

# Lamorinda OUR HOMES



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## Every Home Needs a Heart

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*Great food. Great conversation. Great view. Unbeatable combination. The Warners' kitchen is truly the heart of their home.*

*Photos Andy Scheck*

A mid-century ranch style residence that had lost its heart seems like an unlikely choice to receive one of Orinda's 2011 Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Architecture. Unlikely, that is, until you learn about the collaboration of love between the home's owners, an architect from an award-winning firm known for its soulful restoration designs, and the Orinda-based contractor who made their dreams real.

The residence, on Via Hermosa, received an award in the category for minor residential additions under 1,500 square feet and remodels. Like other winners this year, the Via Hermosa remodel was recognized for outstanding "property improvements which make an extraordinary contribution to the character and livability of Orinda neighborhoods."

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