

# Lamorinda

# OUR HOMES

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## Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

### Growing wisdom



A path leads to lavender, roses and succulents.

Photo Cynthia Brian

#### By Cynthia Brian

*“Never does nature say one thing and wisdom another.”— Juvenal*

Excited about the glorious weather at the beginning of May, I spent two days getting out the patio furniture from storage, washing it thoroughly, and adding fresh, comfy pads to the chaises and chairs. My husband power-

washed the patio on Mother’s Day as I hung the double hammocks and finished the outdoor decorating in preparation for family barbecues and garden gatherings. My entire landscape had exploded with magnificent blooms of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons, bearded iris, peonies, pelargoniums, sedums and African daisies. The horse chestnut and locust trees were laden with cascades of

white flowers while lavender and jasmine scented the air with the fragrance of heaven.

My weather app reported sprinkles on the horizon but Mother Nature had torrential rains planned. As the gray skies opened and the downpours continued, I scrambled to store the furniture, pads and hammocks under our awnings and in the shed, but not before everything, including me, was drenched. Another lesson learned ... we can’t stop the rain ... nor do we want to.

Actually, I am always happy when it rains as my garden gets a big drink of life-giving liquid. In those weeks of warm sunshine, the ground had quickly dried out, making it difficult to weed, to plant, and to dig out my rocks that had been buried in the winter mud. This wet weather provided another opportunity to get my chores done more easily, albeit wearing a semi-waterproof hat and jacket.

The seeds scattered in April never sprouted. I’m not sure if they drowned or were washed away with the copious amounts of rain or if the birds dined on them.

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City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	4	\$1,043,000	\$2,210,000
MORAGA	6	\$489,000	\$2,200,000
ORINDA	5	\$1,106,500	\$2,605,000

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960 2nd Street, \$1,043,000, 2 Bdrms, 1272 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 04-18-19,

Previous Sale: \$150,000, 07-15-13

3393 Angelo Street, \$1,540,000, 3 Bdrms, 1698 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 04-08-19,

Previous Sale: \$130,000, 08-01-78

3314 Stage Coach Drive, \$1,950,000, 4 Bdrms, 3594 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 04-08-19

3094 Sweetbrier Circle, \$2,210,000, 4 Bdrms, 2371 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 04-18-19,

Previous Sale: \$205,000, 07-01-85

**MORAGA**

2075 Ascot Drive #221, \$489,000, 2 Bdrms, 1213 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 04-15-19,

Previous Sale: \$450,000, 06-27-05

4 Brandt Drive, \$1,925,000, 4 Bdrms, 3124 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 04-18-19,

Previous Sale: \$1,066,000, 06-19-02

1861 Joseph Drive, \$1,525,000, 4 Bdrms, 2603 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 04-17-19,

Previous Sale: \$825,000, 06-25-02

118 La Quinta Street, \$1,575,000, 3 Bdrms, 3424 SqFt, 1981 YrBlt, 04-18-19,

Previous Sale: \$1,095,000, 06-07-12

30 Miramonte Drive, \$665,000, 2 Bdrms, 1152 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 04-15-19,

Previous Sale: \$519,000, 02-26-16

3 Willow Springs Court, \$2,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2980 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 04-17-19,

Previous Sale: \$1,308,000, 07-11-03

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30 Las Palomas, \$1,350,000, 3 Bdrms, 2530 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 04-17-19,

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4 Risa Court, \$1,360,000, 3 Bdrms, 2025 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 04-16-19

202 Stein Way, \$1,884,000, 4 Bdrms, 3706 SqFt, 1997 YrBlt, 04-15-19,

Previous Sale: \$810,000, 12-14-98

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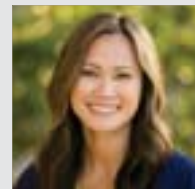
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## *Feng Shui*

# The importance of elemental layers



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**Layering and creating an active yang front entrance might include arching dancing lights, custom gates, and lots of fragrant flowers. A welcoming secret garden always creates the magic reflected in thoughtful design.**

### By Michele Duffy

Perhaps you've noticed, even with the rain, that the early summer season has begun and we are happily awash in a complete symphony of seasonal layers – mating rituals of birds dancing about, bunnies peering from tall grasses, or massive flowers bobbing gently in the sunlight. These seasonally rich layers remind us that nature is powerfully abundant and is aligned perfectly with the age-old timing cycles. Layers reveal depth and create happiness, as well as harmonious and sumptuous feng shui.

The layers of feng shui are as varied and complex as a moody Napa cabernet, but it is important to properly layer feng shui elements in the appropriate Bagua areas. Understanding how the Bagua areas optimally work together can create a holistic, restorative and sustainable environment to manifest the life you want now. If attracting a new relationship is inviting your curiosity,

keep the Bagua area opposite Relationships – wisdom/self-knowledge/skills – in mind and pay more mindful attention to auditing this area as well. The close relationships of all Bagua areas to one another is often overlooked, and it is important to address this for greater success.

