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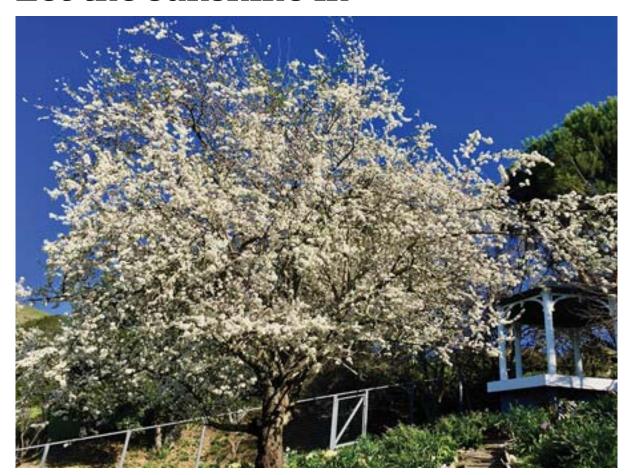


Lamorinda Home Sales

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Let the sunshine in



Wild cherry plums trees are magnificent in bloom.

Photo Cynthia Brian

By Cynthia Brian

"The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy" – Henry Ward Beecher

It's been at least seven years since we've enjoyed a warm, sun-filled February. Being accustomed to cold, dreary, gray days in the

months of Aquarius and Pisces, this year buoyed my spirits immensely even though I know that we need rain. I admit I thoroughly lapped up those 70-plus degree days spending hours in the garden weeding, pruning and planting with a break to Bodega Bay to ride a bike on the beach, inhale the salt air, and watch the glorious sunset. If winter is going to be mild and bright, why

not enjoy it?

The tulip magnolias, peach, plum and pear trees are in full bloom. The bees are busy buzzing their business in the blossoms. Sweet scents of narcissi, stock, and freesia fill the air. Oxalis, also known as shamrock, carpets vineyards, trails and roadsides. Wisteria and lilac are budded, ready to burst any day. Early spring erupted in mid-February, a full month ahead of schedule. In many Northern California areas, temperatures have been in the mid-80s. If it wasn't for water shortages and the rising trajectory of global warming, we could all be rejoicing. Instead, we may need to chant and dance for rainfall to ward off another summer drought.

Compost will be your most important gardening ingredient this season. By turning organic waste into humus, you will be feeding your plants in the same manner that Mother Nature has been nurturing the planet since the beginning of time. Compost will help your plants retain moisture, curtail erosion, maintain a constant temperature, and it will enrich your soil. It's so simple to make that everyone can easily do it.

Recipe for Compost

In an open pile or composting bin, add both green and dry plant matter plus eggshells, coffee grinds, tea leaves, and fish bones. Green matter includes grass clippings, vegetables, weeds without seeds, peelings, and green leaves. Dry matter includes paper, straw, twigs, fall leaves, and dried stalks. Don't add any animal feces, diseased plants, or meat products. Moisten everything without soaking it and turn with a pitchfork at least weekly.

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Lamorinda home sales recorded

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	3	\$1,175,000	\$1,529,000
MORAGA	5	\$1,010,000	\$2,217,000
ORINDA	9	\$995,000	\$1,825,000

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

1181 Pleasant Hill Circle, \$1,425,000, 3 Bdrms, 1831 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 01-15-20, Previous Sale: \$676,000, 09-18-09

3266 Quandt Road, \$1,529,000, 3 Bdrms, 1578 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 01-14-20, Previous Sale: \$900,000, 10-13-18

1369 Reliez Valley Road, \$1,175,000, 2 Bdrms, 1483 SqFt, 1942 YrBlt, 01-22-20, Previous Sale: \$2,050,000, 06-24-15

MORAGA

259 Lakefield Place, \$1,720,000, 5 Bdrms, 4643 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 01-13-20, Previous Sale: \$1,590,000, 04-22-13

3866 Paseo Grande, \$1,395,000, 3 Bdrms, 1766 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 01-17-20 3945 Paseo Grande, \$1,544,000, 4 Bdrms, 2341 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 01-14-20, Previous Sale: \$1,520,000, 05-22-18

145 Shuey Drive, \$1,010,000, 3 Bdrms, 1476 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 01-23-20, Previous Sale: \$450,000, 10-24-01

205 Sonora Road, \$2,217,000, 4 Bdrms, 4057 SqFt, 2018 YrBlt, 01-17-20

ORINDA

6 Arbolado Court, \$1,175,000, 3 Bdrms, 1518 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 01-13-20, Previous Sale: \$985,000, 04-03-15

121 Bates Court, \$1,352,000, 4 Bdrms, 2432 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 01-17-20, Previous Sale: \$190,000, 06-01-78

