

Lamorinda

OUR HOMES

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Simple steps to an organized home

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Some like it hot!



Photos Cynthia Brian

Bougainvillea thrives in hot weather.

By Cynthia Brian

“What dreadful hot weather we have. It keeps one in a continual state of inelegance.” ~ Jane Austen

In July 1808 when Jane Austen was 33, the Central England Temperature series which dates back to 1659, recorded the second hottest month on record with temperatures around the country reaching between 97-105 degrees. Following this oppressive heat wave, a thunderstorm so violent that hail stones were up to a foot long, destroyed structures, and killed

people and livestock.

I normally adore hot weather. In the past, I was one of those people that liked it hot. Then Labor Day weekend 2022 happened! Wow! Throughout the many years that I’ve lived in Lamorinda, I don’t recall a time when temperatures reached 109. Friends in Southern California reported temperatures of 119 degrees. This excessive heat strained the power grids as people attempted to keep cool.

Throughout the United States and the world, horrific environmental tragedies are occurring including floods, fires, droughts, famines, heat waves, disappearing glaciers, and so much more with global warming and climate change accelerating. Scientists at UCLA and elsewhere are predicting a mega-storm in California in the next few decades that will be unlike anything anyone has ever experienced. They are calling it “the other BIG ONE” as it will be as destructive, deadly, and costly as any earthquake dumping over 100 inches of precipitation in non-stop atmospheric rivers throughout the state.

Yet today, suffering from extended heat and water scarcity, viewing our parched gardens, it’s hard to imagine a winter super storm. As a lover of nature and Goddess Gardener, I am acutely aware of the crisis we face. It is prudent to prepare.

I am watering twice a week, less than the district water mandate of thrice per week. As I do my best to never waste a drop of H₂O, buckets are maintained in showers and sinks, sprinklers have been checked, leaking valves repaired, my garden has been mulched, trigger nozzles are attached to every hose, and the driveway and patio are swept. Despite these earnest efforts, the month has been challenging to keep landscaping alive.

You are not alone if your lawn is brown

and crunchy. Mine is as well. I suggest applying enough water to keep the roots alive. When the rains come this winter (and let’s pray we get them without the torrential atmospheric rivers that we experienced last season), and with a bit of fertilizer later in the fall, your lawn will bounce back. It is ugly now, so patience is required. If you are tired of battling growing a beautiful green lawn in a drought, make sure to contact the water district as there are rebates for replacing turf with sustainable, drought-resistant landscaping.

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The deep throat of the naked lady will wither in the heat.

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| City | Last reported | Lowest amount | Highest amount |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| LAFAYETTE | 17 | \$655,000 | \$8,810,000 |
| MORAGA | 12 | \$520,000 | \$2,515,000 |
| ORINDA | 9 | \$400,000 | \$2,850,000 |

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LAFAYETTE

125 Bacon Court, \$1,765,000, 3 Bdrms, 2453 SqFt, 1976 YrBlt, 07-25-22

3310 Beechwood Drive, \$1,258,000, 2 Bdrms, 872 SqFt, 1942 YrBlt, 08-02-22

940 Dewing Avenue #C, \$825,000, 2 Bdrms, 1260 SqFt, 1982 YrBlt, 07-28-22,
Previous Sale: \$160,000, 04-01-88

983 Hawthorne Drive, \$1,375,000, 3 Bdrms, 1278 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 08-01-22,
Previous Sale: \$725,000, 05-07-09

20 Hidden Valley Road, \$1,725,000, 2 Bdrms, 2001 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 08-05-22

1510 Huston Road, \$655,000, 2 Bdrms, 844 SqFt, 1947 YrBlt, 07-26-22

3 Joplin Court, \$1,585,000, 4 Bdrms, 1742 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 08-03-22

837 Las Trampas Road, \$2,861,000, 4 Bdrms, 3569 SqFt, 1996 YrBlt, 08-05-22

1030 Lindsey Court, \$1,975,000, 4 Bdrms, 2003 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 08-02-22

3353 South Lucille Lane, \$1,750,000, 3 Bdrms, 1847 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 07-25-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 07-09-18

3241 Marlene Drive, \$761,000, 2 Bdrms, 1160 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 07-29-22

1409 Meadowlark Court, \$2,125,000, 4 Bdrms, 2974 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 08-04-22

1259 Redwood Lane, \$8,810,000, 6 Bdrms, 6453 SqFt, 1986 YrBlt, 07-27-22,
Previous Sale: \$6,500,000, 07-12-17

3568 Silver Springs Road, \$1,795,000, 3 Bdrms, 1650 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 07-25-22,
Previous Sale: \$925,000, 04-16-09

3378 Springhill Road, \$1,710,000, 5 Bdrms, 2636 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 08-05-22,
Previous Sale: \$48,000, 07-01-79

