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OUR HOMES

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Outdoor entertaining design ...

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Sip into summer



A grouping of roses, calendula, and Nigella offers scents of summer.

Photo Cynthia Brian

By Cynthia Brian

“As the scent to the rose, are those memories to me.” – Amelia C. Welby

Cooler weather has bidden a sweet goodbye, and warmer days beckon us to linger outdoors. My garden is ablaze with blooms and the aromas of scrumptious scents. My daughter Heather Brittany, also an avid gardener, is visiting and wants to learn more

by walking through the landscape with me. However, on this occasion, I am the student and she is the teacher as we stroll through the perfumed botanicals. Heather is a sommelier, a trained and knowledgeable wine professional working in an elite and innovative winery in Temecula.

With a glass of vino in hand and several varietals opened on the patio, she crushes leaves and pinches petals informing me of

the subtle flavors we may be experiencing as we sip our way through the backyard. We pick nasturtium, rose, mint, mock orange, cherry, lambs ear, calendula, Nigella, lemongrass, fennel and a sliver of an olive branch. We stick our noses in lilies, lavender and jasmine, inhaling deeply. We scoop a handful of soil and mulch to draw in the aromas of nature. Rosemary, sage, thyme, chervil, parsley, oregano and bay ... I haven't ever thought of them as essences of wine. At each stop, she encourages me to stop, breathe in, and imagine. “Touch the lambs ear. Feel the velvety finish of the Queen Elizabeth rose. Take a bite of fennel. Slow down. What do you see? What do you smell? What do you feel? What do you taste?”

I was born and groomed in the vineyards of Napa Valley where I learned farming and gardening skills from my parents and grandparents, yet I've never ambled in my private gardens equating my flowers and herbs with the wine I consume. Often I've been told that as a writer, I should be crafting the verbiage on wine labels. What has kept me from being creative in that format are some of the normal descriptions that I read on bottles. Leather, tar, asphalt, and tobacco are not ingredients that I choose to imbibe. But here, in my garden, I understand. We luxuriate in the multitude of floral opportunities to discover the subtleties of the fruit of the vine.

A whiff of a barnyard reminds me of my childhood riding horses, tending sheep, branding cattle, and raising chickens. Pine and redwood needles evoke the memories of Christmas. A shaving of St. Lucia nutmeg makes me nostalgic for Thanksgiving. Narcissus and jasmine are the smells of spring.

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ORINDA - Coveted Country Club Neighborhood

Within a gated enclave of fine homes off Miner Road, this extraordinary estate features over 5,800sf of living space on a park-like 1.49-acres. 6BD, 6.5BA \$5,250,000



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Lamorinda home sales recorded

| City | Last reported | Lowest amount | Highest amount |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| LAFAYETTE | 26 | \$952,000 | \$2,800,000 |
| MORAGA | 9 | \$736,000 | \$1,830,000 |
| ORINDA | 11 | \$575,000 | \$2,075,000 |