37 Bear Ridge Road, \$1,825,000, 4 Bdrms, 4012 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 01-22-20, Previous Sale: \$1,856,500, 11-20-07

2 Camino Del Diablo, \$1,750,000, 6 Bdrms, 2904 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 01-17-20, Previous Sale: \$1,300,000, 08-19-19

8 Charles Hill Circle, \$1,500,000, 6 Bdrms, 4320 SqFt, 1981 YrBlt, 01-17-20, Previous Sale: \$1,275,000, 08-27-03

4 Dale Court, \$1,185,000, 3 Bdrms, 1366 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 01-16-20

128 Moraga Way, \$1,080,000, 3 Bdrms, 1962 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 01-14-20

5 Sunset Terrace, \$995,000, 3 Bdrms, 1635 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 01-23-20

5 Wanda Lane, \$1,139,000, 3 Bdrms, 3101 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 01-21-20,

Previous Sale: \$900,000, 10-31-19



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1045 Timothy Lane, Lafayette

5 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 3,320 Sq Ft | \$2,100,000

Beautiful 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath completely remodeled single-story home with open floor plan on .75 acre lot in Upper Happy Valley. Engineered hardwood floors throughout. Large master bedroom with two walk-in closets, a second master-bedroom with ensuite bathroom plus three additional bedrooms, hallway bath and a powder room. Top rated Lafayette schools, close to BART, shopping and the reservoir.









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3832 Via Granada, Moraga \$1,450,000 Represented Buyer



8 Hidden Lane, Orinda \$1,680,000 Represented Seller



5 Josefa Place, Moraga \$950,000 Represented Buyer



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3383 Oswego Court, Lafayette \$2,470,000 Represented Seller



1021 Seneca Ct., Walnut Creek \$1,430,000 Represented Buyer



17 El Caminito, Orinda \$1,940,000 Represented Seller



21 Sandy Court, Orinda \$2,175,000 Represented Buyer



1804 St. Andrews Dr., Moraga \$980,000 Represented Seller



4008 Happy Valley Rd., Lafayette \$3,175,000 Represented Seller



Thinking of Selling in 2020? Contact Terri for a complimentary in-home consultation.

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ACTIVE LISTINGS





1003 Woodbury Rd. No. 207, Lafayette - \$965,000 **2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,110 Sq. ft.**

Built in 2015 this spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium home offers the best combination of style, location, utility and function. Large open concept living area connects the living and dining area along with a chefs level equipped kitchen.

www.1003WoodburyRd.com



124 Via Joaquin, Moraga - \$765,000 2 Bed | 2 Bath | 1,354 Sq. ft.

Bright open and airy single level in Moraga with 2 car garage! Vaulted ceilings and hardwood floors connect the kitchen/great room. Private patios front and rear. Close to town and community pool.

** A great Rossmoor alternative! **

www.124ViaJoaquin.com



319 Tappan Terrace, Orinda - \$2,425,000

5 Bed | 4.5 Bath | 4,200 Sq. ft.

This exceptional home is a piece of art using innovation & imagination to blend nature w/living spaces. Architects Jong & Jong combined traditional Japanese design elements with contemporary living.

www.319 Tappan Terrace.com



133 Donna Maria Way, Orinda - \$1,595,000 3+ Bed | 2 Bath | 2,400 Sq. ft. / .24 Acres

Montclair style in Orinda's Del Rey neighborhood. Super charming with shingles, vaulted ceilings, grassy yard and more. Less than 1 mile from Elementary, Middle, High Schools. Makes life so easy!

www.DonnaMariaWay.com

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115 Devin Drive, Moraga

Open house March 8, 1-4pm



Centrally located single-story charmer with updated kitchen with large island and Thermador appliances, remodeled bathrooms, dark hardwood floors and flat yard. Offered at \$1,250,000

236 Calle La Montana, Moraga

On MLS March 9, open house March 14 & March 15



Campolindo beauty with newly updated kitchen/great room and bathrooms, pool, flat lawn, Rim Trail access and Mt. Diablo viewing area. Too many updates to list here. Offered at \$1,450,000

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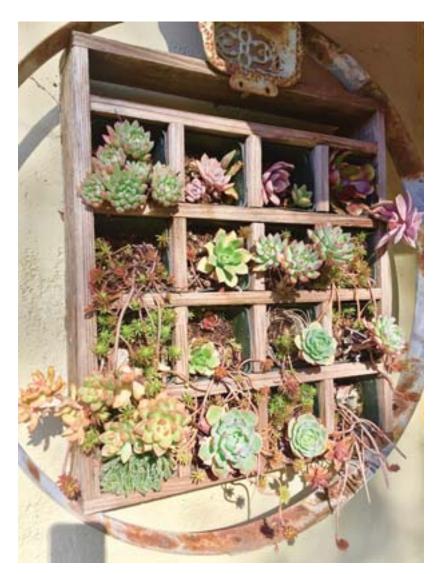
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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Let the sunshine in



Create an art piece with easy-to-grow succulents.

