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November Gardening Guide

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Montelindo Garden Club Enjoys the Bounty of our 'Founding Gardeners'

By Kara Navolio



Author Andrea Wulf signs book for club member Susan Dalcamo

Photo Kara Navolio

The Montelindo Garden Club hosted five-time author Andrea Wulf on Oct. 21 for a discussion of her 2011 book "Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature and the Shaping of the American Nation." The book, a winner of the American Horticulture Society Book Award, is a flawlessly researched book about the gardens and farms of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison and the interconnection between these men's love of nature and their political lives. In 2011 it reached 32 on the New York Times Best Seller List for Non-Fiction.

As Wulf says, "All four of these men believed that agriculture was the basis of the American economy and important for the country's independence from Europe." While all four were avid gardeners themselves and combined the useful with the beautiful at their estates, it was James Madison who was America's first environmentalist. Readers will likely be surprised to learn that American environmentalism has its roots in a speech Madison delivered in 1818 in which he condemns Americans for the destruction of the environment and deforestation.

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MORAGA	7	\$410,000	\$1,311,500
ORINDA	7	\$1,430,000	\$2,875,000

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LAFAYETTE

- 859 Acalanes Road, \$1,380,000, 3 Bdrms, 2495 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 10-6-16;
Previous Sale: \$960,000, 12-30-11
- 17 Almaden Court, \$965,000, 3 Bdrms, 1690 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 10-7-16;
Previous Sale: \$48,000, 07-12-72
- 3075 Camino Diablo #3, \$601,000, 2 Bdrms, 1253 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 9-27-16;
Previous Sale: \$329,500, 01-20-10
- 320 Denise Lane, \$1,080,000, 4 Bdrms, 2319 SqFt, 2000 YrBlt, 10-4-16;
Previous Sale: \$599,500, 06-20-01
- 1674 Foothill Park Circle, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2102 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 9-29-16;
Previous Sale: \$540,000, 09-21-00
- 1661 Glen Oak Court, \$859,000, 4 Bdrms, 2000 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 9-27-16
- 3111 Gloria Terrace, \$905,000, 4 Bdrms, 2390 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 9-27-16
- 521 McBride Drive, \$1,325,000, 4 Bdrms, 2017 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 10-7-16;
Previous Sale: \$1,225,000, 08-12-16
- 1003 Pine Lane, \$1,405,000, 4 Bdrms, 2516 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 10-4-16;
Previous Sale: \$897,500, 05-21-03
- 3148 Sandalwood Court, \$1,870,000, 5 Bdrms, 3172 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 10-4-16
- 3369 South Lucille Lane, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 1518 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 10-7-16;
Previous Sale: \$960,000, 09-28-05
- 3302 Stage Coach Drive, \$1,425,000, 3 Bdrms, 2961 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 9-29-16;
Previous Sale: \$1,220,000, 01-05-07
- 1049 Upper Happy Valley Road #B, \$3,250,000, 5 Bdrms, 4278 SqFt, 2015 YrBlt, 10-12-16
- 507 Winchester Court, \$1,700,000, 5 Bdrms, 3489 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 10-4-16;
Previous Sale: \$1,670,000, 08-14-07

MORAGA

- 111 Ascot Court #A, \$410,000, 2 Bdrms, 1106 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 9-29-16;
Previous Sale: \$355,000, 03-14-14
- 368 Deerfield Drive, \$1,125,000, 4 Bdrms, 2201 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 10-3-16;
Previous Sale: \$554,000, 06-15-99
- 65 Miramonte Drive, \$570,000, 2 Bdrms, 1248 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 10-12-16
- 8 Ravenhill Lane, \$1,311,500, 5 Bdrms, 2385 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 9-29-16;
Previous Sale: \$1,267,000, 04-25-07
- 11 Ross Drive, \$1,205,000, 3 Bdrms, 1755 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 10-7-16;
Previous Sale: \$955,000, 11-01-05
- 349 Tharp Drive, \$1,311,000, 4 Bdrms, 2470 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 9-28-16;
Previous Sale: \$1,050,000, 05-30-13
- 116 Via Joaquin, \$710,000, 3 Bdrms, 2117 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 9-29-16;
Previous Sale: \$620,000, 12-10-14

