



Digging Deep with Cynthia Brian

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Upscale design and finishes featured in Lafayette Juniors Kitchen Tour



Moss Beach served as inspiration for this Lafayette kitchen remodel.

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The 20th Annual Lafayette Juniors Kitchen Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, May 4 features six beautiful and distinctive kitchens located in various neighborhoods throughout Lafayette, with proceeds from the event benefiting MISSEY, Family Harvest Farm, An Elderly Wish Foundation, Community Violence Solutions/Children's Interview Center, Family Support Services, and Family Violence Law Center.

One of the kitchens featured on the tour is in the Happy Valley neighborhood, lovingly

and meticulously remodeled by a savvy designer-homeowner over the course of the past two years.

"The home began as a modest and traditional wood paneled rancher, and has been transformed into a spacious, open and peaceful entertaining spot," according to Lafayette Juniors public relations coordinator Karen Evans. "The family wanted a modern, clean aesthetic but one that is functional and practical with kids and dogs, and comfortable for living and entertaining. The homeowner has an eye for details and was adamant that the kitchen reflect a clean and calm atmos-

phere. This is why there is not a single wall outlet in sight. Even their kitchen appliances are hidden ... tucked away nicely in a pull handle cabinet garage." The unique lighting over the vast kitchen island (used extensively for baking projects by their younger daughter) adds a touch of whimsy to offset the modern kitchen and adds warmth so it isn't too stark, said Evans. The kitchen features a Sub-Zero refrigerator, WOLF range, Bosch dishwasher and Bosch microwave drawer.

Another home on the tour got a vibrant, beachy kitchen redesign as part of the homeowners' larger home remodel. "The homeowners have undergone a major expansion, converting an outdoor patio to a family room, updating the interior features throughout the home including adding large, custom barn doors, a beautiful wood tile fireplace and a functional mudroom," said Evans. "Their time living in Moss Beach was an inspiration throughout the redesigned kitchen, which is light filled and bright, with beautiful pops of color and clean, timeless cabinetry and counters."

The space facilitates an indoor-outdoor lifestyle that incorporated their recently renovated yard, including a gorgeous new deck and refinished pool. Upon entry, Evans says you are struck by the wonderful flow between the home and backyard, with large windows and glass doors providing ample natural light.

Tour tickets are \$50 (\$45 of which is tax deductible). Tickets are available online through May 3 (<http://lafayettejuniors.org/fundraisers>) and at Premier Kitchens in Lafayette on the morning of May 4.

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