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LAFAYETTE

- 501 Bavarian Court, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 1968 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 05-02-19,
Previous Sale: \$900,000, 02-21-12
- 875 Birdhaven Court, \$1,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 1749 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 04-29-19
- 3247 Camino Colorados, \$1,107,500, 3 Bdrms, 1168 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 04-30-19,
Previous Sale: \$625,000, 10-21-09
- 1136 Camino Vallecito, \$2,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 3380 SqFt, 2006 YrBlt, 04-25-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,000,000, 03-08-04
- 3170 Condit Road, \$1,680,000, 3 Bdrms, 2190 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 04-24-19,
Previous Sale: \$510,000, 03-05-99
- 4051 Fiora Place, \$1,050,000, 4 Bdrms, 2497 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 05-01-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,450,000, 10-11-17
- 224 Happy Hollow Court, \$1,670,000, 4 Bdrms, 2165 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 04-22-19
- 4080 Happy Valley Road, \$2,600,000, 5 Bdrms, 4648 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 04-25-19,
Previous Sale: \$950,000, 12-16-98
- 3913 Happy Valley Road, \$2,800,000, 5 Bdrms, 2914 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 04-24-19,
Previous Sale: \$2,500,000, 10-17-16
- 871 Las Trampas Road, \$1,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 2201 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 05-02-19,
Previous Sale: \$995,000, 07-10-15
- 70 Leslyn Lane, \$2,525,000, 5 Bdrms, 4626 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 04-30-19
- 3746 Meadow Lane, \$2,600,000, 4 Bdrms, 2702 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 04-29-19
- 1000 Pine Lane, \$1,865,000, 4 Bdrms, 3176 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 04-26-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,160,000, 06-13-14
- 3113 Ramada Court, \$1,050,000, 4 Bdrms, 2274 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 05-03-19,
Previous Sale: \$659,500, 10-01-12
- 1751 Reliez Valley Road, \$2,250,000, 5 Bdrms, 3731 SqFt, 1997 YrBlt, 04-30-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,120,000, 12-02-11
- 22 Shreve Lane, \$1,010,000, 4 Bdrms, 1962 SqFt, 2013 YrBlt, 05-03-19
- 761 Silver Crest Court, \$2,000,000, 5 Bdrms, 4488 SqFt, 1982 YrBlt, 04-29-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,775,000, 05-09-05
- 1618 Silver Dell Road, \$1,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 2099 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 05-03-19
- 3340 South Lucille Lane, \$2,015,000, 3 Bdrms, 1154 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 05-02-19,
Previous Sale: \$700,000, 07-14-17
- 1280 Summit Road, \$1,841,000, 4 Bdrms, 2939 SqFt, 1983 YrBlt, 04-29-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,550,000, 06-09-16
- 1281 Summit Road, \$2,575,000, 4 Bdrms, 2845 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 04-30-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,675,000, 06-26-18
- 1321 Sunset Loop, \$952,000, 3 Bdrms, 1377 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 04-26-19,
Previous Sale: \$569,000, 11-07-12
- 3554 Via Los Colorados, \$1,170,000, 3 Bdrms, 2818 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 05-01-19
- 3535 Wilkinson Lane #3537, \$2,662,000, 2536 SqFt, 1939 YrBlt, 05-03-19,
Previous Sale: \$299,000, 10-16-01
- 3256 Withers Avenue, \$1,850,000, 4 Bdrms, 2546 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 05-03-19,
Previous Sale: \$775,000, 09-21-16
- 1205 Woodborough Road, \$2,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 4106 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 04-26-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,150,000, 07-05-02

MORAGA

- 110 Alta Mesa Court, \$950,000, 3 Bdrms, 2486 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 05-03-19,
Previous Sale: \$870,000, 06-15-05
- 4 El Paraiso Court, \$1,900,000, 5 Bdrms, 3113 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 05-01-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,099,000, 10-29-12
- 422 Fernwood Drive, \$1,785,000, 4 Bdrms, 2898 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 04-25-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,650,000, 04-11-16

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This traditional rancher is located on a sprawling corner lot in the heart of Burton Valley. Featuring a spacious floor plan with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, updated kitchen and bathrooms. Wonderful indoor/outdoor living with blend of open living spaces and expansive level backyard with flat lawn and large patio, perfect for a sport court. Ideal for playing outside and entertaining family and friends.

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Summer's the season for outdoor entertaining



Photo provided

By Amanda Eck

Well, ready or not, summer is here! And with that comes lots more outdoor entertaining. Here are a few fun ideas to liven up your outdoor space.

Bringing the Indoors Out

We've all heard the phrase bringing the outdoors in, but the reverse also holds true. Bring out your favorite pillows and throws when entertaining. Accent tables and decorative pieces can also be used for those

special outdoor occasions. We used an antique dresser to display all the sweet treats for my sister's bridal shower.

Ground the Space

Outdoor rugs are great for creating intimate seating areas and providing a punch of pattern and color. For great outdoor rugs shop FrontGate, Horchow, or Ballard Designs.