ORINDA

- 407 Camino Sobrante, \$2,875,000, 6 Bdrms, 5091 SqFt, 1938 YrBlt, 9-29-16
- 128 Diablo View Drive, \$1,769,000, 4 Bdrms, 4579 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 10-4-16;
Previous Sale: \$922,500, 07-19-11
- 77 Oak Road, \$1,430,000, 4 Bdrms, 2480 SqFt, 2003 YrBlt, 10-6-16;
Previous Sale: \$210,000, 05-04-99
- 91 Orchard Road, \$2,100,000, 3 Bdrms, 3355 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 10-4-16;
Previous Sale: \$825,000, 07-28-00
- 12 Richard Court, \$1,450,000, 4 Bdrms, 2415 SqFt, 1940 YrBlt, 9-29-16
- 109 Sleepy Hollow Lane, \$1,615,000, 4 Bdrms, 2095 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 10-12-16;
Previous Sale: \$1,000,000, 08-31-10
- 630 Tahos Road, \$1,750,000, 4 Bdrms, 3286 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 9-28-16;
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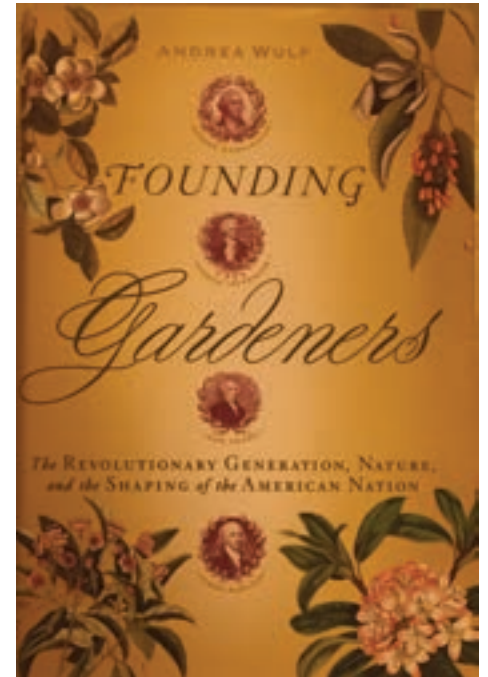
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Wulf's book, as well as her newly published "Invention of Nature," are available at Orinda Books.

The Montelindo Garden Club, whose mission is to support the love of gardening and nature by providing practical information about plants and to support civic gardening and conservation programs, meets on the third Friday of the month from September to May at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Orinda. Meetings start at 9 a.m. and are open to visitors.

"We are open to new members and welcome all who are interested," said club President Joan Reid. The club has 115 members, many from the Lamorinda area, but also from as far as Oakland and San Ramon.

The club often features guest speakers such as Wulf, hosts plant sales, garden tours, and participates in civic beautification. It's a place to learn more about gardening and nature topics as well as enjoy social activities. For more information, visit their website: www.montelindogarden.com.



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Feng Shui

Bringing the Elements Inside This Season

By Michele Duffy



In my last column, I gave an overview of the Five Elements: Wood, Earth, Water, Fire and Metal, and the role they play in our lives and homes. Now we look at how each can balance out the other.

When we carefully overlay the Feng Shui Bagua map over our spaces based on the Front Entrance of the home and look into the home, we can figure out that Wealth/Abundance area rules far left Bagua area from the front entrance and Relationships rule the area to the far right.

So, for example, when a Lafayette client wanted to activate the Wealth area we discovered it was her master bedroom. She chose a lovely soft pale lavender for her walls to activate the wood element and to create a very zen feel for her bedroom, plus juicy romantic red satin pillows and a sumptuous gold bedspread. The overall design included a comfy nurturing area rug, a pair of bedside tables and 100-watt lamps, and a purple orchid to activate the wood element as well as romance. We can also incorporate the Water Element that creates Wood and minimize the Metal

Element, which controls Wood, for a thorough balance.

