

# Lamorinda OUR HOMES

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Lamorinda Home Sales

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*Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian*

## Plant parenthood



Yam growing in a jar is ready for transplanting. Photos Cynthia Brian

By Cynthia Brian

*"I recommend that all bachelors have a garden. It will give them the experience of being a parent." ~ Richard Goodman*

One time when I was the celebrity garden guest on an HGTV program, the discussion turned to relationships and family. My advice was like Richard Goodman. I announced that relationships and parenting are like gardening. They require being present, constant nurturing, detailed attention, consistent efforts, and sometimes sacrifice. If you can grow a plant, you can grow a relationship.

We parent for a lifetime. A garden is forever evolving.

Autumn is the best time to plant. The temperature is usually a bit cooler, yet the soil is warm. Hopefully, a bit of rain will also provide precipitation. During this season, I encourage more people to become plant parents. The secret is to get going now before the first frost.

There are so many easy and inexpensive ways to get started. You can grow in containers, on windowsills, even in cardboard boxes. You can buy seeds, bulbs, seedlings, or full-grown plants. Or you can get plants for free by propagating them yourself, with a little help from your friends.

If you are a beginner, start small so that you don't get discouraged. Since growing our own food is empowering and nutritious, perhaps start with containers of your favorite herbs or vegetables. Soil is the most important aspect of growing a successful garden. Great garden soil is full of organic matter and crumbles like cake in your hands. According to the Home Garden Seed Association, rich soil is the home of an array of organisms, bacteria, fungi and insects. It drains efficiently, yet it still retains essential water for the plants. They offer these tips to determine if your soil is ready to accommodate plants:

- 1) Take a handful of your garden soil and squeeze it. It should hold its shape. Then drop it. It should crumble. This is optimum.
- 2) If it stays in a ball or falls apart the second you open your hand, you need to add compost to correct the poor drainage. The point is to assist your soil in retaining water and nutrients. Work about three inches of compost into your existing soil, then try the experiment again.

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Cut ginger root with nubs into pieces to soak before planting.

## Lamorinda home sales recorded

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	26	\$850,000	\$3,850,000
MORAGA	19	\$515,000	\$3,005,000
ORINDA	22	\$420,000	\$4,200,000

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 five to 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.

### LAFAYETTE

- 3340 Beechwood Drive, \$2,000,000, 4 Bdrms, 1654 SqFt, 1945 YrBlt, 07-27-21  
 909 Carl Road, \$1,225,000, 2 Bdrms, 969 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 08-04-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$86,000, 04-01-78  
 418 Castello Road, \$1,815,000, 3 Bdrms, 1801 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 07-28-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$833,000, 09-07-07  
 3421 Echo Springs Road, \$3,110,000, 4 Bdrms, 3518 SqFt, 2002 YrBlt, 08-03-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$795,000, 05-03-00  
 1324 El Curtola Boulevard, \$1,405,000, 4 Bdrms, 1947 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 08-02-21  
 708 Glenside Circle, \$2,235,000, 4 Bdrms, 2560 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 07-26-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$402,500, 06-01-91  
 3274 Gloria Terrace, \$1,083,500, 3 Bdrms, 1853 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 08-06-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$800,000, 05-04-21  
 971 Hawthorne Drive, \$1,335,000, 3 Bdrms, 1933 SqFt, 1942 YrBlt, 07-30-21  
 4157 Hidden Valley Road, \$1,650,000, 4 Bdrms, 2334 SqFt, 1998 YrBlt, 07-26-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 12-01-15  
 80 Iverson Drive, \$2,095,000, 4 Bdrms, 2332 SqFt, 1999 YrBlt, 07-26-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$1,425,000, 03-23-08  
 924 Juanita Drive, \$1,225,000, 3 Bdrms, 927 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 08-04-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$550,000, 08-10-09  
 3914 Leroy Way, \$2,900,000, 5 Bdrms, 2633 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 07-26-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$1,375,000, 08-22-05  
 1215 Monticello Road, \$3,125,000, 3 Bdrms, 2710 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 07-28-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$945,500, 05-30-07  
 3473 Moraga Boulevard, \$1,515,000, 3 Bdrms, 1620 SqFt, 1947 YrBlt, 08-02-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$1,180,000, 07-31-19  
 824 Mountain View Drive, \$1,350,000, 3 Bdrms, 1588 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 08-05-21  
 3279 Mt Diablo Court #31, \$900,000, 3 Bdrms, 1697 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 07-27-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$134,540, 04-01-87  
 9 Nephi Court, \$1,387,000, 4 Bdrms, 2192 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 08-02-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$155,000, 02-01-79  
 18 Northridge Lane, \$2,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 4384 SqFt, 1992 YrBlt, 07-30-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$2,000,000, 05-15-08  
 407 Ponderosa Court, \$2,900,000, 5 Bdrms, 3537 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 07-26-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$2,310,000, 07-09-20  
 2 Richelle Court, \$2,125,000, 4 Bdrms, 3618 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 07-28-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$690,000, 04-17-00  
 861 Solana Drive, \$3,850,000, 4 Bdrms, 3827 SqFt, 1947 YrBlt, 07-30-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$1,565,000, 06-12-19  
 1688 Springbrook Road, \$850,000, 3 Bdrms, 1154 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 07-26-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$290,000, 04-22-99  
 977 Stow Lane, \$2,105,000, 4 Bdrms, 1822 SqFt, 1935 YrBlt, 07-29-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$1,695,000, 02-24-15  
 3294 Sweet Drive, \$1,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 1278 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 07-26-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$1,075,000, 09-25-17  
 3364 Sweet Drive, \$1,665,000, 2 Bdrms, 1642 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 08-04-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$477,000, 08-13-02-----  
 1207 Upper Happy Valley Road, \$2,425,000, 5 Bdrms, 3586 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 07-29-21

