

# Lamorinda

# OUR HOMES

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Lamorinda Home Sales

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*Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian*

## Changing color guard

By Cynthia Brian



Tuck a sampling of various plants into a window box as a fall favorite.



An urn panted with elephant ears, lantana, and petunias.



Sugar maples in several colors line this path. Photos Cynthia Brian

*"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." ~Albert Camus*

After a dry and hot summer, I look forward to the warm days and cooler nights of autumn. Mostly, I get excited about the changing of the guard whereby the leaves on my many deciduous trees turn into a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors mimicking a glorious sunset.

It is November and only a handful of my trees are changing their foliage, much to my dismay. This is the time of year when I want to decorate with orange, yellow, crimson, burgundy, and gold. Because of a combination of weather conditions, chemical processes, individual genetic traits, and physiological changes, trees change their colors. When the days get shorter and the temperatures drop, trees reduce the production of chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is the green pigment that is responsible for photosynthesis and in the fall, it breaks down and disappears from the leaves allowing other colors to surge to prominence. The yellow and orange hues that we see in leaves in autumn are always present but masked by the dominant green. When the chlorophyll disappears, the sunset or sunrise colors emerge.

Some trees, specifically maples and oaks, produce anthocyanin pigments. These pigments create blue, purple, and red in the leaves. As consumers, we are familiar with anthocyanins when we "eat the rainbow," enjoying the antioxidant properties of berries, grapes, cherries, plums, pomegranates, red cabbage, eggplant, black beans, and of course, wine!

Species of trees that showcase a colorful changing of the guard in fall include Japanese Maple, Sugar Maple, Ginkgo Biloba, Red Oak, Liquidambar, Aspen, Dogwood, Black Tupelo, Chinese Pistache, Sumac, Honeylocust, Hickory, and Beech. Several of these species grow in my garden, and I hope that by Thanksgiving they will have changed into their wondrous wardrobes before the branches shed their leaves for winter.

This year I joined the ranks of tourists who are dubbed "leaf peepers" because I traveled to the Great Lakes and Canada to witness the spectacular fall foliage displays. Of all the trees I admired, it was the glorious sugar maples that won my heart as they flaunted their brilliant yellow, red, orange, and burgundy leaves.

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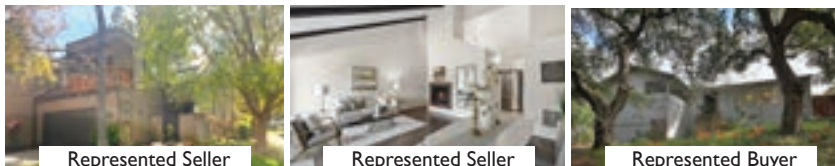
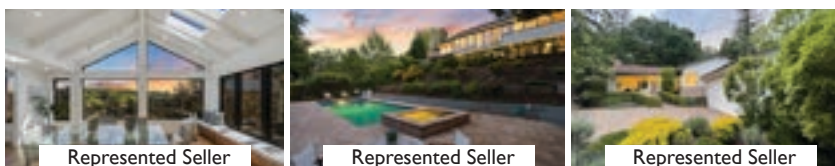
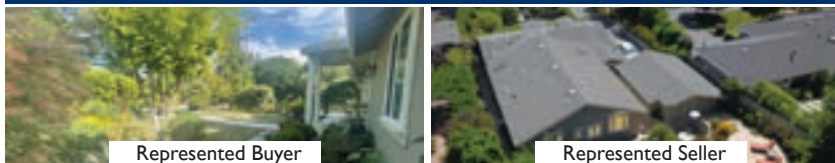
### SALE PENDING

**I Poco Paseo, Orinda**

**Single story home in Del Rey neighborhood in Orinda.**



### RECENT SALES IN 2023



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## Lamorinda home sales recorded

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	13	\$1,100,000	\$2,618,000
MORAGA	1	\$960,000	\$960,000
ORINDA	8	\$1,325,000	\$4,295,000