The intention was to create an abundantly nourishing, restful, calm, cozy and romantic retreat that addressed the actual function of the room (bedrooms are for sleeping and sensuality) as well as also activating the specific Wealth (Wood) area of the Bagua.

The actual application of each elemental "CURE" is very personalized based on each individual, the layout of the home, and the goal is to integrate the Five Elements of Feng Shui with the specific goals of each person so the desired results are achieved.

The 5 Feng Shui Elements (Chinese Elements)

In Feng Shui we also must have a working knowledge of the the "Controlling" or "Overcoming" cycle of the Five Elements, in the likely event we need to balance, calm and adjust what already exists in your home. Often, when we find imbalances we make the appropriate adjustments carefully and skillfully apply the Five Elements.

When we analyze an environment, we also apply the "Overcoming" or "Destructive" cycle of the Five Elements, since what we find may be out of balance and the easiest way to restore balance is application of the Five Elements. To understand the relationship of the controlling cycle, we must look more closely at the origin of the Five Element theory in China where the responsibility of disciplining the children rested with the grandparents. The metaphor of the controlling cycle describes the relationship of a grandmother disciplining a grandchild.

Destructive Feng Shui Cycles

- Wood consumes earth (plants take nutrients)
- Earth dams water (earth stops water from flowing)
- Water extinguishes fire (water will kill fire)
- Fire melts metal (metal will melt and change form)
- Metal cuts wood (axes, etc.)

A Review of The Cycles

Promoting	Controlling
wood promotes fire	wood controls earth
fire promotes earth	earth controls water
earth promotes metal	water controls fire
metal promotes water	fire controls metal
water promotes wood	metal controls wood

For example, an Orinda client had a large swimming pool (water element) in the Fame (Fire) area of the yard

(back middle). If you refer to the Destructive cycle, you will see that that Water extinguishes Fire and so the placement of a more permanent structure such as a pool, can be balanced out by introducing more fire element, but also Wood Element which weakens Water and produces or creates more Fire.

Fall is ruled by the Metal elements which is closely associated with the harvest and when we reap what we planted in the spring. The colors change brilliantly all around us, and the sky is at its bluest against the awesome leaves. The air is cooler and drier; and there seems to be more clarity of vision, both externally as well as spiritually. Autumn reminds us that flexibility and adaptability are crucial for staying healthy and balanced during the winter months ahead. During this time you will want to prepare for the challenges of winter by completing unfinished projects, clearing away clutter and debris, setting extra food and fuel aside, and making sure that you are physically and emotionally prepared for the cold, dark months to come.

How do we integrate and activate the Metal Element of Fall in our homes? The freshness, clarity and strong cooling energy of the Metal element can be expressed in colors white and gray, a variety of metallic finishes, in round shapes, as well as numerous decor items made from metal, of course.

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WEALTH & PROSPERITY "Gratitude" REAR LEFT <u>Wood</u> Blues, purple & reds	FAME & REPUTATION "Integrity" REAR MIDDLE <u>Fire</u> Reds	LOVE & MARRIAGE "Receptivity" REAR RIGHT <u>Earth</u> Reds, pinks, & whites
HEALTH & FAMILY "Strength" MIDDLE LEFT <u>Wood</u> Blues & Greens	CENTER "Earth" Yellow & earth tones	CREATIVITY & CHILDREN "Joy" MIDDLE RIGHT <u>Metal</u> White & Pastels
KNOWLEDGE & SELF CULTIVATION "Stillness" FRONT LEFT <u>Earth</u> Black, blues & greens	CAREER "Depth" FRONT MIDDLE <u>Water</u> Black & dark tones	HELPFUL PEOPLE & TRAVEL "Synchronicity" FRONT RIGHT <u>Metal</u> White, grey & black