### MORAGA

- 613 Augusta Drive, \$1,350,000, 2 Bdrms, 1262 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 07-28-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$779,000, 06-22-16  
 113 Brookline Street, \$1,610,000, 3 Bdrms, 3424 SqFt, 1983 YrBlt, 08-06-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$975,000, 10-20-14  
 1365 Camino Peral #B, \$625,000, 2 Bdrms, 1281 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 07-30-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$260,000, 04-08-11  
 1363 Camino Peral #C, \$770,000, 2 Bdrms, 1428 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 07-29-21,  
 Previous Sale: \$250,000, 09-25-00

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## Campo students teach local residents how to become backyard beekeepers



Photos provided

Rhys and Sloan Pullen with beekeeping equipment.



Honey is sampled straight from the hive.



Properly dressed students access bee hives.

### Submitted by Rosalind Bassett

Campolindo High School students Rhys and Sloan Pullen were recipients of the Sustainable Lafayette's LEAF grant last spring. As part of their grant application, they proposed putting bee hives in the community and holding outreach meetings to teach the Lamorinda community about bee keeping and how to become a backyard beekeeper.

Rhys and Sloan started keeping bees in their backyard after joining the Bee Project with Lamorinda 4H. They then joined the Mount Diablo Bee Keepers Association to continue their education and continue to be leaders in the Bee Project with 4H.

They used the \$1,000 grant to buy two bee hives from a new bee keeper who developed an allergy and they started Lamorinda Bees. The hives are located in the Moraga Bluffs on a 6-acre property where they hold their meetings. In the meetings they cover the history of bee keeping, why bees are in trouble, what we can do to help them, and how to start a bee hive. They conclude the meetings by opening the two hives (veils provided) and showing participants the bees, honey, comb, and parts of the hive. They also open one of the jars of honey so everyone can taste honey from the hives.

In the spring they plan to hold a honey harvest meeting to cover how to process honey.

Their next outreach meeting is scheduled from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 3. To sign up or to get information about future meetings, visit the Lamorinda Bees Facebook page or Lamorinda Bees Instagram for the Sign Up Genius. Sustainable Lafayette also posts information about their meetings on their website at <https://www.sustainablelafayette.org/>.

Rhys and Sloan are happy to help answer your bee questions if you are contemplating getting a hive and are grateful to Sustainable Lafayette for helping make this project happen and to help teens make a difference in the community.

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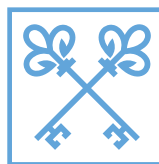
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**Kenny Murakami**  
Owner Moraga Garden Center



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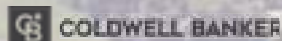
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### PENDING



**31 DARYL DRIVE, ORINDA**  
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ABOUT  
SELLING  
YOUR NEXT  
HOME



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Sold: 114 Merion Terrace

Coming Soon in Orinda

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## Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

### Plant parenthood



Yellow potatoes are cut into pieces, dried for a day, then planted.

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You can buy bags of garden soil, potting soil, and compost. If you are planting in a pot, make sure to purchase new potting soil which has the necessary nutrients to help your plants flourish.

If you are buying plants to boost your autumn curb appeal, simple-to-grow suggestions include pansies, ornamental kale, snapdragons, chrysanthemums, primulas, violas, and Iceland Poppies.

My favorite way of birthing new vegetation is through propagation. Many of the specimens in my garden have been slips, cuttings, seeds, divisions, roots, bulbs, or pinches from my mom's, sibling's, or friend's gardens. A garden is to share and there is nothing more satisfying than growing florals derived from a beloved garden.

Here are ways to become a plant parent or grow your current plant family for little or



This rose sprang from a cutting from this past February.

no cost. In the botanical world, we call it sexual propagation or asexual propagation.

