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Annual tour features six unique kitchens

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Modern kitchen design in this Happy Valley Highlands neighborhood features a blue Heath Ceramics tile backsplash.

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The Lafayette Juniors 18th Annual Kitchen Tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 and tour-goers will be treated to a look at six beautiful kitchens impeccably designed to reflect their homeowners' distinctive style and points-of-view.

This year's tour presents newly remodeled kitchens in homes located in the Happy Valley, Springhill, Burton

Valley and trail neighborhoods of Lafayette. Each kitchen is unique in design and captures a traditional, modern or transitional feel.

One of the more modern kitchens on the tour in the Happy Valley Highlands neighborhood belongs to Libby and Cameron Deatsch. The couple renovated their home over the past year with the help of local contractor Tracy Anthony.

A fan of Craftsman architecture, Libby Deatsch tried to incorporate this style into the renovation, but the further the couple got into the process, the more they realized a modern look was the way to go.

The couple decided to move their kitchen from its original location in an interior room on the first floor to the second floor of the home. The result is

a stunning, open kitchen that takes advantage of the home's incredible views of Mount Diablo and the Lafayette Reservoir.

The sleek, modern kitchen is functional as well as beautiful and features a wall of folding glass doors that open up onto a patio with a sweeping vista of Mount Diablo – the perfect setting for enjoying morning coffee or an afternoon meal. Another wall is almost completely filled with large windows that look out onto the Lafayette Reservoir.

The kitchen features clean, white, flush panel cabinets with brushed nickel pulls that cover most of the appliances, including the refrigerator and two dishwashers. Immaculate white Caesarstone counters line the perimeter of the kitchen. The center island has a custom concrete countertop that provides a sturdy and attractive space for the family to do homework and have snacks.

A gorgeous deep blue Heath Ceramics tile backsplash behind the Thermador stove gives a pop of color to the kitchen, while the room's cedar plank ceilings and pickled white oak floors lend some warmth to the space. A cluster of varying sized globe lights from West Elm hang over the wooden dining table, adding a whimsical touch to the room's decor.

"The tile backsplash might be my favorite thing in the whole house," says Deatsch.

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