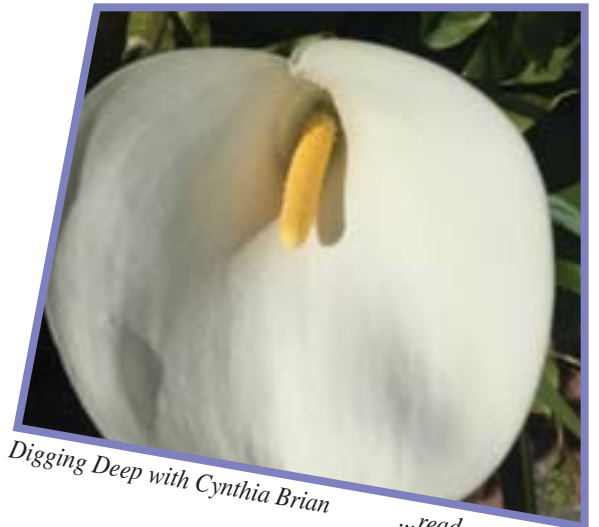


Lamorinda OUR HOMES

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Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian
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Papa John is once again helping Lafayette residents with their chickens. As he has done many times before, this spring John Kiefer – better known to most as Papa John – is running workshops from his Lafayette home, sharing his extensive knowledge of chickens.

In fact his classes have proved so popular, they are once again full, so he is (once again) adding another class on March 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to accommodate those on the wait list – and he has room for a few more.

Each workshop is a complete class, not part of a series, and teaches how to raise chickens from starting young chicks in a brooding box to moving them into the coop, maintaining laying hens and constructing a sustainable coop. All participants receive an email upon completion of all course materials.

Papa John has been raising chickens since he moved to Lafayette in 1966. He decided to develop a sustainable environment for chickens appropriate to the limited space of residential living.

And thus was born his sustainable coop which keeps chickens on soft soil, rather than raised up on a floor in the way of traditional pre-made coops. Kiefer says that the chickens like to scratch in the dirt and, by keeping them on the soil they create healthy manure by effectively digging it in for themselves. And because in this natural environment the

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Lamorinda Home Sales recorded

City	Last reported:	LOWEST AMOUNT:	HIGHEST AMOUNT:
LAFAYE E	5	\$1,300,000	\$3,485,000
MO GA	3	\$715,000	\$1,815,000
ORINDA	4	\$1,075,000	\$1,539,000

Home sales are compiled by Cal REsource, an Oakland real estate information company. Sale prices are computed from the county transfer tax information shown on the deeds that record at close of escrow and are published eight weeks after such recording. This information is obtained from public county records and is provided to us by California REsource. Neither Cal REsource nor this publication are liable for errors or omissions.

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- 3149 Gloria Terrace, \$1,300,000, 5 Bdrms, 2541 SqFt, 1965 YrBlit, 2-23-18;
Previous Sale: \$481,000, 04-14-00
- 3192 Lucas Circle, \$1,370,000, 2 Bdrms, 1553 SqFt, 1959 YrBlit, 2-21-18;
Previous Sale: \$825,000, 05-21-10
- 1601 Reliez Valley Road, \$3,485,000, 3 Bdrms, 2263 SqFt, 1956 YrBlit, 2-26-18;
Previous Sale: \$1,250,000, 08-07-15
- 872 Solana Drive, \$1,700,000, 4 Bdrms, 2196 SqFt, 1947 YrBlit, 2-13-18
- 3253 Surmont Drive, \$2,075,000, 4 Bdrms, 2876 SqFt, 1964 YrBlit, 2-20-18;
Previous Sale: \$565,000, 05-23-96

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- 13 Hanson Court, \$820,000, 2 Bdrms, 1845 SqFt, 1984 YrBlit, 2-23-18;
Previous Sale: \$269,000, 08-30-93
- 28 Sullivan Drive, \$1,815,000, 5 Bdrms, 2781 SqFt, 1965 YrBlit, 2-15-18;
Previous Sale: \$750,000, 07-18-01
- 538 Woodminster Drive, \$715,000, 2 Bdrms, 1620 SqFt, 1974 YrBlit, 2-23-18;
Previous Sale: \$550,000, 06-05-13

ORINDA

- 28 Dos Encinas, \$1,539,000, 4 Bdrms, 2874 SqFt, 1955 YrBlit, 2-22-18;
Previous Sale: \$72,500, 06-29-73
- 215 La Espiral, \$1,075,000, 4 Bdrms, 2656 SqFt, 1952 YrBlit, 2-14-18
- 21 Ramona Drive, \$1,400,000, 3 Bdrms, 1637 SqFt, 1954 YrBlit, 2-20-18;
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- 201 Village Gate Road, \$1,100,000, 2 Bdrms, 1858 SqFt, 1979 YrBlit, 2-14-18



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Now that spring is truly here, are you feeling inspired by all the local color?