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### LAFAYETTE

- 701 Glenside Circle, \$1,875,000, 3 Bdrms, 2507 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 09-29-23, Sale: \$1,875,000, 06-29-21
- 1029 Hampton Road, \$2,250,000, 4 Bdrms, 2320 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 10-05-23, Sale: \$1,735,000, 11-22-17
- 1005 Hawthorne Drive, \$1,195,000, 2 Bdrms, 1580 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 10-06-23, Sale: \$842,000, 06-29-06
- 568 Merriewood Drive, \$2,355,000, 4 Bdrms, 2430 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 09-28-23, Sale: \$2,050,000, 10-19-20
- 858 Reliez Station Road, \$1,215,000, 3 Bdrms, 1416 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 10-06-23, Sale: \$1,175,000, 12-07-20
- 50 Silverwood Drive, \$1,200,000, 6 Bdrms, 2856 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 09-29-23, Sale: \$375,000, 06-01-87
- 1717 Springbrook Road, \$840,000, 3 Bdrms, 1223 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 10-06-23
- 3385 Stage Coach Drive, \$3,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 4229 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 10-06-23, Sale: \$1,340,000, 04-24-03
- 706 St Marys Road, \$1,165,000, 3 Bdrms, 1426 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 09-25-23, Sale: \$510,000, 02-20-02
- 3189 Teigland Road, \$1,584,500, 3 Bdrms, 2644 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 10-02-23, Sale: \$340,000, 01-01-92
- 1210 Via Gabarda, \$1,760,000, 3 Bdrms, 2554 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 09-29-23
- 1062 Via Roble, \$2,400,000, 5 Bdrms, 3525 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 10-03-23, Sale: \$1,625,000, 07-19-17
- 14 White Oak Drive, \$2,425,000, 5 Bdrms, 2938 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 10-06-23, Sale: \$1,405,000, 08-27-15
- 1006 Woodbury Road #102, \$1,550,000, 2 Bdrms, 1495 SqFt, 2015 YrBlt, 10-02-23, Sale: \$1,520,000, 04-21-21
- 20 Woodbury Highlands Court #30, \$2,450,000, 3 Bdrms, 2732 SqFt, 2022 YrBlt, 10-02-23
- 45 Woodbury Highlands Court #31, \$1,645,000, 3 Bdrms, 1878 SqFt, 2022 YrBlt, 09-28-23

### MORAGA

- 722 Augusta Drive, \$1,800,000, 2 Bdrms, 1820 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 09-26-23, Sale: \$710,000, 03-13-13
- 1357 Camino Peral #C, \$554,000, 2 Bdrms, 951 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 09-25-23, Sale: \$465,000, 06-15-20
- 163 Corliss Drive, \$1,695,000, 4 Bdrms, 2228 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 10-06-23, Sale: \$1,175,000, 11-01-16
- 49 Corte De Rosas, \$1,600,000, 4 Bdrms, 2028 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 10-03-23, Sale: \$665,000, 01-15-04
- 26 Corte Monterey, \$1,740,000, 3 Bdrms, 2038 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 10-02-23
- 2121 Donald Drive #12, \$650,000, 2 Bdrms, 1224 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 09-28-23, Sale: \$224,000, 10-11-00
- 1082 Larch Avenue, \$2,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 2170 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 09-25-23, Sale: \$1,385,000, 07-07-20
- 515 Woodminster Drive, \$880,000, 3 Bdrms, 1572 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 09-26-23

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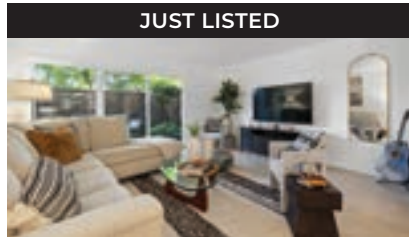


