

# In the Back Yard

## Fall in the Garden

By Garth Jacober, Mt Diablo Nursery



Fall in the garden is a rebirth from spring and summer. Temperatures have cooled considerably-days are shorter and daylight is slowly escaping us in the evenings. This time of year is ideal for planting shrubs and trees. Winter rain will hopefully arrive soon which provide plants an opportunity to "heal in" to get a jump start before spring.

Adding annual flowers in the fall offer color for borders and beds. Pansies, violas, cyclamens, primrose and garden mums are good choices. Ornamental cabbages and kale offer spectacular color in pots and planters.



planters. Be sure to add new soil to pots and add soil amendments to planting beds.

Deciduous trees have great fall color and are a great addition to all gardens. Raywood Ash, Chinese Pistache, Bradford Pear, Crape Myrtle and White Birch are all good sources for fall color. Acer Rubra is also a good choice.

What about those deciduous trees that have great fall color now and will eventually drop their leaves? Why not start a compost pile? All that is needed is a mixture of green (lawn clippings) and brown (leaves) to create a good mulch for the spring. One can also use these leaves as weed barriers and mulch to top dress garden beds and vegetable boxes.

When mowing your lawn this time of year, be sure to adjust the height of your mower so that

the grass is not cut too short. It is also time to apply fall and winter lawn food.

Irrigation clocks should be reset when daylight savings time ends and changed to shorter run times. Plants are slowing down and winter dormancy is close by. There is no need for maximum watering times as in the summer months. Save and conserve water when you can. There is nothing worse than seeing a lawn with its sprinklers on during a winter downpour.

This time of year is a good time to reflect upon a great spring and summer in the garden. Take the time to look at the trees change color, watch the hummingbirds feed on the salvias, observe the blue jays and squirrels are pack food away for the winter.

Slow down, reflect and take a moment to be in the moment.

## The Orinda Christmas Tree Lot Returns

To raise today's dollars for today's kids

Submitted by Gabriella Mozee, Orinda Educational Foundation



"Today's dollars for today's kids!" That's what EFO is all about. "I am happy that EFO is able to come through for each child who attends public schools in Orinda precisely because EFO maintains a \$1.3 million in reserve called the Funds Functioning as Endowment (FFE). That means that if for any reason EFO is not able to raise and collect the \$1.4 million that is already pledged for the 2007-08 year, EFO will still cover it! The schools' administrators, teachers, parents and students can rely on our commitment and know that they will have the "hard

dollars" and resources needed to excel," says Janet Riley, EFO President.

It's this kind of earnest commitment and general benefit to the Orinda community that prompted Orinda residents Mike Kang and Barbara Cabellon to begin their seasonal Orinda Christmas Tree Lot business and proudly support EFO. Mike explains: "I realize that EFO is beneficial to everyone in Orinda, not just the school system. A good school system increases the value of our community's real estate. We're very fortunate here in Orinda,

where our schools are at the top 10% in the state. It's for everyone's benefit if we can keep our schools well funded even if the state doesn't."

This will be the second annual partnership between EFO and the Orinda Christmas Tree Lot, located in the old J. F. K. University campus on Altarinda Road. The Christmas trees themselves are from a tree farm in Oregon, owned by the most enthusiastic tree lover named Greg Bartells. The Christmas trees come in a variety of sizes, from the smallest table tops to the more magnificent tall ones, depending on your space and taste.

The Grand Opening this year will be the Friday of Thanksgiving week, November 23 through December 24. Hours will be from 11 am to 9 pm daily. Besides Christmas trees, Mike will also sell holiday wreaths and garlands. The lot will have space and tables available for Miramonte stu-

# SPORTS

## Lamorinda Girls Win a Third Consecutive Tournament

Submitted by Dennis Rowland



Lamorinda Soccer Club U17 Team

The under 17 girl's team from Lamorinda Soccer Club celebrated their third consecutive tournament victory Oct. 28 at the Placer United Foothill Cup tournament in Roseville. They add this win to previous victories in the U.S. Club National Cup in North Carolina and the California Cup. This week their next tournament takes the team to Tampa, Fla., where they will compete in the five day United Soccer Leagues Super-Y League North American Finals (Nov. 15 through 20).

To win the Foothill Cup, the Lamorinda girls defeated teams from across the Northwest. In the first game against Belmont Oaks of Redwood City, spectacular goal keeping by Laura Banister and the solid back line of Corrine Collins, Marissa Crossetti, Katherine Cuyler and Bonnie Zeiger held the opponent scoreless, resulting in a 0-0 tie. A conversion of Moira Heath's corner kick by Corrine Collins in the second game against the River City United Boca Juniors was enough to give Lamorinda a 1-0 win. In

the third game, the team faced the Ajax United Elite '91 team from Modesto. A well placed corner kick from Heath was headed by Marisa Rowland but hit the crossbar. McKenna deBack was there to kick the ball home for the 1-0 victory.

In the championship game, Lamorinda faced the Black Diamond from Park City, Utah. Two scores on breakaways carried the team to a 2-1 victory. In the first breakaway, DeBack's shot bounced off the goal but she was right there to catch the rebound and push it in for a score. The second breakaway score was by Rowland on a fine pass from Ashley Aczon.

Other members of the team are Adrienne Johnson, Kendall Pegan, Alex Salgado, Katherine Sander, Caroline Scofield, Elaine Tanski and Allegra Zoller. The team is coached by Mohamed Mohamed who is assisted by Alasdair Heath.



Barbara Cabellon and Mike Kang dents to bring, display and sell their Matador Marketplace products to help raise funds for their graduation events.

Now Orinda families can gather, mingle and shop for their Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands locally, knowing that a portion of the proceeds of the sales will support EFO directly. "For every tree that we sell, we will be donating a generous amount to EFO... Last year we donated over \$3,000; we hope this year we'll be able to raise that amount or higher with our community's increasing support."

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