Ambient Lighting

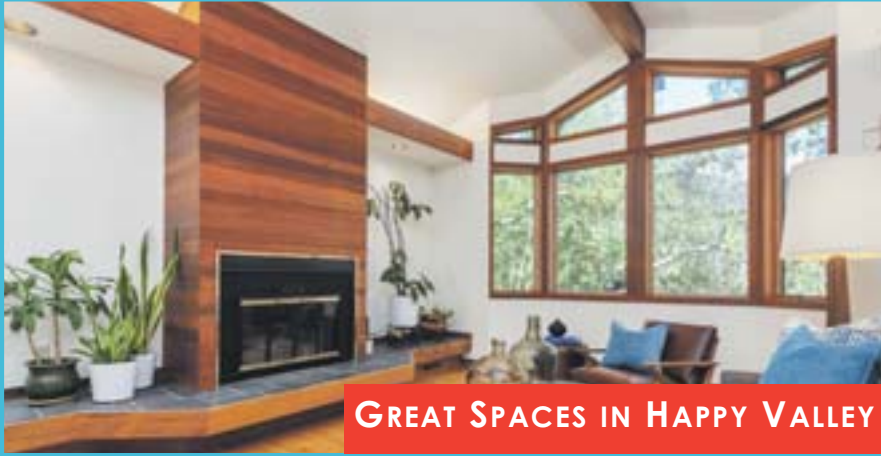
When the sun sets, keep the party going with soft lighting. I love to use lanterns, candles and string lights. If you have a

nearby outlet, you could bring out some indoor lamps to set on the table or in a seating area.

Create a Focal Point

If you have a large blank space, either a wall or fence, add some outdoor art to create interest. I also love using mirrors outdoors to create the illusion of space and they can also lighten up a shaded corner with reflective light. Outdoor fire pits or a water feature also create nice focal points.

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GREAT SPACES IN HAPPY VALLEY

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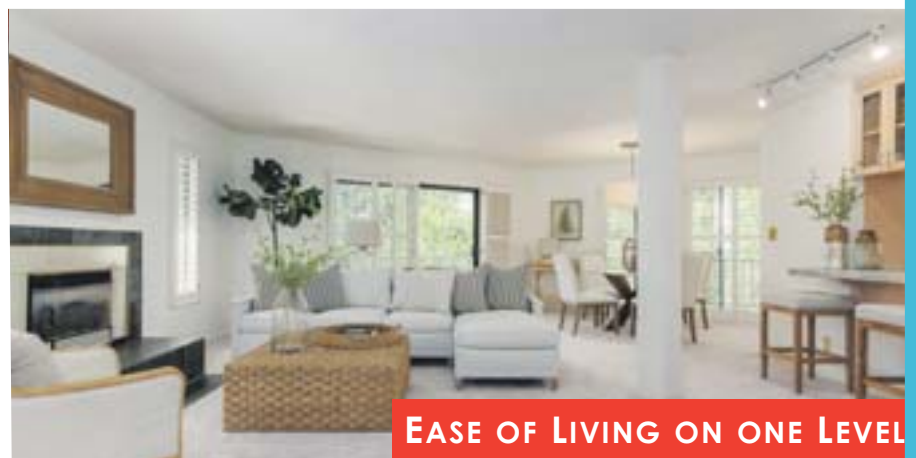
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This stunning remodeled 1980s home is set on a corner lot near the Clayton border. The light and bright space with vaulted ceilings and dramatic stairs will certainly please. Entertaining is a breeze with the formal living and dining combination and the more casual, contemporary kitchen and family room, opening conveniently to the mature landscaped back yard with patio. The fabulous yard has been a labor of love and years in the making and creates an enchanting back drop to this perfect retreat. Lastly, located in an enclave of other newer, custom homes bordering open space it is the ideal neighborhood to come home too.

www.1175butternutway.com

Walnut Creek



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\$1,495,000

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Planters

Pots of different sizes and colors can be a great way to add a pop of color to your outdoor spaces. They are perfect for small yards and easy to maintain seasonally.

Play with Color

Outside spaces are the perfect place for bright, bold colors. Have fun with different color combinations: turquoise and yellow, pink and orange, navy and magenta.

