

# Lamorinda

# OUR HOMES

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Lamorinda Home Sales

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*Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian*

## Grateful gobbler



Photos Cynthia Brian

The muted colors of the forest are reminiscent of an Impressionist painting.

By Cynthia Brian

*“Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.” ~ Henry Ward Beecher*

Are you feeling grateful? Although I feel thankful for every day that I walk on this earth, after such a tumultuous 20 months, this year my heart is overflowing with appreciation. Throughout these times, my garden has been my sanctuary, my refuge, and the place where I recharge. The abelia is blooming and that makes me cheerful.

Autumn is a splendid season with cooler weather and nature’s spectacular showcase of colorful leaves on shrubs and trees. Maple, Japanese maple, tallow, crape myrtle, pistache, liquid amber, beech, black gum, sumac, aspen, dogwood, ginkgo biloba, tupelo, red oak, and many more species are just a few of the magical specimens whose leaves metamorphose from green into vibrant red, yellow, or-

ange, purple, crimson, brown, russet, tan, bronze and scarlet. During the growing season, the green in leaves is a product of the chlorophyll using sunlight to manufacture sugars to feed the tree. As the weather cools with shorter days and longer nights, biochemical changes occur allowing a painter’s palette of vibrant and muted hues. The most stunning displays happen after a succession of sunny, warm days followed by crisp and cool nights. Moisture in the soil is also a factor that can delay or speed up the color.

I have just returned from experiencing splendid fall colors on the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. On some of the riverbanks, the tree colors were muted as if in an Impressionist masterpiece. In gardens and parks, singular specimens were neon bright as if painted by Frederick Church.

Before I left, my trees were only beginning to change colors. When I arrived home a few days later, the leaves had already fallen, carpeting lawn, patio, and driveway in a thick layer.

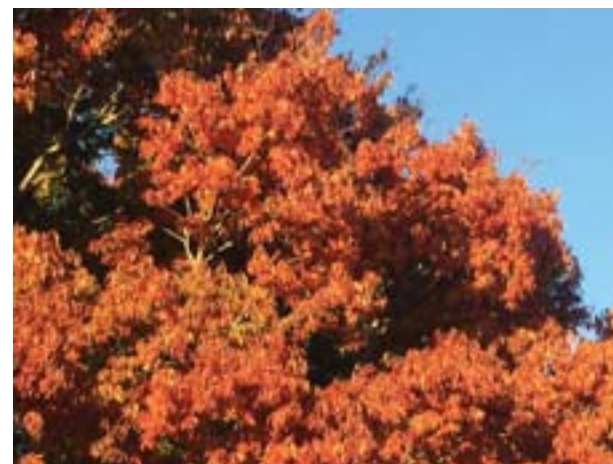
My husband was anxious to clean up the leaves and I had to beg him to *not* put the leaves in the green bin. Fallen leaves are great for the compost pile and as a natural fertilizer for other plants.

Here’s what you need to know about fallen leaves: Keep them in your garden!

We can reduce emissions from landfills by managing the leaves by leaving them around the root zones of plants, shrubs, and trees to suppress weeds, provide shelter for beneficial insects, maintain moisture, control temperature, and return nutrients to the soil which plants will reuse. Microorganisms help small leaves decompose quickly. Larger leaves may need to be mowed to break them up.

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The bright crimson of the beeches.



Happy Thanksgiving  
During this time of year we can't help but think of how thankful we are for all of our clients, friends, and family. Lamorinda, a place we call home, is so special and unique, that we love introducing it to others and welcoming them as new neighbors to our community.

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| City      | Last reported | Lowest amount | Highest amount |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| LAFAYETTE | 19            | \$945,000     | \$3,217,500    |
| MORAGA    | 13            | \$350,000     | \$4,300,000    |
| ORINDA    | 15            | \$1,170,000   | \$2,900,000    |

