**How local gardeners ‘GO NATIVE’**

Annual tour offers close-up views of reducing water, pesticide use

Water plants in the pond (left), but not the koi fish, are natives; below, native flowers abound in Melanie Cross’ garden.

**Melanie Cross sits in her native-plant garden, which will be on tour April 19. Cross says the garden is prettiest in April, when orange poppies are in full bloom.**

by Casey Scheld

Melanie Cross has always loved the many types of native plants California has to offer and the habitat they manage to create.

For the fifth year in a row, her Old Adobe Road garden will be featured in the Going Native Garden Tour on April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The tour is sponsored by the California Native Plant Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the understanding and appreciation of California’s native plants.

Since 2003, the tour gives plant aficionados the chance to see native California plants in more than 45 gardens around the Santa Clara County area and the Peninsula.

Nine gardens in the Palo Alto area will be on display, along with four in Mountain View, two in Los Altos and one in Menlo Park. There will also be gardens on display in Alviso, Belmont, Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Hillsborough, Morgan Hill, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and San Mateo.

Gardens are presented in an open-house style format that is open to the public. The tour is free, but registration is mandatory. Addresses to the self-guided tour will be given out upon registration.

The goals of the tour are “to demonstrate reduced water use, reduced chemical and pesticide use, improved habitat, and the unique aesthetic appeal of gardens designed with California native plants,” according to the Going Native Garden Tour website.

Cross has been planting in her large garden since she and her husband bought it 11 years ago. Her many hikes through California’s regional parks inspired her to collect the many plants that make up her garden today.

“You see it hiking, and you say to yourself that you have to have it,” she said.

Her interest has led her to pick up books on the subject and attend classes from top gardeners in the field. This, in turn, has given her ideas for new additions to her garden, she said.

Hundreds of plants make their home in Cross’ garden, including California lilacs, pitcher sage brush, wild lilies and coyote mint. A large pond near the back also pays host to a number of water-bound plants.

Melanie Cross has been planting in her garden today.

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Part of the Cross native garden is a pond, which uses a biological filtration process involving lava rocks and bacteria to keep the water clean without using paper filters.

**Going native**

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and salamanders all come to visit the garden. Different types of bugs are drawn to the plants in the area, leading to a natural habitat for the creatures. The bugs have adjusted to the environment, eating away at old plants while pollinating new ones. The coyote brushes alone are able to support more than 500 different species.

“Birds and insects in California have evolved with the plants. You could spray them with water, or you can sit back and watch,” she said. She said these bugs draw birds into the area, including an abundance of hummingbirds.

One of the benefits of this habitat is its ease of maintenance. Most of the plants need no supplemental water, and most need no special treatment. Changes have been made since the first time Cross’ garden was first featured five years ago, including a large meadow that contains a winding labyrinth made of fieldstones.

To make up her garden, Cross paid visit to a number of specialty stores in California. Her dedication has led her to specialty businesses as far away as Santa Margarita to find the perfect plants for her garden.

For Cross, April is the best season for these plants. Even though different plants grow at different times, she said everything is in bloom now. To prepare for the season, she planted a new lupine.

“It’s just getting itself established,” she said.

Future plans for her garden include new lilies and bulb plants such as onions. She also hopes to put in a few new shade plants.

She hopes that this tour will educate people and show them how to plant a garden of their own.

“I think educating people on how to use plants helps out the land,” she said. 

**Editorial Intern Casey Scheld can be reached at cscheld@paweekly.com**

### Going Native Garden Tour

*What:* Going Native Garden Tour

*When:* Sunday, April 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Where:* 45 gardens in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties

*Tickets:* Free, but preregistration required before April 12, noon (or when tour reaches capacity)

*Info:* Visit www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org; once registered, visitors will be informed of the house addresses. Users plan their own itineraries and can go to as many houses they please. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis, so carpooling is encouraged. For information, e-mail info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org.

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**Menlo Park**
Total sales reported: 5
Highest sales price: $1,300,000

**Redwood City**
Total sales reported: 7
Highest sales price: $545,000

**Mountain View**
Total sales reported: 4
Highest sales price: $625,000

**Total sales reported for all areas:** $3,888,000

Source: California REsource

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**HOME SALES**

Home sales are provided by California REsource, a real estate information company that obtains the information from the Recorder’s Office. Information is recorded from deeds after the close of escrow and published within four to eight weeks.

**Los Altos**
366 Anita Ave, Stevens Trust to P. Gleicher for $2,190,000 on 3/17/09; previous sale 5/91, to P. Gleichauf for $2,190,000

**Menlo Park**
110 Muelan Oaks Drive R. Jon-son to B. & M. Orth for $380,000 on 3/15/09; previous sale 7/01, to A. & E. R. for $395,000

1430 Redwood Drive Bucher trust to D. & M. Bennett for $1,550,000 on 3/12/09; previous sale 2/04, to $1,200,000

**Mountain View**
1269 Cuemavaca Circulo Trust to M. Duncan for $1,150,000 on 3/13/09; previous sale 7/06, to $655,000

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**Redwood City**
382 2nd Ave., US Bank to P. Laing for $310,000 on 3/2/09; previous sale 7/06, to $665,000

