

The recurring allure of mid-century modern architecture

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High-beamed ceilings bring the outdoors in.

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“Everyone loves the period of time they were built in,” said Abrams. “They are so interesting looking and they are unique in their design. That is what people are looking for.”

Since Lamorinda developed and grew during the mid-century modern boom, the community has its fair share of these real estate gems. According to Vlatka Bathgate, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in Orinda, these popular homes have character and bigger yards than more modern houses.

“They have lots of details,” Bathgate explained. “They are not cookie-cutter homes. Some of them are dated but most of them have been worked on.”

Abrams noted that these customized homes have a desired architectural quality that is lacking in the rancho homes of the area. She noted that the average price for one in Lamorinda is \$1.2 million and some of them still need to be renovated.

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Outdoor decks offer another connection with the outdoors.

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Walls of windows capture fantastic views.

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An overhang shades the front entrance of this mid-century modern home.

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