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### LAFAYETTE

- 15 Beaumont Court, \$1,160,000, 3 Bdrms, 1635 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 10-01-21
- 25 Billington Court, \$2,550,000, 5 Bdrms, 3366 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 09-30-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,049,500, 03-20-12
- 5 Black Forest Court, \$2,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 2931 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 09-28-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,150,000, 05-08-12
- 2 Burr Court, \$2,200,000, 3 Bdrms, 2099 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 10-08-21,  
Previous Sale: \$500,000, 06-26-98
- 3231 Camino Colorados, \$1,430,000, 3 Bdrms, 1527 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 09-28-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,100,000, 05-29-17
- 1293 Candy Court, \$1,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 1784 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 09-29-21
- 473 Florence Drive, \$2,705,000, 3 Bdrms, 2234 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 10-04-21,  
Previous Sale: \$990,000, 04-24-14
- 3273 Glenside Drive, \$1,665,000, 2 Bdrms, 1835 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 10-08-21
- 1006 Howard Hills Road, \$2,261,000, 5 Bdrms, 5020 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 10-08-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,575,000, 04-04-01
- 1540 Huston Road, \$945,000, 3 Bdrms, 1400 SqFt, 1947 YrBlt, 09-30-21
- 3341 South Lucille Lane, \$1,410,000, 3 Bdrms, 1571 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 09-27-21,  
Previous Sale: \$172,500, 05-01-86
- 1 Middle Road, \$3,217,500, 4 Bdrms, 3725 SqFt, 2002 YrBlt, 09-30-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,825,000, 06-20-11
- 2461 Olympic Boulevard, \$1,075,000, 3 Bdrms, 1080 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 10-08-21
- 1050 Pine Lane, \$2,200,000, 6 Bdrms, 3734 SqFt, 1939 YrBlt, 10-08-21
- 3386 Reliez Highland Road, \$1,435,000, 4 Bdrms, 2433 SqFt,  
1977 YrBlt, 10-01-21
- 2008 Reliez Valley Road, \$1,380,000, 2 Bdrms, 1072 SqFt, 1944 YrBlt, 10-01-21,  
Previous Sale: \$165,000, 11-01-85
- 3456 Shangri La Road, \$1,900,000, 5 Bdrms, 2879 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 10-06-21
- 3550 Springhill Road, \$3,125,000, 4 Bdrms, 3274 SqFt, 1945 YrBlt, 10-07-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,845,000, 01-16-14
- 1083 Upper Happy Valley Road, \$2,500,000, 3 Bdrms, 2073 SqFt,  
1957 YrBlt, 09-27-21, Previous Sale: \$1,905,000, 03-31-17

### MORAGA

- 120 Ascot Court #C, \$600,000, 2 Bdrms, 1233 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 09-29-21,  
Previous Sale: \$489,000, 09-14-05
- 3 Benedita Place, \$1,070,000, 3 Bdrms, 2095 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 10-06-21,  
Previous Sale: \$925,000, 07-16-18
- 99 Danefield Place, \$1,400,000, 4 Bdrms, 2274 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 10-05-21
- 278 Deerfield Drive, \$2,070,000, 4 Bdrms, 2350 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 09-30-21
- 2133 Donald Drive #18, \$350,000, 1 Bdrms, 560 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 10-06-21,  
Previous Sale: \$65,000, 10-07-13
- 2145 Donald Drive #2, \$539,000, 2 Bdrms, 1162 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 09-30-21
- 8 Julianna Court, \$4,300,000, 5 Bdrms, 6607 SqFt, 2008 YrBlt, 09-30-21
- 8 Kings Crown Court, \$2,250,000, 5 Bdrms, 2484 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 10-07-21,  
Previous Sale: \$750,000, 04-10-12

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53 Parklane Dr. Orinda  
25 Dias Dorados, Orinda  
3423 Freeman Rd. Lafayette  
38 Muth Dr. Orinda  
8 Estates Dr., Orinda  
11 Dos Posos, Orinda  
9 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Orinda  
8 Robert Road, Orinda  
154 Camino Sobrante, Orinda  
120 Ravenhill Rd. Orinda  
63 Orchard Rd. Orinda  
236 Ivy Dr., Orinda  
2 Calvin Dr., Orinda  
4 Crown Court, Orinda  
1055 Via Roble, Lafayette  
114 Merion Terrace, Moraga  
10 Joaquin Patio, Stinson  
107 Merion Terrace, Moraga  
172 Lombardy Dr., Orinda  
30 Owl Hill Rd., Orinda  
78 Shuey Dr., Moraga  
653 Augusta Dr., Moraga  
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### Moraga ... continued

- 48 La Salle Drive, \$1,100,000, 3 Bdrms, 2187 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 10-05-21
- 59 Miramonte Drive, \$685,000, 2 Bdrms, 927 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 09-29-21,  
Previous Sale: \$565,000, 09-29-06
- 79 Sanders Ranch Road, \$2,605,000, 4 Bdrms, 2839 SqFt,  
1988 YrBlt, 09-28-21, Previous Sale: \$1,550,000, 08-25-08
- 104 Via Joaquin, \$859,000, 2 Bdrms, 1354 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 09-27-21,  
Previous Sale: \$450,000, 11-01-02
- 116 Wallace Circle, \$1,260,000, 4 Bdrms, 2317 SqFt, 2019 YrBlt, 10-05-21