The Five Elements help to activate the Bagua areas in your home using the actual element, color or shape. To represent the water element, we might add a water feature such as a fountain, or an Orchid to bring in the wood element.

Other layering aspects of feng shui are designed to create greater harmony and Qi flow including furniture placement, lighting and fragrance. Understanding how to apply all of these elements is not complicated, however, it is why many people choose to work with a professional to avoid overspending and to methodically prioritize to create the results you want most.

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## Feng Shui

# The importance of elemental layers

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A professional can also be helpful during remodels to choose cost-effective solutions that do not negatively affect the feng shui.

### Here's a helpful step-by-step guide to add feng shui layers to your home:

- 1) Start with intention. Ancient Bon Tibetan Buddhist and wisdom Daoist traditions all draw upon the Qi of the person, and it begins with inner reflection and choosing an intention to benefit others and self, with great care given to exact details of your wishes.
- 2) Honor lineages. Depending on what school of feng shui you choose to work with, pick one and stick with it to avoid confusion around Bagua orientation.
- 3) Use the Bagua map (see diagram, Page D14). Overlaying the Bagua map correctly over your home or office and correctly do an energetic audit.

4) Include the Five Elements. Bagua areas are each ruled by one of the Five Elements – water, wood, fire, earth and metal, as well as colors and shapes.

5) Start small. Pick one key area of the Bagua map and go from there.

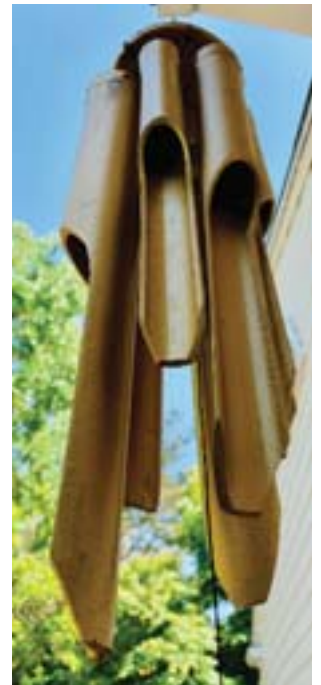
6) Assess. Physically inspect each Bagua area of the home, yard and master bedroom

7) Add layers as needed. Add, subtract, move, or repurpose elemental layers as required and add subliminal layers to activate your wishes.

8) Take stock. Allow yourself time to experience the changes you make, notice what shows up, and if you can feel your environment creating the results you want now.

In this modern world of stress, anxiety, worry or fear, as individuals we needn't be swept along in a tribal way toward burnout.

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## Feng Shui

### The importance of elemental layers



**Abundance is located on the far right of the Bagua map and is also ruled by the wood element. Include prayer flags, bamboo chimes, gold fish in flowing clean fountains, planted herbs, red geraniums, and Nandina or 'Lucky' Bamboo in green pots to activate this area.**

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Feng shui allows us to have significant control over our environments and create the shifts that we want to experience much more than we might realize. Feng shui creates ease, possibilities, openness, and spaciousness. Keeping that in mind, the layers of feng shui will abundantly allow a return to the canvas of home to create layers, to tweak and improve.

Experience the initial changes before adding new layers, and try to be mindful of the broader perspective regarding the needs of the

entire family. What truly makes a home a home are the people who live there; the layers of sound feng shui should mirror and support what those people are dreaming about. If you want your home to provide the same nurturing sense of healing as experienced in nature, try to slowly invite a few of the layers I've shared and allow your home to help manifest the life you want now and be the retreat it is meant to be!

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## *Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian*

# Growing wisdom



**Crocoshmia, the firecracker plant, combines well with baby roses and snapdragons.**



**An elegant purple bearded iris.**



**Pink Bonica shrub roses flanked by cornflags.**

Photos Cynthia Brian

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I decided to buy seedlings of tomatoes, peppers, zucchini and cucumbers and try once again to sow seeds of beets, carrots, arugula, lettuce and beans. Several gallons of boxwoods were also purchased to replace the dead ones in my hedge. It's hard to resist buying truckloads of plants when everything is so enticing. As I grow wiser, my rule is to only buy what I can personally plant within my time limits. It's a good rule for anyone to follow.

As you start planning your spring and summer planting, remember the garden design guide of planting in odd numbers: groupings of three, five, seven (or more) plants help to create a more natural and aesthetically pleasing look to the human eye. To achieve this, plant the same variety of flowers in each odd grouping, or create color blocks with several similar varieties.