#### Sexual Propagation

Be a seed saver. Save seeds from your favorite flowers. Because of random pollination by a variety of insects, the baby may differ from the mother. My favorite seeds to save from my flowers are nigella, sunflower, hollyhock, cosmos, nasturtium, calendula, marigold and lavender. I'm scattering the nasturtium this autumn and the rest will be sowed in the spring. In my potager, I collected the seeds of arugula, sugar snap peas, pole beans, and Swiss Chard. If you saved these vegetable seeds from your summer crops, sow them now. I have grown numerous trees from seeds (and pits) including magnolia, Asian Pear, apple, plum, peach, flowering cherry, Japanese maple, pistache, and loquat. When you gather the seeds, dry them on a screen and place them into a brown paper bag. Label with the date and

store in a dark space until you are ready to sow.

#### Asexual Propagation

This is also called vegetative propagation because the vegetative parts of the plants are used: stems, leaves, roots, and organs.

Cuttings, pinches, and slips: Soon I'll be pinching my geraniums and pelargoniums. After letting the cuttings harden off for a few days, they will be planted directly in the ground throughout my hillside in sunny areas. Every year in February, I hard prune my many rose bushes. I gave over a hundred cane cuttings to my neighbor and within three months, she had a glorious blooming rose garden. Pinch a small piece of a succulent and it will grow in a pot or the ground. My prolific grapevines are the result of cuttings from our Napa vineyards.

**Dividing:** Using a garden fork, divide daylilies, Bearded irises, Bergenia, peonies, astilbe, bleeding hearts, Oriental lilies, Naked ladies, and other perennials that are getting too crowded. Rhizomes that are divided such as Bergenia and Bearded iris, can be cut into smaller pieces and planted. Many bulbs multiply including Naked Ladies and daffodils. By digging up a few, you can greatly increase the blooms in your landscape. I started with one Naked Lady (*Amaryllis Belladonna*) bulb and now boast a blanketed slope of hundreds.

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Photos Cynthia Brian

This Asian Pear tree was grown from seed and produces profusely.



## Lamorinda home sales recorded

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### Moraga ... continued

- 1447 Camino Peral, \$910,000, 3 Bdrms, 1444 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 08-02-21, Previous Sale: \$690,000, 09-14-15
- 10 Carnoustie, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 3424 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 07-28-21, Previous Sale: \$995,000, 05-27-04
- 44 Cumberland Lane, \$2,150,000, 5 Bdrms, 2230 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 07-27-21, Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 11-11-20
- 125 Danefield Place, \$1,750,000, 5 Bdrms, 2861 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 07-26-21, Previous Sale: \$189,500, 07-01-78
- 2133 Donald Drive #10, \$575,000, 2 Bdrms, 1224 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 08-06-21, Previous Sale: \$540,000, 05-30-18
- 143 Fairfield Place, \$1,758,000, 5 Bdrms, 2682 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 08-06-21
- 9 Idlewood Court, \$1,808,000, 4 Bdrms, 2280 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 07-29-21, Previous Sale: \$292,000, 09-01-88
- 19 Idlewood Court, \$1,320,000, 3 Bdrms, 1792 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 08-04-21
- 1850 Joseph Drive, \$3,005,000, 4 Bdrms, 2469 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 07-29-21, Previous Sale: \$1,739,000, 09-04-18
- 651 Moraga Road #18, \$515,000, 2 Bdrms, 1144 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 07-29-21, Previous Sale: \$325,000, 10-27-14
- 239 Paseo Bernal, \$970,000, 3 Bdrms, 2018 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 07-29-21, Previous Sale: \$700,000, 06-21-05
- 116 Paseo Del Rio, \$2,000,000, 4 Bdrms, 2408 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 07-26-21
- 266 Scofield Drive, \$1,880,000, 3 Bdrms, 1573 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 07-30-21, Previous Sale: \$1,270,000, 05-03-16
- 74 Shuey Drive, \$2,075,000, 5 Bdrms, 2439 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 07-27-21, Previous Sale: \$1,297,500, 04-30-06
- 2172 Sky View Court, \$2,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 3428 SqFt, 1996 YrBlt, 08-06-21

