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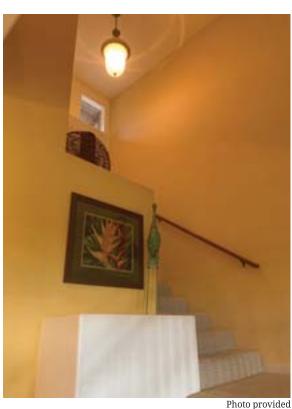


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Feng Shui

Focus on the Earth element for grounding, balance and wellness



By Michele Duffy

The home should function as a personal retreat, a restorative place where we rejuvenate and refresh, and so if home is not feeling that way, the Five Elements can help. In Feng Shui, we use the Five Elements to balance and enrich home spaces so that the feeling of home promotes grace, ease and support. The Five Elements are the second most important and used tool in Feng Shui, besides the Bagua map (see diagram on page D4).

The Bagua includes all Five Elements -Water, Wood, Fire, Earth and Metal – and

each Bagua area is ruled by one of the Five Elements.

An environment with lots of the Metal element (white walls and metal furniture) can be brought into better balance by introducing the warmth of the Fire element using lighting, candles or spherical shapes, and an overly Wood décor with lots of green, plants and vertical artwork can be balanced by cutting back the wood with some of the Metal element.

The Earth element governs the entire 2019 Earth Pig year (through January 2020) and helps us in our homes to be happier, more grounded and at ease.

Earth has a "mothering" quality and makes you feel securely balanced, and peaceful from within so you create a better balance between nourishing self and others. Earth is the peacemaker and with a better connection to the idea of establishing healthy boundaries and an ability to say no, Earth can then do the most good in the world. Earth is represented by colors that range from yellow, orange, brown, pink, and certain blues (also a secondary Water color). Square shapes also symbolically represent the Earth element as do materials such as crystal, ceramic, brick, clay, rock, stone and shell.

From a personal health and wellness perspective bringing the Earth element into balance will support many of the health initiatives we are integrating into our personal care regimes. Many people will find in 2019 the necessary energetic support to quit smoking, improve exercise commitments, refocus on dietary choices or establish a better work-personal balance and balancing the Earth element at home is another way to create the desired results.

There are actually three Bagua areas ruled by the Earth element and they include Relationships, Health and finally, Self-Knowledge/Wisdom. We can choose any one or all three of these Bagua areas to adjust or activate in our homes. How to choose? Start with whatever area feels most out of balance. If we get quiet and notice we are feeling out of balance in our relationships, or our health is suffering or we cannot achieve consistency with our spiritual practice, we can receive the guidance to know which Bagua area needs our attention the most.

Do a personal audit of any of the Bagua areas ruled by Earth and identify which objects, furniture and art may represent Earth in your space. If you discover a predominance of clutter in any of the Earth areas, your first job is to clear the stagnant clutter. What else is each area subliminally communicating to you? Are the far right areas from the entrance doors, your relationship areas of your master bedroom and home, aligned with loving and nourishing relationships? Is the Health center of your home a long hallway or a draining bathroom? Are the near left areas of Self-Knowledge and Wisdom overly controlled by lots of Wood element plants, green décor or wall colors? Take a personal audit first of the Bagua areas governed by Earth that you would like to address and bring them into balance with the Five Elements, either adding more Earth and Fire (Fire creates Earth) or if there is too much Earth, add the Water element.

In these uncertain times, grounding ourselves at home can help create the difference between a year of wellness, happiness and quiet personal triumphs versus succumbing to the stresses of life that are always at our ... continued on Page D4 door.



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City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	18	\$540,000	\$2,315,000
MORAGA	14	\$358,000	\$1,975,000
ORINDA	16	\$669,000	\$2,150,000

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LAFAYETT

3620 Cerrito Court, \$1,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 2609 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 06-17-19 412 Corte Rinaldo, \$1,370,000, 4 Bdrms, 3847 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 06-20-19 1000 Dewing Avenue, \$1,039,000, 2 Bdrms, 1123 SqFt, 2017 YrBlt, 06-21-19 4 Gilmore Court, \$1,155,000, 3 Bdrms, 1168 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 06-26-19, Previous Sale: \$560,000, 11-06-09

996 Hawthorne Drive, \$1,300,000, 3 Bdrms, 1499 SqFt, 1942 YrBlt, 06-28-19 962 Janet Lane, \$1,250,000, 3 Bdrms, 1900 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 06-26-19, Previous Sale: \$695,000, 10-16-09