1755 Toyon Road, \$3,350,000, 5 Bdrms, 4861 SqFt, 2005 YrBlt, 08-01-22,
Previous Sale: \$2,500,000, 09-23-08

28 Warwick Court, \$2,305,000, 3 Bdrms, 2395 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 08-03-22

MORAGA

5 Brandt Drive, \$2,350,000, 4 Bdrms, 3113 SqFt, 1986 YrBlt, 08-05-22,
Previous Sale: \$480,000, 09-01-86

5 Camelford Court, \$2,000,000, 3 Bdrms, 1462 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 08-01-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,285,000, 06-16-21

1481 Camino Peral, \$730,000, 2 Bdrms, 1265 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 07-26-22

67 Corte Del Sol, \$1,576,000, 4 Bdrms, 1946 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 07-26-22,
Previous Sale: \$133,500, 12-01-78

6 Cortes Court, \$1,550,000, 3 Bdrms, 1760 SqFt, 1961 YrBlt, 07-25-22

13 Doral Drive, \$1,340,000, 2 Bdrms, 2142 SqFt, 1978 YrBlt, 08-05-22,
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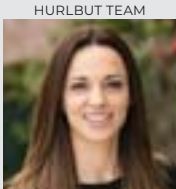
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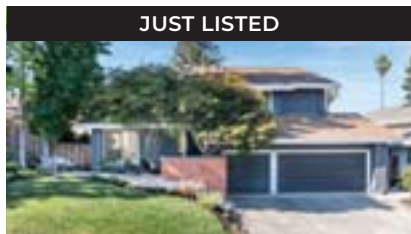
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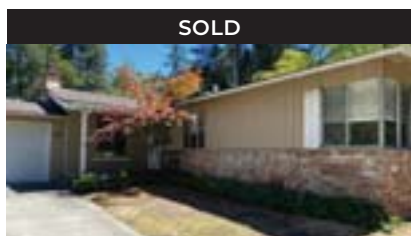
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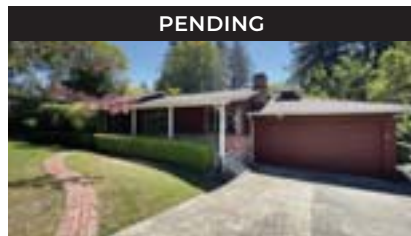
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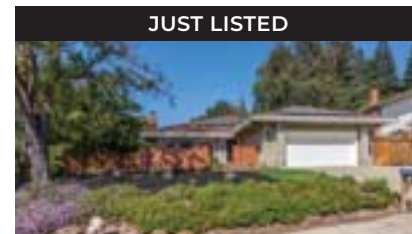
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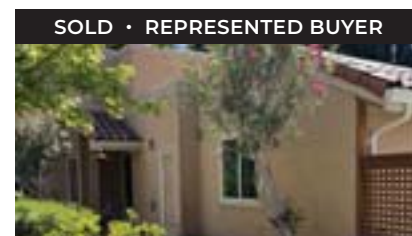
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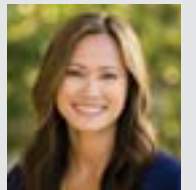
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What does it mean to have an organized home, really?



Photos provided

By Jennifer Raftis, CPO, Certified Professional Organizer

When you think of organized spaces, do you immediately have visions of neat and tidy items lined up perfectly in matching containers on shelves? If your home doesn't look like these picture perfect, Pinterest-worthy images, does that mean that your home is not organized?

Maybe and maybe not!

The truth is that an organized space actually has nothing to do with looking perfectly neat or tidy; that's just a bonus. The question is, does your space function efficiently for you? Efficiency does matter!

I describe "being organized" as being able to find an item when you need it. It's that simple. Think about what happens when you can't find an item (a really important item) ... frustration, stress, aggravation. Now think about how you feel when you are able to retrieve it immediately – life is so much easier – game changer! Once you understand the concept of being organized, it will produce a gratifying sense of calm and clarity.

Every item in your home needs to have a designated place where it is stored.

A place for everything and everything in its place (turns out that Grandmother really did know best).

Whether it's a single item or a category of items, you can become more organized by following a few simple guidelines:

Every item in your home has to have a designated place where it is stored and everyone must know the location. A good example is your kitchen. Think about the plates, glasses and silverware. Everyone in the home knows where to find and put back

these items and they never get lost (except when your teenager leaves a plate under the bed). Kitchen storage is fairly straightforward, but other items tend to get randomly stuffed wherever you have space in your home – and then you can't find them when you need them again.

Store items in a location close to where you use them. In most cases, this is obvious as you probably wouldn't keep tools in the bathroom or toilet paper in the kitchen.

Store items in direct relation to the frequency of use. Anything you use often should get the best real estate.

