

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

June Boon



Queen Anne cherries are crunchy and sweet.



Fragrant and bold Asiatic lilies are prized for their stunning blooms.

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Nasturtiums attract beneficial insects that control unwanted pests including aphids, whiteflies, and squash bugs.

To bring vibrant color to your patio or porch, plant a container of bright red geraniums. Geraniums will grow in full sun or partial shade, easily root from cuttings, and require very minimal care. Prune back spent flowers or leggy stems to encourage bushier blooms that will continue through the fall. Geraniums are the no-fail June boon.

Are you finding a plethora of spider webs in your landscape? Congratulations! Gardens that avoid chemical pesticides tend to have a higher spider population. As a natural pest control, spiders help to maintain a balance between predator and prey species. Although it is unnerving to run head-first into a nearly invisible web, I welcome these hunters of mosquitoes, flies, aphids, beetles, and more.

Despite the prevalent trend to rip out lawns to minimize water usage in fire-prone areas, having a well-maintained, cut to three inches or less green grass area adds a defensible space to homes, reducing the risk of ignition and spread of a wildfire. Although no landscaping choice is fire-proof, a healthy, mowed, and watered lawn may reduce the amount of combustible material available to fuel a fire. Lawns are visually appealing and offer a restful environment, providing a refreshing respite to our eyes from the hustle and bustle of modern life. Whether in a park or a small backyard, a lawn soothes the senses and invites people to play. Cartwheels, croquet, picnics, and stargazing connect us to the natural elements.

Sitting on green grass is the perfect place to eat a bowl full of cherries. So live and laugh at it all.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy June Boon!

Lamorinda home sales recorded

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- 2 Carnoustie, \$2,175,000, 3 Bdrms, 3424 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 05-06-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 03-20-17
- 50 Corte Maria, \$2,325,000, 4 Bdrms, 3243 SqFt, 2001 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,500,000, 05-14-15
- 108 Danefield Place, \$1,875,000, 4 Bdrms, 2145 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 04-29-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,600,000, 09-14-21
- 10 Doral Drive, \$1,775,000, 3 Bdrms, 2238 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
Previous Sale: \$967,000, 10-30-19
- 80 Gaywood Place, \$1,750,000, 5 Bdrms, 2570 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 05-16-24
- 4 Haven Court, \$2,511,000, 4 Bdrms, 2552 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 04-30-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,905,000, 10-22-20
- 13 Merrill Drive, \$2,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 3916 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$130,000, 06-01-88
- 126 Miramonte Drive, \$1,130,000, 2 Bdrms, 1514 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 05-06-24,
Previous Sale: \$710,000, 10-09-18
- 1938 Saint Andrews Drive, \$1,600,000, 2 Bdrms, 1552 SqFt,
1978 YrBlt, 05-06-24, Previous Sale: \$535,000, 12-01-11
- 39 Sea Pines Street, \$1,720,000, 2 Bdrms, 2273 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 05-02-24,
Previous Sale: \$694,000, 03-29-11
- 17 Tamarisk, \$1,925,000, 3 Bdrms, 2828 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,355,000, 04-06-17
- 168 Via Joaquin, \$1,345,000, 3 Bdrms, 2018 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
Previous Sale: \$742,500, 06-17-15
- 7 Windeler Court, \$2,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 3116 SqFt, 1995 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
Previous Sale: \$785,000, 06-15-98

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- 7 Bates Boulevard, \$2,030,000, 3 Bdrms, 2270 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,290,000, 10-10-17
- 25 Bear Ridge Road, \$2,175,000, 5 Bdrms, 2852 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 05-10-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,685,000, 04-18-18
- 29 Brookside Road, \$3,000,000, 5 Bdrms, 4442 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 05-15-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,616,000, 04-16-12
- 143 Camino Pablo, \$1,695,000, 4 Bdrms, 2280 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 05-08-24
- 224 Camino Sobrante, \$2,480,000, 4 Bdrms, 3597 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 05-15-24,
Previous Sale: \$2,225,000, 08-08-16
- 166 Canon Drive, \$877,000, 2 Bdrms, 1831 SqFt, 1934 YrBlt, 05-16-24,
Previous Sale: \$200,000, 10-17-03
- 21 Donna Maria Way, \$2,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 2710 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 04-30-24,
Previous Sale: \$289,500, 06-01-87
- 122 El Toyonal, \$1,570,000, 3 Bdrms, 2162 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 04-29-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,125,000, 12-14-16
- 3 Hilary Way, \$1,500,000, 3 Bdrms, 1367 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 04-29-24
- 212 Ivy Drive, \$285,000, 4 Bdrms, 1832 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 05-03-24
- 91 La Cuesta Road, \$1,820,000, 3 Bdrms, 2401 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 04-29-24
- 40 La Encinal, \$1,175,000, 2 Bdrms, 1898 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 05-17-24,
Previous Sale: \$462,500, 05-05-23
- 271 Lomas Cantadas, \$1,700,000, 2160 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 05-14-24
- 151 Overhill Road, \$1,515,000, 3 Bdrms, 1496 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 04-29-24,
Previous Sale: \$750,000, 06-27-02
- 10 Ranch Road, \$6,337,500, 6 Bdrms, 6416 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 05-13-24,
Previous Sale: \$2,700,000, 08-30-13
- 170 Ravenhill Road, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 2245 SqFt, 1981 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,100,000, 07-12-19
- 2 Vallecito Lane, \$2,131,000, 4 Bdrms, 2904 SqFt, 2006 YrBlt, 05-07-24
- 11 Valley View Road, \$2,425,000, 3 Bdrms, 2349 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 05-15-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,150,000, 05-15-17
- 48 Via Floreado, \$2,520,000, 4 Bdrms, 2649 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 05-03-24,
Previous Sale: \$1,800,000, 06-02-21
- 316 Village View Court, \$1,800,000, 3 Bdrms, 2080 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 05-17-24