308 Lowell Lane, \$1,579,500, 4 Bdrms, 2674 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 06-25-19, Previous Sale: \$524,000, 10-19-98

1322 Martino Road, \$1,507,000, 3 Bdrms, 1713 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 06-20-19, Previous Sale: \$1,300,000, 03-20-14

3140 Old Tunnel Road, \$1,298,000, 3 Bdrms, 1510 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 06-28-19, Previous Sale: \$585,000, 05-16-12

3394 Orchard Valley Lane, \$1,280,000, 5 Bdrms, 1460 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 06-28-19, Previous Sale: \$800,000, 11-07-18

1528 Pleasant Hill Road, \$540,000, 2 Bdrms, 733 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 06-18-19

1248 Rose Lane, \$720,000, 4 Bdrms, 4420 SqFt, 1994 YrBlt, 06-18-19

1611 Shangri La Court, \$2,315,000, 5 Bdrms, 3442 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 06-20-19, Previous Sale: \$2,175,000, 07-12-06

3210 Sharon Court, \$1,375,000, 3 Bdrms, 1640 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 06-24-19

3469 South Silver Springs Road, \$1,980,000, 4 Bdrms, 2167 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 06-17-19

1042 Sunnybrook Drive, \$1,125,000, 3 Bdrms, 1305 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 06-25-19, Previous Sale: \$750,000, 05-16-13

1013 Via Roble, \$1,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 2294 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 06-28-19, Previous Sale: \$1,400,000, 10-23-17

1234 Warner Court, \$1,135,000, 4 Bdrms, 1791 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 06-24-19

MORAGA

1965 Ascot Drive #13, \$358,000, 1 Bdrms, 678 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 06-19-19, Previous Sale: \$350,000, 06-27-18

545 Augusta Drive, \$1,295,000, 3 Bdrms, 2828 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 06-28-19 1040 Bollinger Canyon, \$1,110,000, 4 Bdrms, 1515 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 06-28-19, Previous Sale: \$915,000, 11-06-14

90 Brookfield Drive, \$1,549,000, 5 Bdrms, 2492 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 06-20-19, Previous Sale: \$1,340,000, 04-11-17

119 Calle La Mesa, \$1,400,000, 4 Bdrms, 2525 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 06-28-19

192 Cypress Point Way, \$1,040,000, 3 Bdrms, 1644 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 06-28-19, Previous Sale: \$900,000, 10-06-14

75 Jean Court, \$1,975,000, 4 Bdrms, 4080 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 06-21-19, Previous Sale: \$1,544,500, 08-02-10

478 Kingsford Drive, \$1,645,000, 4 Bdrms, 2609 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 06-17-19, Previous Sale: \$685,000, 12-19-01

60 Miramonte Drive, \$770,000, 2 Bdrms, 1762 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 06-20-19 533 Moraga Road #200, \$602,000, 1722 SqFt, 2008 YrBlt, 06-25-19

1561 Moraga Way, \$760,000, 2 Bdrms, 1635 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 06-17-19,

Previous Sale: \$80,000, 12-01-77

100 Oxford Drive, \$1,170,000, 4 Bdrms, 2073 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 06-26-19 144 Walford Drive, \$1,350,000, 4 Bdrms, 2014 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 06-17-19

407 Woodminster Drive, \$782,500, 3 Bdrms, 1572 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 06-27-19,

Previous Sale: \$600,000, 04-11-06

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Feng Shui

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Unsure what to do? Contact a professional Feng Shui consultant who consistently applies these tenets, and who will help you immediately to better balance the Earth element in your home. When we feel supported and aligned with balance, we can accomplish almost anything regardless of what life throws our way.

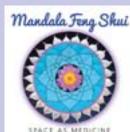
May 2019 Earth Pig year continue to bless you with the grounding balance and deep, nurturing happiness in your own home.

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

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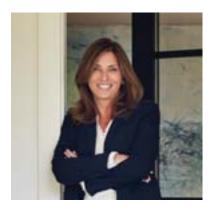
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9 Birch Court, \$669,000, 2 Bdrms, 660 SqFt, 1930 YrBlt, 06-26-19, Previous Sale: \$624,000, 04-04-15

33 Camino Del Diablo, \$1,149,500, 3 Bdrms, 1508 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 06-17-19, Previous Sale: \$450,000, 09-17-99

424 Camino Sobrante, \$1,750,000, 4 Bdrms, 3259 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 06-17-19, Previous Sale: \$1,590,000, 03-06-13