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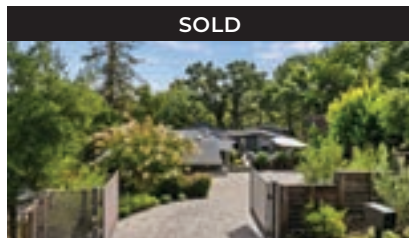
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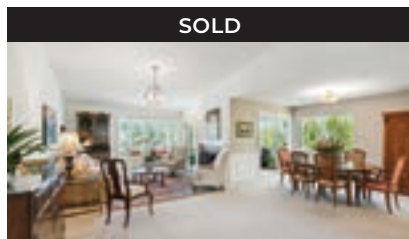
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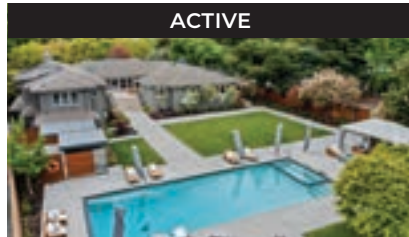


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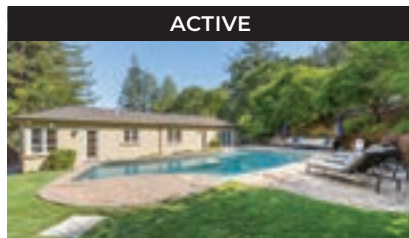


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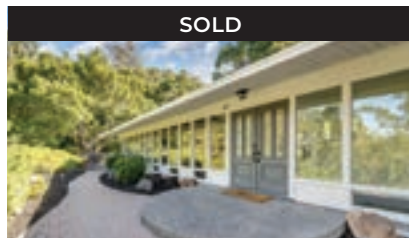
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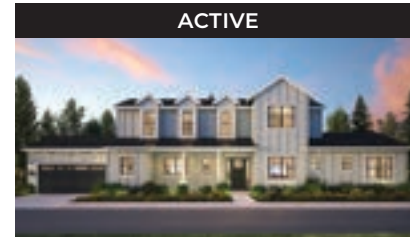


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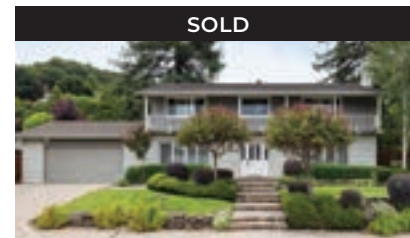
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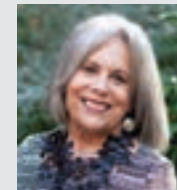
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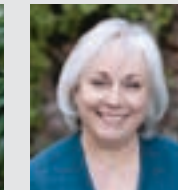
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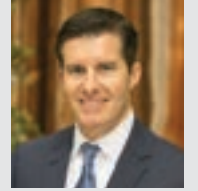
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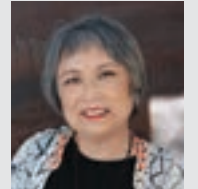
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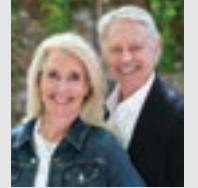
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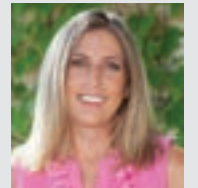
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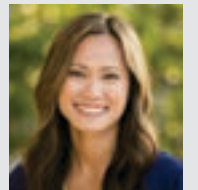
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### Orinda