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Worms may be added for speedier results. The compost will cook and steam. Add water as necessary if the pile is too dry. Your compost is ready to return to your garden when it smells earthy, sweet, and looks like a crumbly chocolate cake. I recommend creating two or three different piles as they will finish at different times and you can always have a batch cooking. Making your own compost is an excellent way to recycle with almost zero waste. As an added bonus it is free plant food!



11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your LAMORINDA Home for Sale

LAMORINDA - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn

prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free 1- 844-941-0941 and enter 2503. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Get your free special report NOW to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn't cost you the sale of your home.

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Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for March

CREATE simple arrangements with branches cut from blooming peach, pear or plums. Add a few daffodils or freesias.

BLOW the "angel" seeds of dandelions if you want dandelions growing in your garden. (This was a favorite past time as a child, although we weren't allowed to blow "angels" into the lawn.) Dandelions are nutritious and delicious in salads and sautés and they attract quail.

PICK lettuce, parsley, arugula, Swiss chard and baby mustard to add to meals.

MAKE an artful wall hanging using a variety of succulents.

ADMIRE the tulip magnolias as they emerge or cut a stem to enjoy indoors.

WATCH for aphids, moths, slugs, and snails on artichoke plants as they mature. Blast the leaves with water if you see any infestation.

TALK to your doctor if you are experiencing pollen-related allergies. Pollen fertilizes plants but causes misery for sufferers. Acacia trees are beautiful in bloom but may trigger hay fever or asthma.

AERATE and de-thatch lawns if necessary. Be prepared to scatter seeds and fertilizer before a rain.

SHOOT lots of photos of spring unfolding.

BEFORE recycling empty milk cartons, fill with water to use on houseplants. The residual calcium is good for the plants and it also rinses clean the cartons for the bins.

BUY your favorite seed packets in anticipation of sowing.

SPREAD alfalfa pellets mixed with diatomaceous earth around your rose bushes to promote large blooms and healthy plants.

The vernal equinox is still three weeks away. The sun is shining on our gardens and for all of us. It's playtime.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing!



Baby Artichokes need protection for insects.





What child can resist blowing a dandelion "angel" puff?



Acacia trees are beautiful in bloom but may trigger hay fever or asthma.



Cynthia Brian outdoors on a cooler February day.

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 best-selling books, including, Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul, Growing with the Goddess Gardener, and Be the Star You Are! Millennials to Boomers at www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store. Hire Cynthia for writing projects, garden consults, and inspirational lectures. Cynthia@GoddessGardener.com www.GoddessGardener.com



Field of oxalis blooming amongst the ice plant.



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8 Moraga Court

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102 Barbara Road

Newly built 4 bed/ 3.5 bath contemporary home with easy access to Hwy 24 & BART.

\$2,295,000



48 Oak Drive

Elegant 4 bed/ 3.5 bath two level renovated home with remarkable views from terrace decks

\$2,495,000

New Listing

ORINDA New Listing

383 Miner Road

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\$2,495,000



49 Overhill Road

Private updated 6 bed/ 5 bath. Close to BART, Highway 24/680 & top rated schools.

LAFAYETTE

\$3,195,000

New Listing

\$2,795,000



57 Charles Hill Road

A new SpringHill Homes masterpiece! 5 bed/ 5 baths +2 half baths with an open floor plan on a .75 acre \$4,395,000



824 Solana Drive

Charming 4 bed/ 2.5 bath ranch home with a touch of craftsman's style on .75 acre lot. Short walk to downtown. \$1,595,000

LAFAYETTE



4031 Happy Valley Road

Mid-Century modern home with 4 bed/2 bath + 2 half baths in desireable Happy Valley neighborhood.

\$2,795,000

MORAGA



182 Fernwood Drive

Spacious 4 bed/ 3.5 bath 2955 sqft home with open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, & remodeled kithen.

\$1,550,000

ROSSMOOR



3349 Golden Rain

Beautifully remodeled 2 bed/ 2 bath condo. Granite kitchen & baths, laundry in unit & built-in electric fireplace & book shelves. \$589,000

WALNUT CREEK



2530 Oak Road #103

Stylish 2 bed/ 2 bath 998 sqft contemporary 1st floor unit with private patio. Close to shopping, trails & BART. \$565,000



962 Reliez Station Lane

24 & BART.

New Construction! Recently comp-

leted 4 bed/ 3.5 bath Springhill Homes

residence. Close to down- town, Hwy



1310 Creekside Drive #101

Modern 2 bed/ 2 bath condo in the heart of Walnut Creek, Close to Broadway Plaza and Iron Horse Trail. \$649,000

WALNUT CREEK



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