Nature-inspired color is the real purpose of balanced feng shui in your home – color that mirrors the barely translucent dewy sky, the persimmon fruit, the slate earth of the coast, the dancing blues of the waves, or the barky ruddiness of the redwoods. If we want the benefits of nature indoors, one key element is through the colors we choose from our interaction with nature around us here in the Bay Area.

Color influences the vibe of various rooms, infuses our senses with a backdrop for our lives, and creates necessary depth in a room's canvas. Color is meaningful and important for an energy-rich environment and life. The right colors create restorative calm in a master bedroom, a complimentary reflection for the food we

eat in the kitchen, and sets the tone for a cozy living room or intimate dining room.

But for some, color is daunting. Many clients tell me that they would no sooner be able to select a hue of their dreams for their home even if they personally dreamt it. Seriously and to be sure, color selection can be a happy journey if you are prepared to do some up-front legwork first.

First, it's a great idea to spend some time thinking about the colors that you love. What makes you feel happy and alive? Forget about trends; spend time researching and thinking about the colors that resonate with you, or certain colors that inspire you in nature. Consider the amount of natural light in your

space. Is there more or less light? Observe your picks morning, noon and night. Ask your partner or kids to weigh in as well and see if a favorite doesn't begin to emerge. ... continued on page D8



ONE LEVEL PATIO HOME IN ORINDAWOODS | 328 VILLAGE VIEW DRIVE, ORINDA | 3BD | 2 BA | 2080 SQFT | \$1,599,000



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Feng Shui

Activating the colors of spring

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Constellation is a light blue color that sets a calming serene tone for any master like this one in Lafayette

When you hold the Bagua looking into your home, for example, Relationships are the far right area and Wealth is far left. Where is the room located that you want to paint? Are your hallways or stairs in the center, or off to the right? Each element has colors that represent it but you are not limited to just those

colors; you can also pick the elemental color scheme that creates or supports the area you want to paint. Other colors that enliven and strengthen feng shui are the colors that symbolize the element that produces or creates the area that you want to paint.

Consider the creative cycle: water creates wood,

wood creates fire, fire creates earth, earth creates metal, and metal creates water. So for example, a client of mine had her master bedroom in the wealth area (ruled by wood) and chose another lovely Benjamin Moore blue, Harbor Haze, to represent water, which creates wood. Getting some professional guidance might also be fun, especially if you are interested in this last step of incorporating feng shui. A professional can help with your color choices that support your intention either way, and add the right decorative elements to the room to balance out any color choice and improve the flow of chi!

Happy spring!



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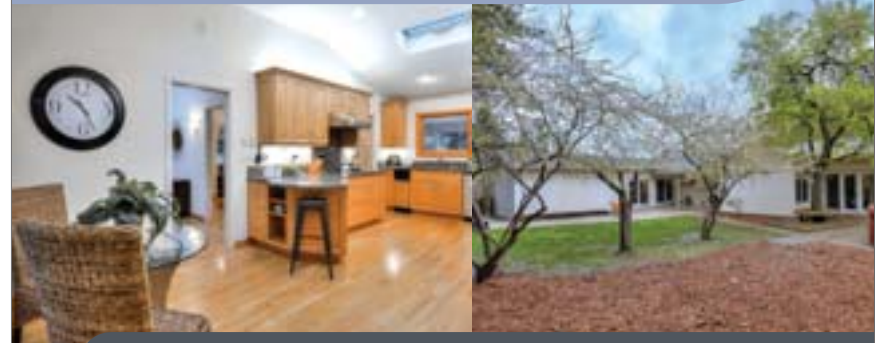
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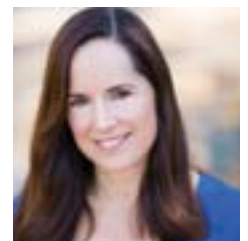
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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Sow spring

By Cynthia Brian

“All through the long winter I dream of my garden. On the first warm day of Spring I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar.” – Helen Hayes



A cover crop of mustard prepares the soil for sowing.

