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Lafayette Juniors Kitchen Tour Highlights Diversity in Design

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The center island's butcher block-style walnut counter warms up the kitchen in the Birrell's downtown Lafayette home.

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The Lafayette Juniors Kitchen Tour returns Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's tour features six creatively designed kitchens that reflect the diverse styles and needs of their Lafayette homeowners.

Tour goers will get a look at a mid-century modern kitchen that was recently featured as a "Kitchen of the Week" on Houzz.com. Nestled in the Hidden Valley neighborhood of Lafayette, the

house was designed by Fred Langhorst, an apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright who worked in the Bay Area in the 1940s and early '50s.

Homeowner Debra Szidon fell in love with the house while searching for a mid-century home in the East Bay in 2012. A transplant from the Boston area and an interior designer, Szidon appreciated the organic architecture of the home, which includes the original redwood trim, concrete floors, exposed

brick walls in the family room and floor-to-ceiling windows that bathe the house in light.

"We really wanted to make sure we had the quintessential California home," says Szidon.

Since the kitchen is the first thing visitors see when they enter the home, Szidon wanted to make sure the room was welcoming as well as practical.

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