Frequently used items should be easy to reach. If you want your kids to put back their clothes or toys, is it easy? If the dresser drawers are overstuffed with clothes, kids won't be able to easily put clothes away, which is often why they are left on the floor. With young kids, it can be helpful to have pictures on the bins or drawers where the items belong. Labeling storage can be helpful for adults too.

If you want your kids to pick up their clothes or toys, make it easy.

Common pitfalls to organizing

As a professional organizer, I have found many common ways people getting hung up trying to get organized: You buy lots of containers (because it's fun and they are cute) before you measure or even know what quantity you are storing; you purchase the same item again and again because you can't find it – this is a good sign that you need to designate its "home;" you shop because it feels good (retail therapy) but already have too much of that item (clothes?); or you purchase every organizing book and latch onto phrases like "only touch it once" or "keep it only if it sparks joy" in hopes it will change your life forever..

Staying organized

Overbuying can be the biggest downfall to staying organized. Being mindful of your shopping can be helpful. Ask yourself these questions before you hit the purchase button:

Do I really need this item? (Remember that you are the only person that can answer the question, "Do I have too much?") Do I have room for this item? If you can't close your dresser drawers or it's hard to fit another shirt in your closet, can you remove some items first? Chaotic spaces can cause a



lot of stress. Where will this item live? Many of my clients like to shop at Costco (hoping to save money), but if Costco quantities do not fit in your house or cause your space to be overcrowded, it might not be as important to save a couple of bucks. Another example is large holiday décor; make sure you have the room to store it because it is being stored for 11 months.

Anytime you bring an item into your home, it can be helpful to know the answers to these questions in order to decide if you really want the responsibility of owning it.

Whether or not you have too much, not enough, or just the right amount of stuff, if you know where to find it, you are organized. Congratulations!

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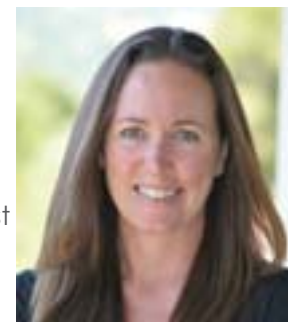
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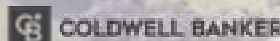
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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Some like it hot!



Despite the high temperatures, the garden is restful yet colorful.

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Proven Winners has just asked me to trial two of their newest developments,

Estrellita Little Star™ Bouvardia and Chicklet™ Orange Trumpet Bush. I am always thrilled to test any new cultivar but because of the heat, I've asked them to not send the plant samples for a couple of weeks until the weather, hopefully, is cooler. If you are waiting to transplant, my suggestion is to postpone putting anything in the ground until the days are nippier, nights are warm, and rain is on the horizon. I currently have four big containers consisting of two avocado trees, a banana tree, and a red rose that need to be moved to their forever spot, yet I dare not attempt to replant them now. Last spring, I transplanted three avocado trees which perished during the summer heat even though I was attentive. Trees take three to five years to acclimate to their new environs. Timing the transition is tricky, yet imperative.

My "hot" news is that my first children's picture book, "No Barnyard Bullies," based on true stories from growing up on a farm and adopting and rehoming animals, is published. I will be selling and autographing the first edition at the Pear and Wine Festival at Moraga Commons Park in the Be the Star You Are!® booth on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11-3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the arts, culture, and literacy charity empowering women, families, and youth. Our gratitude to Lamorinda Weekly and MB Jesse Painting for sponsoring the booth. Hope to see you there. For more information, visit Events at <https://www.bethestaryouare.org>.

In this late summer weather, we may feel inelegant and perhaps a



These containers are waiting to be transplanted once the rains begin.

bit dreadful. It's hot, hot, hot. But it could be worse ... like a flash flood or hail stones as big as a football. Stay cool, hydrated, and shaded.



This sedum in bloom resembles pink shooting stars. Photos Cynthia Brian

Lamorinda home sales recorded

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Moraga ... continued

- 144 Draeger Drive, \$1,500,000, 4 Bdrms, 2181 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 07-25-22
61 Hardie Drive, \$1,732,500, 4 Bdrms, 2449 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 08-04-22,
Previous Sale: \$2,475,000, 02-08-22
115 Merion Terrace, \$1,389,000, 3 Bdrms, 1819 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 07-28-22
1850 School Street, \$2,515,000, 5 Bdrms, 2628 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 08-01-22
800 Villa Lane #3, \$520,000, 2 Bdrms, 952 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 07-28-22
14 Warfield Drive, \$1,625,000, 4 Bdrms, 2441 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 07-29-22