Don't Forget the Music

No need for a live band. With technology becoming more user-friendly and accessible, it's easy to create ambience with a iPhone and Bluetooth speaker. I have even seen clever outdoor speakers disguised as rocks.

Hope you enjoyed these ideas and use them for your next outdoor party! Until next time my friends!



An antique dresser displays sweet treats.

As the Owner and Principal Designer of Lamorinda-based Amanda Carol Interiors, Amanda Eck believes your home's interior should be both approachable and well-appointed. She often asserts, "Beauty is a necessity."

With a distinct sense of style that mixes contemporary and classic design she fashions spaces that are both elegant and inviting. Her design aesthetic is inspired by anything visual but especially fashion, architecture and art.

Visit <http://amandacarolinteriors.com> for more design ideas.



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MORAGA ... continued

- 21 Francisca Drive, \$885,000, 2 Bdrms, 1845 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 04-26-19,
Previous Sale: \$175,000, 06-01-85
- 1198 Larch Avenue, \$1,350,000, 4 Bdrms, 2102 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 05-03-19,
Previous Sale: \$859,000, 08-01-03
- 275 Rheem Boulevard, \$925,000, 3 Bdrms, 1679 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 04-29-19
- 1288 Rimer Drive, \$1,830,000, 4 Bdrms, 3386 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 04-24-19,
Previous Sale: \$531,000, 04-01-91
- 3832 Via Granada, \$1,450,000, 4 Bdrms, 2078 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 05-02-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,438,000, 05-05-16
- 526 Woodminster Drive, \$736,000, 2 Bdrms, 1352 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 05-03-19

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- 325 Camino Sobrante, \$2,200,000, 3 Bdrms, 2331 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 05-03-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,240,000, 02-08-18
- 7 Darnby Court, \$1,700,000, 4 Bdrms, 2790 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 04-25-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,395,000, 07-03-06
- 67 Davis Road, \$1,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 1772 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 04-23-19
- 77 Evergreen Drive, \$575,000, 3 Bdrms, 2759 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 04-23-19
- 66 Hacienda Circle, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 1790 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 04-22-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,175,000, 08-21-18
- 160 Hall Drive, \$1,650,000, 4 Bdrms, 2258 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 04-30-19
- 23 Kellie Ann Court, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 2236 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 04-29-19,
Previous Sale: \$775,000, 05-09-01
- 19 Loma Vista Drive, \$1,351,000, 3 Bdrms, 1704 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 04-29-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,040,000, 10-07-15
- 57 Meadow View Road, \$1,390,000, 4 Bdrms, 1918 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 04-26-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,090,000, 06-21-17
- 41 Van Ripper Lane, \$2,075,000, 4 Bdrms, 2926 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 04-26-19,
Previous Sale: \$465,000, 03-01-92
- 328 Village View Court, \$1,800,000, 3 Bdrms, 2080 SqFt, 1989 YrBlt, 04-24-19,
Previous Sale: \$1,800,000, 03-28-18



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Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for June

PRUNE daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, bluebells, freesias, and other bulbs once the leaves have turned crispy yellow.

ADD companion plantings of Oriental poppies, allium, delphinium, daylilies, salvia and peony.

PHOTOGRAPH eggs in a bird's nest, but don't disturb the nest. The mother bird is alert and watching.

CELEBRATE National Pollinator Week June 17-23 by planting three new pollinator plants that will attract bees, butterflies, and birds. Try Nigella (love-in-a-mist), bee balm and fennel.

DIVIDE perennials before the weather is too warm. Alstroemeria, hosta, yarrow, aster and astilbe. Most perennials need dividing every three to four years to maintain annual blooms.

ADD three inches of mulch to your garden. If you have pine or redwood trees, gather the needles to mulch your roses, azaleas, rhododendrons, fuchsias, and other acid-loving plants. The mulch will keep the plants cooler and maintain moisture.

CONTAIN all mints in pots with saucers. Spearmint, peppermint, pineapple mint, catnip, and the rest of the mint family can easily become invasive when planted in the ground.