The Bagua Map: Front Door



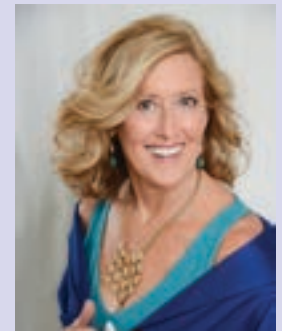
First, make sure that your home isn't already too metal and perhaps cold and unwelcoming. We can integrate and place symbols of the fall harvest, like pumpkins and gourds, at our front door or dining rooms. In the middle right area of our home we can also add the freshness of more white and metallic sculpture or decorative mirrors. Also, warm up your home with lots of Earth Element (Earth creates Metal) so think cozy tangerine, cappuccino or golden throws, extra blankets ready for the beds, and pillows and other accessories in seasonal, earthy colors.

Again, much of the desired results and balance can be adjusted easily and most completely with the Five Elements theory, and we can also apply this for the entire home and also room by

room. Each of the Five Elements should ideally be present in all rooms and spaces, otherwise there is an imbalance created. These spaces can feel weak, lethargic, uneasy and draining. Instead of home feeling healthy and calm and supportive, it might be creating a sense of anxiety, stress and unease. Even the colors we choose might inadvertently weaken the overall Feng Shui of the places that are meant to restore and nourish us the most.

All of this is easily remedied by easy, inexpensive and accessible Feng Shui Five Elements "adjustments" and when the elemental balance is achieved, we truly can experience "SPACE AS MEDICINE." for spaces that feel as good as they look.

Michele Duffy, BTB M.F.S. is an Orinda resident who, since 1999, enjoys creating "Space as Medicine" Feng Shui one space at a time, as well as hiking in nature, cooking, and spending time with her family; Canyon Ranch Feng Shui Master, International Feng Shui Guild (IFSG) Red Ribbon Professional. To schedule a professional 2015 Feng Shui Consultation, contact Michele at (520) 647-4887 or send an email to spaceharmony@gmail.com.



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November Gardening Guide

Color Me Happy

By Cynthia Brian

"I feel like a warm, red autumn!" — Marilyn Monroe



A wall fountain is festooned with pumpkins and gourds to celebrate the season.

Photos Cynthia Brian

My favorite part of a November autumn is looking out from my bedroom balcony to the kaleidoscope of colors dotting the landscape in the valley. Trees are cloaked in hues of magenta, sienna, umber, gold, russet, umber, purple, red, pumpkin and a variety of greens. Wherever I walk or drive, the picturesque autumn foliage of northern California rivals the forests of the Eastern seaboard. We are indeed fortu-

nate to live in a climate that harks four seasons.

November of this year brings us an election as well as Thanksgiving. Since politics is not my favorite subject, I prefer to focus on what needs to be done in our November garden before Turkey Day. Autumn is the best time to plant because the soil is still warm and the rains are imminent. To find trees bursting with colorful leaves, visit your local nursery. Japanese Maple, pistache, liquid amber, crape myrtle and many fruit trees put on quite a spectacular show this time of year. Buy them now and plant them where they will grow, thrive and enhance your landscape.

Information on Grass Seed and the Rain

When it rained this past week, I ran outside to plant seeds of my 100-year-old-plus heirloom hollyhock seeds as well as sunflower seeds. The drizzly weather also posed the most auspicious moment to reseed my lawn with Pearl's Premium lawn seed and fertilize with an organic cover. My new grass is already sprouting.

Several emails have arrived asking for more information

about my experience with Pearl's Premium. I'm not paid to talk or write about this product. (Although I probably should be on the payroll because I'm so passionate about this seed.) Being a believer in one's right to have a lawn for enjoyment, I've been on a mission to find the grass seed that will remain green while using less water. With my first summer of using Pearl's Premium behind me, I offer you my personal experimental results.

