## **GENERAL FIRE-RESISTANT PLANTS**

Salvia

Dianthus

Although no plant is 100% fire-proof, these plants are less likely to burn. Several are already listed for Zones 1 and 2.

Bulbs (tulips, daffodils, iris, hyacinth, freesia, etc. Cut stalks to the ground when leaves are dry)

California redbud Yellow or Purple Evening primrose Locust Sage Ice Plant Daphne Fruit Trees (vari-Penstemon Creeping Phlox Boxwood eties of cherry, Heather Lamium Rhododendron plum, pear, peach, **Fuchsia** Sedum Spirea apricot, pome-Succulents Dogwood granate, fig) Columbine Black Oak Veronica Mock orange Thyme Poppy Azalea Hawthorne Armeria Birch Wild strawberry **Agapanthus** Currant Common yarrow Trumpet Vine Viburnum Aspen French lavender Daylily Poplar Aloe Heuchera Lantana Primrose Maple Lilac Hosta Candytuft Manzanita (prune Coreopsis Red-Hot Poker African Daisy without Ajuga Lupine Calendula deadwood) Delphinium TREES: California lilac Walnut Society garlic Echinacea Horse Chestnut California Bay Jasmine Lamb's ear Liquid Amber Laurel Periwinkle California Pepper Yucca **Honey Locust** Alliums Rose Crabapple

Remember that deciduous plants are less flammable than evergreen. Gray and silver plants have a high mineral and ash content which makes them more fire-resistant. Vegetation with needles or fine, thin leaves is flammable. The more stored moisture a plant has, the more it can withstand a fire. Use less-flammable types of mulch, such as gravel or decorative rock, or a combination of wood bark mulch and decorative rock to dress your garden, retain moisture, and deter weed growth.

Purple Robe

To burn, fires need fuel. By removing debris, planting and maintaining a fire-retardant and fire-resistant landscape, cutting down dead trees, thinning dried branches, spacing, pruning, watering, and keeping trees away from roofs, you will dimmish the chance of ignition, lower fire intensity, and reduce the spread of a blaze. Your home will have a better chance of surviving a wildfire.

Best of all, you can still create a gorgeous oasis where you can entertain, relax, and socialize.

Firewise volunteers are available to offer advice in neighborhoods. The Orinda Firewise Council supports and educates the public about wildfire resilience. They are seeking landscapers and nurseries to assist with communicating ways in which homeowners can become more wildfire safe by making their property more fire-resistant. To work together with them to empower and beautify the community, go to https://www.orindafirewisecouncil.org/contact-us Website: https://www.orindafirewisecouncil.org

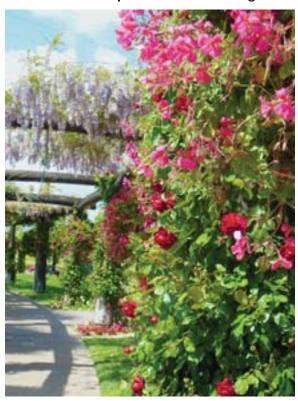
You don't want fires to crawl fueled by unkempt low-lying vegetation, high grasses, or mounds of leaves. Get out the weed whackers and go to work. Be fire safe and enjoy a wonderful summer.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing. Congratulations to the graduates and Happy Father's Day to all the great dads.

Links to Lamorinda Weekly "Go Bag" and "Firewise Landscaping" stories: www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1507/Packing-an-emergency-Go-Bag.html www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1507/Digging-Deep-with-Goddess-Gardener-Cynthia-Brian-Wildfire-protection-through-landscaping.html



Prune all trees to prevent fire-laddering.



A beautiful arbor of wisteria, roses, and scarlet trumpet vine, all fire-resistant botanicals.