### ORINDA

- 165 Canon Drive, \$2,135,000, 4 Bdrms, 2277 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 09-28-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,653,500, 07-31-18
- 82 Diablo View Drive, \$2,050,000, 3 Bdrms, 3137 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 09-30-21,  
Previous Sale: \$715,000, 01-27-99
- 72 El Gavilan Road, \$2,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 2213 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 10-08-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,425,000, 12-15-20
- 205 Glorietta Boulevard, \$1,350,000, 3 Bdrms, 1524 SqFt,  
1951 YrBlt, 10-01-21, Previous Sale: \$885,000, 08-14-17
- 127 Las Vegas Road, \$2,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 2900 SqFt, 1939 YrBlt, 10-07-21
- 24 Loma Linda Court, \$2,098,000, 3 Bdrms, 3394 SqFt, 1975 YrBlt, 09-28-21
- 172 Lombardy Lane, \$1,710,000, 2 Bdrms, 1667 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 10-01-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,225,000, 10-18-19
- 10 Lucille Way, \$1,170,000, 3 Bdrms, 2080 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 10-06-21,  
Previous Sale: \$41,500, 09-01-90
- 50 Mira Loma Road #52, \$1,925,000, 6 Bdrms, 3376 SqFt,  
1966 YrBlt, 10-06-21, Previous Sale: \$1,819,500, 06-18-18
- 113 Overhill Road, \$1,695,000, 3 Bdrms, 1348 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 10-05-21,  
Previous Sale: \$800,000, 07-18-19
- 30 Owl Hill Road, \$1,885,000, 3 Bdrms, 2217 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 10-06-21,  
Previous Sale: \$895,000, 02-12-03
- 5 Valencia Road, \$1,915,000, 4 Bdrms, 1966 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 10-06-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,057,000, 07-13-04
- 300 Village View Court, \$2,105,000, 2 Bdrms, 2465 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 10-08-21,  
Previous Sale: \$2,020,000, 09-22-20
- 57 Windy Creek Way, \$2,900,000, 3 Bdrms, 3643 SqFt, 2019 YrBlt, 09-29-21,  
Previous Sale: \$2,282,000, 10-13-20
- 15 Woodland Road, \$2,350,000, 4 Bdrms, 2177 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 10-07-21,  
Previous Sale: \$1,175,000, 09-24-03



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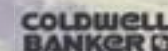
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### Grateful gobbler



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Hachiya and Fuyu persimmons are perfect holiday fruits.

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In 2018, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, over 10.5 million tons of yard trimmings were deposited in landfills, producing copious amounts of greenhouse gas.

Layering leaves in your landscape is also critical for wildlife habitat that benefits the ecosystem of thousands of different species. From earthworms, caterpillars, and pill bugs to toads, lizards and salamanders, leaf litters are alive with promise. Squirrels, birds, and yes, turkeys depend on layers of leaves as a food source during the winter months.

If you have a garden service, deter them from blowing leaves into the street where drains can be clogged and water quality in waterways can be compromised. Encourage these providers to create a pile of this organic material which will naturally break down to be used as free compost in your garden.

Since the downpour of the recent bomb cyclone and atmospheric river, mushrooms of many sorts have sprouted. It's tempting to want to harvest fungi for a delectable holiday recipe but unless one is an expert mycologist, it is wise to purchase mushrooms from a trusted source as many of the 11,000 species that grow in North America are poisonous and deadly.

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## *Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian* **Grateful gobbler**



**Don't eat the mushrooms sprouting unless you are knowledgeable.**



**Pumpkins and gourds for Thanksgiving.**



**Abelia blooms brighten the garden.**

Photos Cynthia Brian

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Persimmons, pumpkins, and squash supply part of the cornucopia of colorful edible produce that is healthy and delicious for any autumn feast. Fuyu persimmons sliced thinly add panache to fall salads and make crunchy, tasty snacks. Hachiya persimmons must be very soft, almost mushy, before they'll release their sweetness. They are delicious as a fresh dessert or made into puddings, cakes, and breads. Pumpkins and squash are superfoods that will boost your immunity and increase your intake of vitamins and minerals including vitamin C, magnesium, vitamin B6, potassium, vitamin E, folate, fatty acids, and other micronutrients. Along with gourds, they also create stunning displays on your Thanksgiving table.

Although many people may disagree, I am grateful for the gobblers that grace my grounds. The wild turkeys eat fallen rotten fruit, fertilize the orchard with their excrement, and respond to my attempts to talk turkey. In other words, turkeys amuse me.

As I look out upon my fall garden, I am comforted by the tranquility, the colors of the vegetation, and the changing of the seasons. Mostly I

am thankful to be alive and healthy and this year, have the ability to celebrate together as a family, along with the wild turkeys, deer, squirrels, raccoons, skunks, and other critters in our rural arena.

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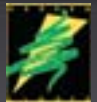
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