1. Grass remained somewhat green with brown and bare spots where the irrigation missed the mark.
2. Pearl's Premium definitely choked out the majority of weeds.
3. I watered twice a week in 12-minute segments per station using 34 percent less water over the previous year.
4. The lawn was mowed once a week and grass clippings were left on the lawn at least twice per month to add nutrients.
5. Although not a lush green in the summer, the grass did not die.
6. With just two rainy days, the lawn has emerged as emerald. I still have a lawn!

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Cynthia Brian's November Gardening Guide

- **TIME** to fall back! Set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 6.
- **HEAL** by looking at nature. For over 32 years since the journal Science published the study by behavioral scientist Roger Ulrich, we know that just viewing trees and the outdoors enhances wellness and speeds healing.
- **GATHER** guavas that have fallen to make a jam or other guava treat.
- **SOW** these vegetable seeds for a bountiful early winter harvest: lettuce, Asian greens spinach, arugula, chard, chicory, kale, radish, cabbage, beets and cress.
- **FERTILIZE** your lawns with an organic mixture and reseed during the rains. Cover the grass with mulch or screens to keep the birds from eating the seeds.
- **SPREAD** seeds of hollyhock along fence lines or at the back of your garden as hollyhock can grow to 12 feet or more.
- **HELP** the birds settle in for the upcoming winter by cleaning nesting boxes and providing plenty of seed to their feeders.
- **DECORATE** your waterfall, fountain, or front door with a variety of odd-shaped pumpkins and gourds.
- **COLLECT** acorns, leaves, and nuts to add to your festive kitchen or dining room table fall tableau of squash, gourds, and pumpkins.
- **COLOR** your world by planting bushes that boast fall and winter berries including cotoneaster, holly, and pyracantha. (Pyracantha plants have sharp thorns. Plant in low traffic areas. Pyracantha don't have berries, but pomes.)
- **MULCH** by shredding the raked leaves from the deciduous trees adding grass clippings, dried plants stems, and trimmings all which provide water conservation, better drainage, and nutrients to the soil.
- **PLANT** your spring blooming bulbs now including daffodils, crocus, freesia, ranunculus, hyacinths, Dutch Iris, tulips, and other favorites. You'll be able to continue planting bulbs through January. Mark the location with plant tags or wooden paint sticks.



Remarkable intricacy in a close up look at Liquid Amber leaves.

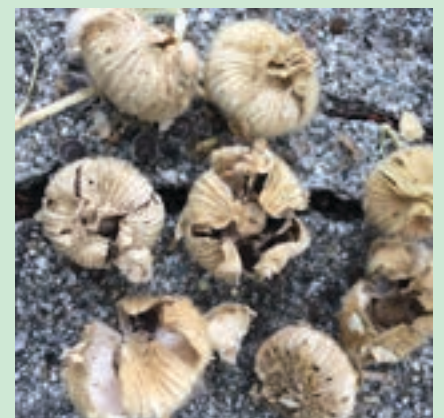
- **BUY** trees with fall color at your local nursery or garden center including Crape Myrtle, Pistache, Liquid Amber and Japanese Maple.
- **COVER** patio furniture and move potted frost tender plants under an overhang or bring indoors.
- **ENJOY** the warmth and the beauty of this annual autumn fashion extravaganza.
- **CAPTURE** the moments with your smartphone to compare your garden to next years show. It's amazing how much our landscapes change.
- **VOTE** on Nov. 8. One person does make a difference.

Color me happy!
Happy Gardening and Happy Growing!

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As noted, I am reseeding my lawns with the expectation that next spring and summer will have even better results as the instructions on the Pearl's Premium label do indicate that it can take a year for proper establishment. According to Jackson Madnick, the founder of the company, Pearl's Premium is not sold at retail establishments here in our area so you will need to purchase online at www.PearlsPremium.com. He is currently installing seven acres of his grass in Palm Desert. The seed is drought tolerant. As promised, for all of you Lamorinda lawn lovers, I will continue to update you on my experiences. For now, I am happy with my green!