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- 63 Ardilla Road, \$1,710,000, 4 Bdrms, 2276 SqFt, 1946 YrBlt, 08-03-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,190,000, 02-25-14
57 Bobolink Road, \$1,975,000, 3 Bdrms, 2055 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 08-01-22,
Previous Sale: \$670,000, 07-01-02
115 Canon Drive, \$1,575,000, 3 Bdrms, 1908 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 07-26-22,
Previous Sale: \$799,000, 06-06-03
17 Easton Court, \$1,280,000, 3 Bdrms, 1975 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 08-03-22
138 Fiesta Circle, \$2,850,000, 4 Bdrms, 2231 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 07-29-22,
Previous Sale: \$975,000, 12-21-20
86 La Espiral, \$2,180,000, 4 Bdrms, 3516 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 08-01-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,728,000, 03-21-17
23 Overhill Road, \$2,480,000, 4 Bdrms, 2467 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 08-05-22,
Previous Sale: \$1,450,000, 11-21-17
6969 Skyline Boulevard, \$400,000, 2 Bdrms, 1251 SqFt,
1949 YrBlt, 08-04-22
39 Valley Drive, \$2,300,000, 4 Bdrms, 3384 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 08-05-22



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Cynthia Brian's Mid-September Gardening Guide

- Autumn is less than two weeks away. It is time to buy the spring bulbs you wish to plant. Visit your local nursery or order from catalogs for your favorite blooms:

Van Engelen Dutch bulbs: www.vanengelen.com

John Scheepers beauty bulbs: www.johnscheepers.com

White Flower Farm: www.whiteflowerfarm.com

Spring Hill Nursery: www.springhillnursery.com

Breck's Direct from Holland: www.brecks.com

- Save Energy from 4 to 9 p.m. as extreme heat is straining California's grid.

- Water containers daily if the soil is dry. Test by putting a pencil or stick a few inches into the pot. If the pencil comes out dry, it's time to water. If moist, skip it.

- Climate emergencies are on the rise. Heed these warnings offered by Lamorinda emergency services:

- Sign up for alerts on your smartphone with the Contra Costa County Community Warning

System- <https://alerts5.athoc.com/SelfService/CCCCWS/Register>

- Include the CWS emergency notification number (925-655-0195) in your favorite contacts so you will receive messages when your phone is set to "do not disturb". For directions on how to do this

visit- <https://www.lamorindacert.org/resource/cell-phone-do-not-disturb/>

- Know Your Zone! Contra Costa County is divided into evacuation zones. Knowing your zone will allow you to quickly identify your neighborhood's evacuation status and know when it's safe to return home. Find your zone here- <https://cwsalerts.com/know-your-zone/> Don't forget to save the



Watermelon crape myrtle is spectacular on the tree but does not make a good cut flower.



In a shady location, yellow begonias shine.

Photos Cynthia Brian

information where you can find it in an emergency.

- Review the Lamorinda Resident's Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation.

<https://lamorindacert.org/evacuate/documents/LRGWPE.pdf>

- Contact the water district to inquire about a rebate if you decide to replace your lawn with drought-resistant landscaping.

- Deep-soak established trees, especially if signs of distress are evident. Deep-soaking prevents roots from rising to the soil surface.

- Irrigate deeply early in the morning or as late as possible in the evening when the temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.

- Refrain from planting any new plants during a heatwave. Wait until mid-fall or whenever the days become cooler, yet the soil is still warm.

- Stay hydrated. Make sure your animals have plenty of water, too.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.



Cynthia Brian on a warm sunset evening.

Cynthia Brian, The Goddess Gardener, is available for hire to help you prepare for your fall garden. Raised in the vineyards of Napa County, Cynthia is a New York Times best-selling author, actor, radio personality, speaker, media and writing coach as well as the Founder and Executive Director of Be the Star You Are!® 501 c3. Tune into Cynthia's StarStyle® Radio Broadcast at www.StarStyleRadio.com. Her newest children's picture book, No Barnyard Bullies, is available now.. Buy copies of her books, www.cynthiabrian.com/online-store. Receive a FREE inspirational music DVD and special savings. For an invitation to hang out with Cynthia for fun virtual events, activities, conversations, and special perks, buy a StarStyle® NFT at <https://StarStyleCommunity.com>. Hire Cynthia for writing projects, garden consults, and inspirational lectures. Cynthia@GoddessGardener.com www.GoddessGardener.com

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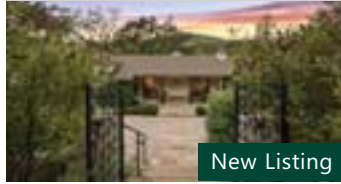
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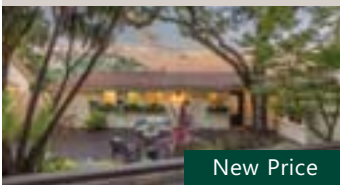
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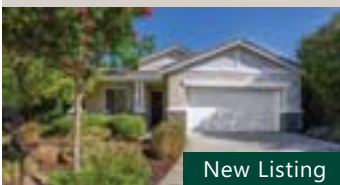
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