DEADHEAD roses at least weekly to encourage continual blooming.

BAIT for snails and slugs.

PLANT annuals in blocks of odd numbers—three, five, seven, nine, or more to create a more natural and aesthetically pleasing look to the human eye. To achieve this, you can plant the same variety of flowers in each odd grouping, or you can create color blocks with several similar varieties.

CUT bouquets of alstroemeria flowers for two weeks of vase life enjoyment.

WALK through your garden to savor the scents of a variety of plants.

PICK cherries as they ripen before the birds eat them all.

DO a second planting of beets, chard, beans, and radishes.

LISTEN to the serenading of the bullfrogs as they seduce with their song.

REPEL mosquitoes by emptying all vessels containing even a few drops of water. Add Dunks® to ponds or non-circulating water sources. Citronella and lemongrass plants supposedly help placed on the patio.

POUR a glass of wine and decipher the flavors that emanate from the garden.

COMMEMORATE dad on Father's Day with a gift from the garden and include a copy of my book, "Growing with the Goddess Gardener" available at <http://www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store>.

CELEBRATE the summer solstice on June 21 with a controlled and safe bonfire. Did you know that the word "bonfire" derived from the words "bone fire" because bones were burned to make lime to sweeten the soil? In years past, bone fires, or bonfires were beacons to guide travelers on land and sea.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Happy Daddy's Day!



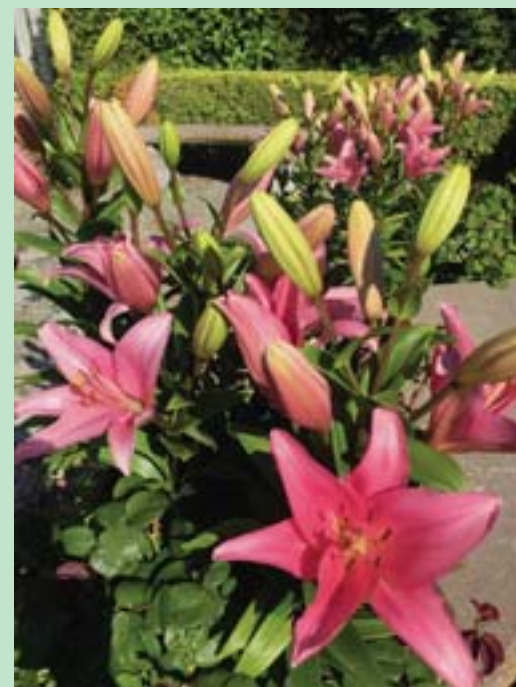
Drought resistant Graptoveria succulent cascades from a container.



The flowers on an olive tree have no scent.



Cut alstroemeria flowers for a bouquet that will last two weeks.



Stick your nose in a patch of sweet-smelling Oriental lilies.



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Velvety lambs ear in bloom attracts pollinators,

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The sweet stench of aged compost and sensational swathes of fragrant roses and perfumed lavender offer spectacular sights and spice to the summer garden.

On our way back to the house we watch a small sparrow flit from my pine wreath at the back door. Upon careful inspection, we witness three tiny eggs nestled in a nest. We

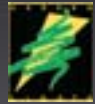
shoot a photo to remember our afternoon lesson. What a fitting finale from our spring into summer sipping expedition!

Pour yourself a glass of Bacchus's favorite beverage and walk around your garden indulging your senses with scents and memories. Slow down. What do you see? What do you smell? What do you feel? What do you taste? Sip into summer!

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Cynthia Brian and Heather Brittany in a barnyard.

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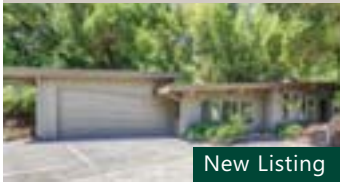
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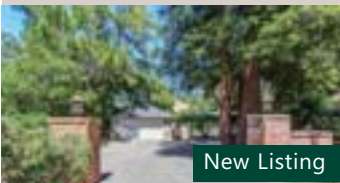


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