51 Charles Hill Road, \$1,880,000, 4 Bdrms, 2716 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 06-17-19, Previous Sale: \$600,000, 10-01-90

104 Coral Drive, \$1,450,000, 4 Bdrms, 2041 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 06-26-19 12 Cresta Blanca, \$1,770,000, 4 Bdrms, 2581 SqFt, 2006 YrBlt, 06-17-19,

Previous Sale: \$750,000, 11-15-10 64 Dolores Way, \$1,189,000, 3 Bdrms, 1984 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 06-28-19

9 La Senda, \$1,925,000, 6 Bdrms, 4733 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 06-28-19

5 Loma Linda Court, \$1,280,000, 3 Bdrms, 1728 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 06-17-19, Previous Sale: \$860,000, 06-11-04

3 Lucille Way, \$1,350,000, 5 Bdrms, 2628 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 06-27-19, Previous Sale: \$230,000, 07-01-86

23 Oak Road, \$1,725,000, 3 Bdrms, 3483 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 06-18-19, Previous Sale: \$888,000, 06-24-09

111 Sleepy Hollow Lane, \$1,520,000, 2 Bdrms, 1843 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 06-28-19, Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 05-19-04

32 Tarabrook Drive, \$1,075,000, 3 Bdrms, 1404 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 06-18-19 37 Underhill Road, \$1,200,000, 3 Bdrms, 1826 SqFt, 1930 YrBlt, 06-25-19, Previous Sale: \$882,500, 08-05-14

26 Via Hermosa, \$2,075,000, 4 Bdrms, 4039 SqFt, 1938 YrBlt, 06-18-19, Previous Sale: \$2,475,000, 06-21-17

23 West Hill Way, \$2,150,000, 3 Bdrms, 3016 SqFt, 2017 YrBlt, 06-18-19, Previous Sale: \$24,440,000, 12-23-15



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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

What's bugging you?



A bumble bee buzzes in a geranium.

Photo Cynthia Brian

By Cynthia Brian

"... many plants of many kinds, with birds singing on the bushes, with various insects flitting about, and with worms crawling through the damp earth." – Charles Darwin

Twenty-three honeybees, 10 lady beetles, five lizards, three frogs, and several spiders.

Within two hours on a very hot day this past week, the rescue count from the swimming pool kept mounting. I was afraid to leave the water lest more of my garden friends would drown. It's summer and the flying insects, creepy crawlies, and slithering creatures are in abundance. The ones I want to save are the ones that are our garden guardians.

The Good Guys Bees

We've all heard about the Colony Collapse Disorder affecting honey bees worldwide and the importance of protecting our bees. Don't confuse honey bees with carnivorous yellowjackets. Bees, bumble bees, and yellowjackets are all pollinators yet honey bees and bumble bees don't attack humans unless they are stepped on, slapped, swatted, or threatened. They are gathering pollen and the honey bees are making honey while keeping our fruit, flowers and vegetables reproducing.

Lady Beetles

There are over 450 species of ladybugs in the United States and they are voracious consumers of aphids, caterpillars, lace bugs, mealybugs, scale, whiteflies, and mites. Lady beetles are perhaps the most beloved of all insects and even though you can purchase them for your garden, they will fly away when their food level declines. An adult will eat over 5,000 aphids in her lifetime. **Lizards**

Don't be afraid of these garden helpers. Lizards are carnivores, not plant-eaters. You are fortunate if you have lizards in your yard. They eat beetles, ants, wasps, aphids and grasshoppers. They like to bask in the sun and also shelter under rocks or in the mulch. Predators to lizards include cats, snakes and birds.

Frogs

Both frogs and toads are amphibians living on both land and in water. They need moisture to survive and prey upon snails, slugs, and other insects. However, if they fall into a swimming pool without a way to escape, they will drown. In one summer, a single toad may devour over 10,000 pests. Some species will eat mosquito larvae. Like our lizard friends, pets, birds and snakes enjoy them as a meal. Enjoy their choral music at dusk.

Spiders

Fear of spiders is one of the most common phobias even though most spiders do not bite humans. The two biting spiders with venom that can be fatal to humans are the black widow and the brown recluse. Spiders are not insects. Spiders are arthropods as they have eight legs. As happy hunters, they are excellent garden pest control managers, actually considered to be the most beneficial and efficient insect eradicator in our landscapes. When you see a spider web, admire its delicate intricacy. Don't destroy it. Inside your home, spiders are helping eradicate more invasive bugs. Spiders don't carry diseases as mosquitoes or ticks do.

