

Miramonte Kitchen Tour – It Takes a Community

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Jasper's kitchen opens onto the garden.



Timeless detail adds to the ambience of Jasper's kitchen.

For the layout, she asked for a large nook area where her young sons come and do their homework, and for entertaining, she had the architect create a 'butler's pantry', a space between the kitchen and the formal dining room where dishes, wine or plates can be set for convenient serving.

Jasper's designing style is apparent in the overall feel she gave to the kitchen, as well as in the details. "We chose honed black granite for the center isle," she says, "while the other counters are made of basalt, which is a lighter shade of deep grey." The kitchen cabinets are white, the walls a light grey, the floor a deep, dark cherry; and the whole space is filled with light as two walls mostly made of windows overlook the garden. The kitchen opens into a family room, which is full of light itself.

The classic and elegant feel of the space is enhanced by such details as the kitchen door knobs that are miniature shiny bolts, or the design of the faucet overlooking the farmyard sink that could have come from an east coast beach house.

"The Parents' Club (of Miramonte High School) was looking for a way to bring the community together at some sort of fundraising event. We felt that a Kitchen Tour was the perfect event to host," said Miramonte parent Victoria Bizieff. "Each class donated a lovely basket stuffed with goodies for the raffle. They will be on display at Wilder, the starting point of the tour. Dianna Condon Cuisine will provide morning goodies at Wilder. Table 24 will also present food from their new south-of-the-border restaurant, Barbacoa, at one of the homes."

The Tour takes place on Thursday, February 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased at McDonnell Nursery, Orinda Books, Lazy K House at Orchard Nursery, or online at www.miramonteparents.com (click on Web Store).