Photos Cynthia Brian

My cell rang as I juggled to open the front door, arms filled with books. I pressed the speaker button and in the few seconds it took me to say “hello” my daughter’s excited voice chimed, “Mom, I hear the frogs singing. It’s springtime!”

As winter bids farewell, the male troubadours “de printemps,” fill the early evening mist with their mating croaks to entice the females. Their call is joyous, raucous, and a welcome harbinger of new life. My garden has erupted in a cavalcade of color as one blossom after another unfurls its beauty. Cherries, chestnut, plum, crabapple, Asian pear, Western red bud and tulip magnolia are magnificent with their new wardrobes of rose, white, pink and purple. The feathery fronds of fennel glisten in the sunlight. The fragrance of freesia, narcissi, and stock perfume the atmosphere. Periwinkle, also known as vinca, enhances garden beds with its tiny blue flowers. Even my roses are blooming earlier than normal. Hellebores, more commonly called Lenten roses, inject the earthy colors of browns and grays into the landscape. As their spring sepals emerge, vibrant hues of purple, green, blue, lavender, red and pink brighten shady gardens, eventually fading in color variation.

It seems that all of nature has been holding its breath until the frogs returned cueing the melodic symphony of nature.

Because they tolerate extremes in weather, are resistant to deer munchies, and reseed easily. Even the recent hailstorm won’t adversely affect poppies. As soon as you can work the ground, sow seeds directly into well-drained beds and plant in full sun. Even if the weather is cool, poppies can handle light frost, so sow now! If you haven’t amended your soil with compost, you may need to fertilize. Keep the soil moist then thin seedlings to about six inches apart to allow for the plants to flourish. ... continued on page D14

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for March

A fan of fennel nestled above sage and French persil.

- **PLANT** rhubarb for a pretty perennial that will supply you with plenty of ruby red stalks for pies and tarts this summer. Cut off and discard all rhubarb leaves as they contain poisonous oxalic acid.
- **INVEST** in roots of asparagus. Asparagus can take up to five years to produce spears but will continue to offer a bountiful harvest for 20 years. Experiment with Purple Passion (purple is the color of the year!) for a sweet, tender, and mild flavor.
- **PULL** weeds as soon as you see them sprout while the ground is still moist.
- **CHOP** down cover crops and hoe into the soil.
- **FERTILIZE** lawns to give them a good boost of nitrogen and nutrients for the forthcoming season.
- **PICK** established kale and other greens before they go to seed.

Harvest beets and eat the greens and the root vegetable.

- **CHECK** irrigation system for breaks or leaks.
- **BUILD** raised beds for your vegetables and herbs. Your back will thank you throughout the year.
- **ADD** fresh compost to all garden beds.
- **SEED** or reseed lawns. I recommend Pearls Premium for its durability, deep roots, and need for minimal water. <http://www.PearlsPremium.com>.
- **PRUNE** privets into hedges and bushes unless you want tall trees.
- **LOOSEN** compacted soil by turning amendments into the soil with a garden fork.
- **CLIP** boxwoods and shape as needed.
- **HARVEST** beets that were planted in fall.
- **BUY** discounted tickets to the June 15 Oakland As versus Los Angeles Angels Baseball Game with a portion of proceeds benefiting the 501 c3 charity, Be the Star You

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- **START** seeds of tomatoes indoors or a in a greenhouse.
- **CONTINUE** to pick up all fallen camellia blossoms until there are none left on your bush or tree. My tree had thousands of blooms this year. My daily regimen includes collecting at least 100 or more spent blooms.
- **CHECK** the weather forecasts to know when it's going to sprinkle or rain. It's best to sow and fertilize at this time.
- **SUPPORT** eco-therapy and walk in the woods. Forest bathing or shinrin-yoku has been scientifically proven to improve our immune systems.
- **FOR** more spring landscaping tips, buy •Growing with the Goddess GardenerŽ www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store.

Happy Gardening and Happy Growing!





Color combos of *Aesias* and succulents.



Cynthia Brian gets ready for St. Patrick's Day in a field of shamrocks.

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