View of the colorful autumn landscape from Cynthia's bedroom balcony



Cynthia Brian in the fall vineyards post harvest.

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\$1,135,000

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244 El Toyonal

Forever views across Orinda to Mt. Diablo. Delightful living spaces on 2 levels w/modern remodeled kitchen; living rm & dining rm open to outside w/extensive decking/ views. Bonus offices.

\$1,299,000

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Pending

31 Parkway Court

Incredible Location! This 1797 sq. ft. 4bd/3ba charmer sits at the end of a cul-de-sac on a large .56 acre lot. Updated throughout, open floor plan, walk to Glorietta Elementary!

\$1,375,000

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New Listing

139 La Cuesta Road

Fabulous 5 bed, 3 bath, 2622 sq. ft., custom home nestled on prime close-in cul de sac in prestigious Orinda Country Club neighborhood. Spacious, beautifully maintained home. Lovely setting with breathtaking views.

\$1,389,000

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Pending

114 Hillcrest Drive

Glorietta neighborhood stylish Craftsman 4bd/3ba all rebuilt to perfection in 2008. Beaut. design highest quality, great room w/gourmet kitchen, Anderson doors, views, level lawns. Great schools.

\$1,495,000

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220 Camino Sobrante

Special location on the lake. Classic, wood crafted 4bd/4ba home has great use of space on two levels, ideal for comfortable living & entertaining. Bonus sports court. Alluring setting of beauty & privacy.

\$1,695,000

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147 Camino Don Miguel

Set on private, lush .32ac overlooking 4th fairway of OCC. 3bd/2.5ba w/apx. 3223sqft, hdwd flrs, main flr master ste, ofc/den, sun porch. Near top-rated schools, Orinda Village & commute. Views!

\$1,850,000

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5 Oak Arbor Road

Prime Oak Arbor living at its best! Traditional European spectacular home w/quality features in/outside w/grand-scale rooms of exceptional space, light + access outdoors. Gorgeous setting!

\$2,695,000

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New Price

105 Crane Terrace

Exceptional 4.87 acre gated estate traditional of incredible appeal on alluring knoll, private setting of pano views. Custom craftsmanship. Lovely grounds w/lawns, gardens, mature trees.

\$2,950,000

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160 Camino Don Miguel

Spectacular Spanish Mediterranean 5bd/5.5ba 5851sqft home overlooks the 4th hole of OCC. Rebuilt from ground up in 1996. Resort quality pool & spa, gardens & views.

\$4,795,000

MORAGA



New Listing

820 Country Club Drive

Sought after single level, end unit on cul-de-sac. Nicely updated throughout. Walk to town, trails, etc. Enjoy MCC amenities: golf, swim, tennis, club house. Top schools!

\$725,000

MORAGA



670 Augusta Drive

Updated & ready to move in! Kitchen w/cherry cabinets, granite & Brazilian cherry flrs thruout main flr. Gardens, private patio. Rare 3 BR+ bonus rm. Close to clubhouse, facilities. Walk to town!

\$895,000

MORAGA



76 Lynwood Place

Desirable Corliss neighborhood. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with sparkling pool. Close to schools, shopping and trails.

\$1,695,000

MORAGA



9 Shannon Court

Sanders Ranch estate property over 1.5 acres, 4966 sq. ft., Chef's kitchen, hardwood, new carpet, fresh paint, pool, ideal indoor/outdoor living spaces.

\$3,125,000

LAFAYETTE



Pending

905 Acalanes Road

Located in Hidden Valley, this 4bd/2.5ba home has it all. Close to Hwy 24 & downtown Lafayette & Reservoir. Updated kitchen, dining rm & high ceiling family rm. Large master suite, remodeled baths.

\$1,249,000

LAFAYETTE



3 Dollis Park Road

Large 4bd/3.5ba, 4090 sq. ft. home w/ideal functional floor plan. Lovely kitchen/ family rm + bonus rec. rm. Luxurious master suite. Great guest bedroom w/bath is ideal for separation of space.

\$1,489,000



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