

## Feng Shui

# Enhance your home's entrance

... continued from page D8

Feng Shui asks us to set a positive intention every time we enter our house so we feel the most welcome in our own homes. Our homes reflect us best when they welcome ourselves, others, new opportunities and positive vibes into our open arms with as grand an entrance as possible. Why? If we personally are first greeted with fragrant trees and flowers, soft flowing water, and perhaps a windchime tinkling gently we immediately feel uplifted and full of ease. Our visitors and opportunities are best treated generously with an experience of harmony, abundance and beauty as they also approach our homes.

Feng Shui asks us to pay more attention to our front entrance, home and property to attract positive results. So what are the subliminal messages of a cluttered front stoop or debris in the front yard or items that ought to be disposed of but are still in plain sight? Clutter stops energy flow and creates blockages, overwhelm, and create stress and feelings of being stuck. Unfinished projects also deplete and drain your energy, things undone weighing heavily upon us so we feel stuck. Look around your front yard and entrance and notice if there are garbage bins, withering plants, overgrown shrubs, cluttered pathways, chipping paint, a rundown roof or abandoned children's toys. Is the front door clearly visible from the front street? Does the front door need a coat of paint, does it stick, is the door frame well maintained so you feel safe with a front door made of glass? Does your front entrance face a T-intersection or a dead end? Is there an electrical tower facing your front door or some other large sharp structure? Is there a tree directly in front of your front door? Do you experience frustration, fatigue and overwhelming feelings before you even open the door of your home? Would your visitors project happy thoughts onto you on the way to ringing your front doorbell?

Since Feng Shui is based on the law of attraction and interconnectivity, what might you attract towards your home if your front entrance is difficult to locate, blocked, messy or chaotic?

As you preview your front yard by gazing upon the front entrance, here's a checklist to help you prioritize and purge the negative to attract auspiciousness to your home and own the front entrance energy flowing towards your home.

- Start with bagging up and disposing any debris in yard;
- Place toys and other items in the garage (organize the garage for needed additional storage);
- Trim back plants that encroach on pathway to door;
- Remove all cactuses;
- Add a fresh coat of red, black or dark green paint for front door;
- Oil stuck joints of creaking doors;
- Repair/replace rusting door jambs;
- Update with fresh house numbers that are clearly visible to all;
- Flank front entrance door with sized-to-scale potted Nandina evergreens or red flowers;
- Ensure you have working and clean front entrance lighting;
- Place a colorful, cheery silk or real seasonal round wreath on your front door;
- Broom cobwebs away from entranceway;
- Add a fresh, new and stylish welcome mat;
- Add a bubbling, to-scale water fountain to right of front door;
- Place a grounding statute for stability in the home;
- Soften straight walkways to front door with colorful potted plants that ease rushing chi;
- Actually use front door daily to continually bring healthy chi into home.

... continued on page D14

## Stunning & Fabulous MCC Home!!



**Scott Winburne**  
Associate Broker

Coldwell Banker  
2 Theatre Square, Ste. 117,  
Orinda



Direct line: 253-6341  
Cell: 200-5103

CaIBRE#00466182

Traditional 4 bedroom 2.5 bath Sequoyah Model of 3424 sq.ft. nestled on secluded court with panoramic views!! Floor plan is light, bright, open & airy!! Updating & Upgrading Galore!! Gorgeous Gourmet Chef's kitchen! Main level also consists of huge family, dining & living rooms with gleaming hardwood floors. Separate Master Bedroom Wing & more amenities.

**Open House Sunday 3/26 1-5 pm.**