3372 Camino Sobrante, \$2,275,000, 3 Bdrms, 2653 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 09-25-23, Sale: \$1,625,000, 04-29-22  
 33 Charles Hill Circle, \$1,625,000, 4 Bdrms, 2201 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 09-27-23, Sale: \$1,650,000, 02-04-21  
 11 El Gavilan Road, \$2,125,000, 3 Bdrms, 2769 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 09-25-23, Sale: \$1,390,000, 02-12-03  
 351 El Toyonal, \$2,085,000, 2 Bdrms, 2678 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 10-06-23, Sale: \$890,000, 12-06-02  
 259 El Toyonal, \$1,065,000, 2 Bdrms, 1200 SqFt, 1944 YrBlt, 10-06-23, Sale: \$620,000, 12-03-19  
 208 Glorietta Boulevard, \$2,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 2278 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 10-02-23  
 216 Ivy Drive, \$1,480,000, 3 Bdrms, 1293 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 10-05-23, Sale: \$459,000, 08-09-99  
 222 Moraga Way #L, \$3,375,000, 4 Bdrms, 3457 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 09-25-23, Sale: \$2,600,000, 07-23-18  
 13 Orchard Road, \$1,750,000, 3 Bdrms, 1799 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 09-28-23, Sale: \$980,000, 09-23-05  
 246 Orchard Road, \$1,335,000, 3 Bdrms, 1431 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 09-29-23, Sale: \$929,000, 02-27-06  
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 9 Robert Road, \$1,853,000, 3 Bdrms, 1461 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 10-05-23, Sale: \$1,355,000, 10-15-20  
 29 Saint Stephens Drive, \$2,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 3792 SqFt, 1993 YrBlt, 09-25-23, Sale: \$1,775,000, 07-13-07  
 210 Tappan Lane, \$1,950,000, 3 Bdrms, 4167 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 10-04-23

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75 Barbara Road, Orinda	\$1,850,000
404 Wovenwood, Orinda	\$1,850,000
24 La Cuesta, Orinda	\$2,685,000
367 Dalewood Dr., Orinda	\$2,800,000
59 Tiger Tail Rd., Orinda	\$4,295,000
120 Via Floreado, Orinda	\$2,900,000
161 Ardith Drive, Orinda	\$2,450,000
124 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Orinda	\$2,600,000

### Represented Buyers:

46 Camino Sobrante, Orinda	\$1,975,000
2501 Golden Rain Rd., WC	\$355,000
2548 Joseph Drive, Alamo	\$1,950,000
5 Hidden Lane, Orinda	\$2,600,000
3158 Hambletonian Lane, WC	\$1,140,000
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**ADD** your carved pumpkins to your compost pile as it is high in nitrogen. Or break the pumpkins into pieces to feed the wildlife.

**DEADHEAD** perennials and roses to extend the blooming season.

**RESEARCH** the best spots to experience the changing of the color guard. Hike, bike, or drive to photograph the fall foliage.

**SCATTER** wildflower seeds for a surprise spring showcase.

**DIVIDE** perennials including dahlias, iris, and daylilies.

**PLANT** dark leafy greens such as kale, chard, and arugula in containers near the kitchen for easy harvesting.

**FERTILIZE** your entire landscape. For maximum absorption, fertilize immediately before it rains.

**CHECK** the stability of your trees. Contact a professional arborist to help with limb pruning.

**BUY** brilliant fall foliage trees and shrubs now at your local nursery so you'll know what colors to expect when they are planted in your garden.

**CONTINUE** planting spring-blooming bulbs.

**CREATE** a cornucopia of fall colors in a basket with cut roses, dahlias, and tentacles of euphorbia.

**SOW** cover crops such as clover, mustard, peas, brassicas, and alfalfa to enrich and protect the soil as well as suppress weeds and feed the birds.