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- 25 Acacia Drive, \$2,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 3593 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 07-26-21
- 22 East Altarinda Drive, \$2,500,000, 3 Bdrms, 3095 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 08-02-21
- 2 Bien Venida, \$2,385,000, 2 Bdrms, 2186 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 07-30-21
- 73 Brookwood Road #47, \$420,000, 1 Bdrms, 673 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 07-26-21
- 67 Brookwood Road #3, \$506,000, 2 Bdrms, 897 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 07-30-21, Previous Sale: \$490,000, 02-01-17
- 179 Crestview Drive, \$2,400,000, 4769 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 07-30-21, Previous Sale: \$1,800,000, 10-07-13
- 4 Crown Court, \$1,710,000, 3 Bdrms, 1437 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 08-02-21
- 30 Descanso Drive, \$2,050,000, 4 Bdrms, 2657 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 08-02-21, Previous Sale: \$625,000, 04-06-00
- 42 El Gavilan Road, \$1,220,000, 4 Bdrms, 2934 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 08-02-21
- 19 Estates Drive, \$2,400,000, 4 Bdrms, 2312 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 08-03-21, Previous Sale: \$1,450,000, 06-11-08
- 6 Francisco Court, \$1,525,000, 2 Bdrms, 2004 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 08-06-21, Previous Sale: \$189,000, 04-01-86
- 1 Hacienda Circle, \$1,520,000, 3 Bdrms, 2264 SqFt, 1946 YrBlt, 08-03-21
- 118 Hillcrest Drive, \$1,040,000, 4 Bdrms, 2181 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 07-30-21
- 181 Lombardy Lane, \$2,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 2987 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 07-27-21, Previous Sale: \$1,300,000, 07-16-03
- 145 Meadow Lane, \$3,400,000, 3 Bdrms, 1335 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 08-03-21, Previous Sale: \$1,031,000, 11-18-19
- 102 Meadow View Road, \$3,108,000, 4 Bdrms, 2847 SqFt, 1990 YrBlt, 08-02-21, Previous Sale: \$2,100,000, 05-04-15
- 102 Oak Road, \$3,200,000, 3 Bdrms, 3302 SqFt, 1998 YrBlt, 08-06-21, Previous Sale: \$1,740,000, 05-28-13
- 27 Oakwood Road, \$2,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 3078 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 07-29-21
- 2 Oriole Road, \$1,825,000, 4 Bdrms, 2255 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 07-26-21
- 99 Tappan Lane, \$1,250,000, 5 Bdrms, 4962 SqFt, 1982 YrBlt, 08-05-21, Previous Sale: \$2,400,000, 09-11-17
- 6 Westwood Court, \$2,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 2986 SqFt, 2006 YrBlt, 08-02-21, Previous Sale: \$1,750,000, 08-27-19
- 72 Windy Creek Way, \$4,200,000, 5 Bdrms, 4358 SqFt, 2018 YrBlt, 07-30-21, Previous Sale: \$2,750,000, 01-29-19

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## *Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian* **Plant parenthood**



From one Naked Lady bulb (*Amaryllis Belladonna*) a hillside of blooms multiplied.

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**Rooting:** Kids love rooting in water in a jar and putting the jars on a windowsill. Sweet potatoes, green onions, ginger, avocados, and lettuces can be sprouted in this manner. The ones you buy in the vegetable aisle can be used, although they may not produce as abundantly as ones from a garden center. My preferred method of growing potatoes and sweet potatoes is to cut chunks with an eye

or two, let them harden for a couple of days, then plant in a cardboard box placed in my potager with compost-rich soil. By planting them in the box, I always know where to harvest. The cardboard box decomposes adding to the mulch. Layering cardboard in your raised bed before adding the soil is also an environmentally friendly system to suffocate weeds. Ginger can be grown similarly, however, let the sliced pieces of ginger soak in water for twenty-four hours after cutting



Red potatoes were harvested.

and before planting.

Grafting, budding, and layering are other ways to propagate plants but if you want exact clones, investigate tissue culture techniques. Whatever way you decide to be a plant parent, you will be rewarded. If something doesn't work, don't worry. Failure is fertilizer. Put the mistakes on your compost pile and grow a new garden.

Happy parenting. Happy gardening.  
 Happy growing!!



Chardonnay and Ribier grapes were started from cuttings.



Grow lettuce in a bowl of water.

Photos Cynthia Brian



**Cynthia Brian in the evening garden.**

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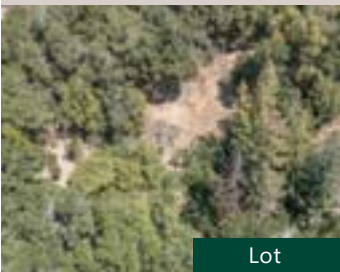


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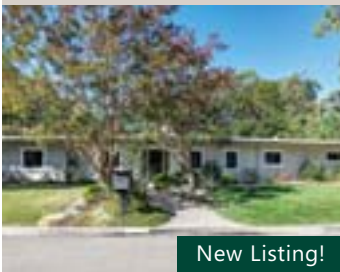


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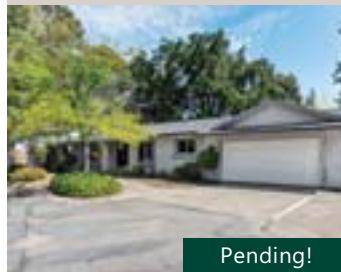
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