For fragrance, pollinators and beauty, add lavender to your garden in full sun and well-drained soil. Lavender doesn't like soggy soil so plant slightly above the soil surface so the water drains away. Lavender makes an excellent companion plant to roses, controlling the nasty pests and attracting the beneficial insects. When planting your roses, give them breathing room because when roses are crowded they become susceptible to powdery mildew. Roses also need well-drained soil, compost, and natural fertilizers. As blossoms fade, deadhead the stems to ensure continued blooms through winter. Together roses and lavender make a sweeping sight.

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**Purple and white African daisies.**





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## Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

# Growing wisdom

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My favorite old-fashioned peonies are blooming and available to purchase and plant in full sun. Peonies offer gorgeous flowers in a multitude of colors and shades and their foliage will add structure to your garden until they die back in winter. Peonies are perennial and will probably outlive all of us.

It's time to plant summer blooming bulbs: gladiolus, crocosmia, dahlias, begonias and lilies. Crocosmia, also known as firecracker plant, blooms all summer in fiery shades of red, orange and yellow. It requires little care and combines well with other ornamentals to create a beautiful scene in your yard. Crocosmia is also a magnet for hummingbirds and provides a vivid splash of color to containers. I like to gather them for my indoor arrangements as they are long lasting as cut flowers. You'll find a wide selection of summer bulbs at your favorite nursery and garden center.

Succulents are always a wise choice for drought areas. Sedum dendroideum is a shrub-like perennial plant with yellow blooms that attract bees. It thrives in warm weather, doesn't need much water, and continues to expand in size. You can cut off pieces and plant in other areas to create a succulent hedge. The deer will eat its fleshy stems so it is not a good specimen in areas where the animals roam.

Every day I learn something new in the garden, usually by the mistakes I unwittingly make. I'm excited about the forthcoming summer, yet I am reveling in this spring season that has included plenty of rain. The more I rake, dig, weed, plant, sweep, and mulch, the more I grow wisdom.



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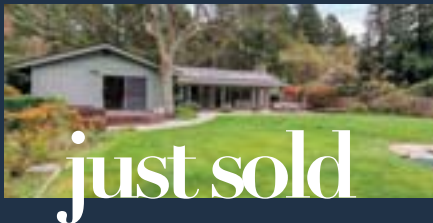
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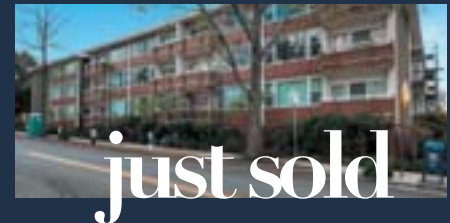
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## Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for June

**CUT** back daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, bluebells, freesias, and other bulbs once the leaves have turned crispy yellow.

**ADD** companion plantings of Oriental poppies, alliums, delphiniums, daylilies, salvias and peonies.

**RESCUE** newly hatched nestlings without feathers that have fallen out prematurely by putting them back in the nest, if reachable. If you find baby birds with feathers on the ground, leave them alone. The parents of these fledglings are probably nearby bringing them food before they learn to fly.

**PLANT** summer blooming bulbs including gladiolus, crocosmia, dahlias, begonias and lilies. Plant the bulb pointy side up, but if you are not sure, plant your bulbs sideways and they'll find their way to the surface.

**ADD** risers to sprinkler heads in boxwood hedges that are too short to eliminate death by drowning. Boxwoods don't like too much water.

**FILL** bird feeders with fresh seed.

**CLEAN** patio furniture (maybe again) in preparation for warm weather.

**SHARPEN** lawn mower blades.

**WEED**, weed, weed. With the ground still moist, this is an opportune time to do round three of weeding so that the plants you love will get more water and nutrients to survive the summer.

**READ** the Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation. It is essential that every family create an emergency plan. For information on what you can do in your landscape to help protect your home from wildfires, read Firescaping:

<https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1305/Digging-Deep-with-Cynthia-Brian-for-May-FireScaping.html>

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing!



Photos Cynthia Brian

**Bright yellow flowers on a hedge of sedum dendroideum.**



**Fluorescent crimson rhododendron glistens in the rain.**





Old-fashioned yet imminently fashionable, baby pink peonies.



Cherry-colored pelargoniums add brilliance to a garden.



Cynthia Brian under the pistache tree.

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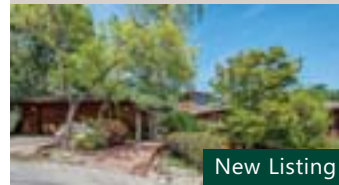


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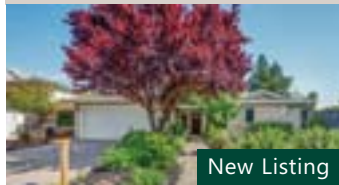


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