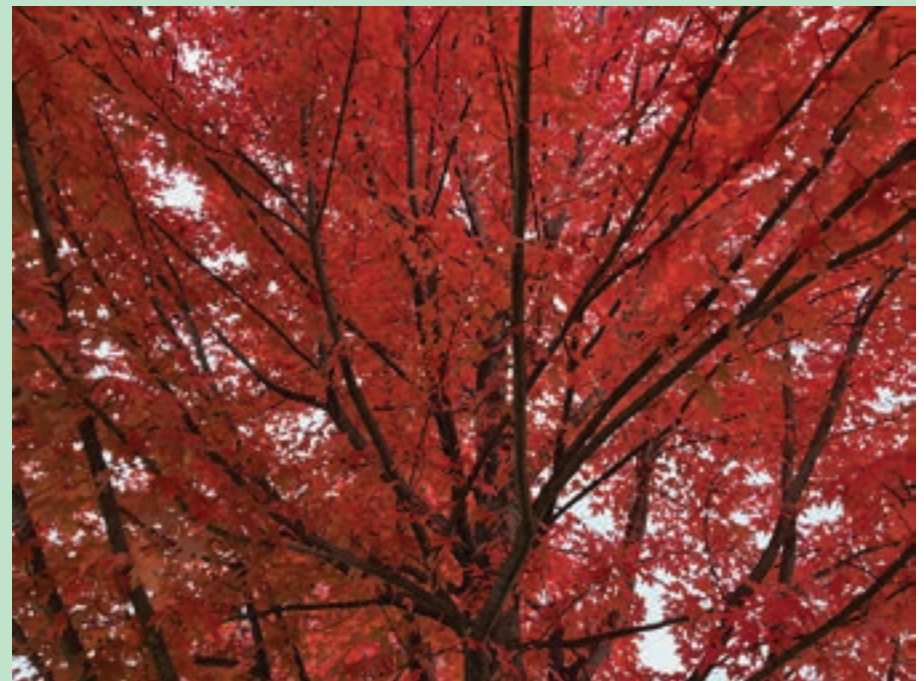
The glory of dahlias!



A stunning pot of purple chrysanthemums.



A colorful combination of canna lilies, impatiens, and marigolds.



A sugar maple with bright crimson leaves.

*Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian*

## Changing Color Guard

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Sugar maples boast an added benefit; the sap can be tapped and boiled to make a rich and delicious maple syrup. At the home of my cousin, Donnie, and his wife, I sampled two versions of this delectable syrup that they made from their backyard sugar maple tree. Holes in the tree trunk were a testament to the tapping. The sap must be boiled down to the correct consistency and the process is time-consuming. The syrup will be light, medium, or very dark depending on what month the harvesting is done. The flavors vary with the darkest syrup being the richest and most dense.

The vibrant colors of autumn are not only experienced in the chang-

ing of the leaves, but also in containers and beds planted with mums, dahlias, cannas, marigolds, petunias, roses, phlox, calibrachos, salvias, sages, verbenas, impatiens, and coleus. It's easy to design a beautiful combination by tucking several different species into a container filled with potting soil, allowing calibrachos, verbenas, and petunias to spill over the sides.

As I wander my garden, I anticipate that every leaf will become a flower bursting with burgundy, maroon, bronze, gold, red, yellow, and orange. The color guard of autumn is majestic and worth the wait. Be a leaf peeper!

Happy Gardening! Happy Growing.

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**Cynthia Brian advocates to continue to deadhead roses through winter.**

For more gardening advice for all seasons, check out Growing with the Goddess Gardener at <https://www.CynthiaBrian.com/books>. Raised in the vineyards of Napa County, Cynthia Brian 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](http://www.StarStyleRadio.com). Her newest children's picture book, Family Forever, from the series, Stella Bella's Barnyard Adventures is available now at <https://www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store>. Hire Cynthia for writing projects, garden consults, and inspirational lectures. [Cynthia@GoddessGardener.com](mailto:Cynthia@GoddessGardener.com) <https://www.CynthiaBrian.com>

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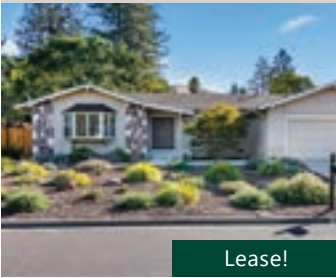
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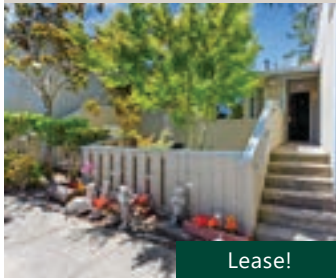
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