS

1003 Woodbury Rd. #108, Lafayette | Offered at \$1,189,000

This single-story end unit at the popular Woodbury community
went into contract in just 3 days.

The real estate market is moving at a record speed.

Let me guide you through it with ease.



Terri Bates Walker

C. 510.282.4420 | Cal RE #01330081

TerriBatesWalker@gmail.com

TerriBatesWalker.com



Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for April

- **EMPTY** vessels of standing water as mosquitoes are already breeding. For fountains and birdbaths, clean the water regularly or add drops of bleach or mosquito dunks.
- **REMOVE** deep-rooted weeds such as dandelions from your garden by hand.
- **DECREASE** the spread of crabgrass by applying a pre-emergent that keeps seeds from germinating.
- **HARVEST** the tender leaves of wild mustard, arugula, purslane, and dandelion. Add to salads and sandwiches for a surprising snap.
- **AERATE** your lawn to improve the absorption of moisture and fertilizer before reseeding.
- **PICK UP** dropped camellia blooms to deter petal blight.
- **REFRAIN** from cutting back daffodils until they are as crisp as a cracker. They need to replenish the nutrients to the bulb for next year's floral explosion.
- **CUT** small branches of crabapple or redbud to bloom in a vase on your nightstand. Research indicates that individuals with the brightest outlook and happiest attitudes keep blooms bedside.
- **FERTILIZE** lawns and shrubs.
- **SCATTER** snail bait to protect new shoots from the crawlers.
- **VISIT** your local nursery to buy intriguing plants that will increase the attractiveness of your landscape and improve your temperament.
- **LOSE** yourself in nature and find peace.
- **SUPPORT** Ukraine.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Spring!



Clip a few small branches of Western Redbud for a floral display.



Nasturtiums are not only beautiful; they are delicious in salads.

The Market is **Hot**.
 Inventory is **Low**.
 Home Values are **Up**.
 Thought About Selling?
Now is the Time.

Call Ann Newton Cane
 for your **free market evaluation.**



ANN NEWTON CANE

Our #1 Agent Contra Costa County 2021

415.999.0253

a.newtoncane@ggsir.com

annnewtoncane.com

Lic.#02084093

Each Franchise Is Independently Owned And Operated.

Golden Gate

Sotheby's

INTERNATIONAL REALTY



Honoring Ukraine, Cynthia Brian continues to wear yellow and blue.

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 books, including, Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul, Growing with the Goddess Gardener, and Be the Star You Are! www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store. Receive a FREE inspirational music DVD and special savings. Hire Cynthia for writing projects, garden consults, and inspirational lectures. Cynthia@GoddessGardener.com www.GoddessGardener.com

McDonnell  Nursery

shop now to receive McDonnell bucks



family owned since 1933

Flowers • Trees • Succulents • Pottery & Fountains
 Benches • Garden Decor • House Plants • Gifts • Jewelry
 Garden Consultation

www.mcdonnellnursery.com

196 Moraga Way • (925) 254-3713 • Open Wednesday - Sunday



2514 sq ft 5 beds / 2.5 baths on
a flat 28-acre lot
in Glorietta



1423 sq ft with a 354 sq. ft. bonus
room 3 bed / 2 bath on .35 acre
in Glorietta



1710 sq ft, 3 bed / 2 bath on
.62 of an acre
in Sleepy Hollow

LISTINGS ARE SPRINGING UP IN THE 94563

It's not just pollen in the air, it's also homes for sale! Let's go shopping together. Contact me to get started.

925.980.3829
Shannon@ShannonConner.com
ShannonConner.com

DRE# 01885058
Villageassociates.com
925.254.0505



SHANNON
CONNER

villageassociates.com | @villageassociates | 925.254.0505 | **It's Village. Of Course.**

Village
ASSOCIATES