To keep the good guys attracted to our landscapes, eliminate pesticides, insecticides and chemicals. Companion planting with a diversity of species will provide a variety of stalking and dining options. Offer shelters of mulch, rocks, small branches, and a water source.

The Bad Guys Mosquitoes

Mosquito bites cause puffy red bumps that can itch for a week. Worse, mosquitoes are vectors for West Nile Virus that they transmit to humans. Empty any standing water around your garden and punch drainage holes in containers. Change birdbaths daily or add a recirculating pump. If you have a pool or hot tub, keep it effectively chlorinated. Check for leaky faucets. It only takes a few days for larvae to mature. Vector Control is available at no charge to add mosquitofish (Gambusia affinis) to your pond water.

Yellowjackets

Although yellowjackets do help with pollination, they are scavengers for meat and sugary food, disrupting picnics, summer outdoor activities and barbecues. Never squash a yellowjacket. When crushed they emit a chemical that calls to other yellowjackets to attack. They build nests in abandoned burrows, in eaves and bushes. Because their sting is so potent and painful, if you find a nest, call Vector Control for eradication.

Ticks

Lyme disease is one of the fastest-growing epidemics with over 300,000 diagnoses occurring annually in the United States. Summer is the most likely time to be bitten by a tiny deer tick. Ticks are parasites that feed on blood. They live in brush piles, leaf litter, lawns, tree stumps, ground cover, and stone or brick walls. They even have been found on picnic tables and benches. It's important to wear tick repellent clothing when outside and after being outdoors, conduct a full body check, take a shower, and put your clothes in a hot dryer for 30 minutes to kill any ticks, then wash your clothes. (I know, it seems weird to dry first, then wash, but the heat of the dryer kills the ticks) Check your pets. Ticks can be hard to find and can linger in your hair, clothing, or pet fur. If you find a tick, don't twist it or turn it. Use sanitized pointed tweezers to grab the tick and pull it straight out. Wash the bite, apply antiseptic, save the tick for identification, and seek medical attention. ... continued on Page D15



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Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for August

CONTACT Vector Control for Contra Costa County at (925) 685-9301 for assistance with mosquitoes, rats, skunks and yellowjackets.

PROTECT yourself with permethrin-treated clothing and bug repellents. I have found relief with Insect Shield. www.insectshield.com.

PLAN a trip to a national park. Upcoming days for free admittance are Aug. 25 and Sept. 28. https://www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm. Seniors can buy a lifetime entry pass for \$80.

TAKE advantage of a 20% discount on new introductions from Renee's Garden Seeds through Aug. 18 with checkout code NEW20. http://ow.ly/eYZE50uBDE5.

MARK your calendar for The National Heirloom Exposition happening at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds Sept. 10-12. http://www.TheHeirloomExpo.com.

FILL a saucer with water to set in your garden for the butterflies, bees, lizards and other small creatures. In the hot weather, they need to hydrate and a shallow saucer will allow them to drink without drowning.

PRUNE low hanging branches on redwoods, pines, cedars, and other trees as fire protection maintenance.

CUT a branch with a magnolia bloom for a vase. The huge white blossoms are spectacular and last several days while the leaves stay green for two weeks.

CAUTION when walking or playing on lawns planted with clover. Honeybees may be feeding.

CELEBRATE the Moraga Pear and Wine Festival with Be the Star You Are!® nonprofit and Lamorinda Weekly on Saturday, Sept. 28. Details at https://www.BetheStarYouAre.org/events

CONTINUE deadheading spent blossoms on roses and other perennials.

EAT fresh fruit as it ripens and pick up any fruit that falls on the ground to discourage a scourge of rodents.

RELAX on your patio to savor the summer sky.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Summer!



A colander filled with delicious mulberries.



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Relax on a patio with comfortable seating to savor the summer sky.



A lush swath of oleanders, hydrangeas, and agapanthus.

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian What's bugging you?

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The "bad guys" are on my "danger watch out" list. I've had three trips already to either urgent care or the emergency room with ticks lodged in my neck that required surgery to remove. Mosquitoes are my nemesis inflicting gigantic, itching bites with bumps that last for two weeks or more. In the last year, I've stumbled upon three yellowjacket nests, suffering multiple stings on my hand and arms with swelling that abated after a week.

The "good guys" I'll continue to rescue as they are my garden "watchdogs." Fortunately, my numerous song birds and hummingbirds aren't nose-diving!

What's bugging you?



Cynthia Brian prancing through the garden.

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