



Orchids are beautiful and easy to grow.

Patience

A tomato can't be rushed. Nor can a carrot, or a rose, or a petunia. We could stand on top of the vine all day long shouting, prodding, encouraging, but our efforts will not yield a faster growth. Every plant is going to grow in the time it takes to do so. Patience is the keystone of a gardener's life. Gardening is an especially good way to teach children the value of patience. For every time, every season, there is a purpose and it is worth waiting for.

Spontaneity

Seeds fly through the air and grow where they fall. Vegetables, weeds and flowers are bedmates. No matter how carefully we curate our creations, the birds, bees, butterflies and wildlife always have something else in store for us. Just today I found holly growing under my camellia tree. I didn't put it there, and it will need to be transplanted, but I was so excited I kicked up my heels and wanted to fly a kite!

Curiosity

The garden is a world of wonder and exploration. Discovering the tiny salamander or croaking frog by the pond, or the odd color in the parsnip is exciting. Get down on your knees to investigate the insects or take a closer look at the stamen in the calla lily. Stick your nose in a Daphne bloom and inhale the perfume. Be curious. There is so much to learn.

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Lamorinda Home Sales recorded

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- 51 Hazel Tree Ridge, \$1,046,000, 12-29-14
- 65 Hillcrest Drive, \$1,580,000, 3 Bdrms, 1760 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 1-6-15;
Previous Sale: \$740,000, 07-19-13
- 54 La Campana Road, \$985,000, 3 Bdrms, 1531 SqFt, 1938 YrBlt, 12-31-14;
Previous Sale: \$915,000, 09-06-02
- 14 Las Palomas, \$1,500,000, 5 Bdrms, 2831 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 1-6-15;
Previous Sale: \$1,350,000, 08-01-12
- 87 Loma Vista Drive, \$699,000, 3 Bdrms, 1715 SqFt, 1928 YrBlt, 12-24-14;
Previous Sale: \$675,000, 03-15-00
- 253 Manzanita Drive, \$1,450,000, 4 Bdrms, 2591 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 12-30-14;
Previous Sale: \$1,352,500, 05-25-07
- 84 Tarry Lane, \$1,300,000, 3 Bdrms, 1782 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 12-30-14;
Previous Sale: \$161,500, 04-21-78
- Quince Terrace, \$1,447,000, 12-24-14
- 12 Wild Plun Way, \$1,537,000, 1-2-15

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