24 Flower St. Long Beach Mortgage to R. & F. Altona for $500,000 on 3/2/09; previous sale 12/5, to $765,000

111 Frankstn. CWALT Inc. to Butler Realty for $333,000 on 3/24/09; previous sale 4/05, to $365,500

1458 Hudson St. #216 Brunis Trust to A. Georges for $330,000 on 3/29/09

7 Inner Circle Glimore Trust to J. Edison for $205,000 on 3/29/09

1074 Jones Court HSBC Bank to P. & M. Washor for $485,050 on 3/3/09

310 Mecoy St. J. Paz to L. & R. Dolley for $475,000 on 3/3/09; previous sale 8/06, to $115,000

1270 Woodside Road D. Scott to A. Margidsen for $475,000 on 3/6/09

**Menlo Park**
400 Central Ave. K. Heller, enlarge one window in living room — red tag Prok for $52,000

1080 Trimble Road D. Elliot & R. Jan, voluntary seismic upgrade to an existing one-family residence — red tag $2,500

135 Commonwealth Drive J. Courtyard, kitchen remodel — red tag $16,000

1189 El Camino Real Buckdusen, replacement of HVAC unit on roof, $9,256

1272 Marucussen Drive P. Tajiki, rental income house only, to $1,000

324 Arbor Road D. Fraser, temporary power poles, $/a

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**Palo Alto**
440 Center Point D. Torre, re-roof $9,256

508 El Camino Real #204 J. & M. Patterson, new single-family house (detached garage remains as is), $4,800

521 Marion Ave. D. & M. Bock, kitchen remodel, $21,707

5140 Lincoln Ave. D. Knott, remove and replace upstairs bathroom, laundry room, half-bath, sink, toilet, shower and fixtures, $18,000

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**Redwood City**
566 Hawthorne Drive CWALT Lim-ited Trust, to J. Dunne, $1,005,000, 1,401 sq ft, 2 bd

2480 Sand Hill Road H. Kaiser Family Foundation, commercial addition (302 sq ft, two new of- fices, mostly four existing offices), $300,000

2490 Sand Hill Road Henry Kaiser Family Foundation, install two duct-less split systems in an existing commercial structure, $41,732

1135 Deanna Drive I. Derman, replace water heater, $1,305

2800 Sand Hill Road Sand Hill Oak Partners, commercial tenant improvement (new executive kitchen, dumbwaiter and new communicat- ing two-story stair), $3,534,000

1143 Sevier Ave. W. Johnson, 120-sq ft detached storage shed, $2,375

525 El Camino Real Christiansen Fund Lessor, commercial tenant improvement for a restaurant in an existing shell, $200,000

29 Willow Road M. A. Edelberg, furn- nace, $1,900

1278 Laurel Street C. P. Wehman, patch foundation/retaining wall, $3,000

1220 El Camino Real J. & M. Patterson, new washer and dryer, new subpanel and sub- panel, to $8,500

2800 San Antonio Road SE West Coast Products, retrofit existing dispensers with new EVOphase technology, $7,000

1072 Tanland Drive #240 B. & R. Gammill, new washer and dryer, new subpanel and sub- panel, to $8,500

1072 Tanland Drive #222 B. & R. Gammill, new washer and dryer, new subpanel and sub- panel, to $8,500

1094 Tanland Drive #107, #201 C. & R. Gammill, new washer and dryer, new subpanel and sub- panel, to $8,500

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**Palo Alto**
4741 Kings Lane E. & S. Shetter, interior tenant improvement — red tag $1,500

310 Seale Ave. R. Kohler, new two-story house with basement, $955,916; new one car garage with covered porch, $19,253

385 Oregon Ave. S. & S. Simi- vassan, new single-family house (detached garage remains as is), $332,706

521 Marion Ave. D. & M. Bock, kitchen remodel, $21,707

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**Menlo Park**
1076 Varsity Court H. & W. Lew for $995,000 on 4205 Ponce Drive

**Redwood City**
1305 Lubich Drive Trust to M. Duncan for $1,050,000 on 3/3/09

1180 Trinity Hill Trust to Glotomary Trust for $1,150,000 on 3/3/09

**Mountain View**
2047 Montecito Ave. E. & S. Shetter, new garage, $197,000

28 Park Lane J. & M. Rogers, new entry gate and wall, $92,000

92 Toyon Road Dimeter, bathroom remodel, $45,150

127 Toscalsosa Ave. J. & M. Rogers, new pre-fab tub/shell, $10,623

57 Maple Ave. J. & M. Rogers, extend house, $24,000

140 Ahlertson Ave. B. Moe, replace sewer lateral from house to property line, $/a

152 58th Lane J. & M. Rogers, install four new automatic entry gates, $20,000

450 Walsh Road L. Conn, addition to existing garage, $162,400

84 Stockbridge Ave. D. Trust, 200-amp main metal electrical service, $/a

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**Menlo Park**
1143 Commonwealth Drive S. & L. Mandema, enhance vapor recovery system, $65,902

135 Commonwealth Drive S. & L. Mandema, enhance vapor recovery system, $65,902

2800 Sand Hill Road DSJ Amosco Properties Co., interior tenant improvement to existing commercial shell, $1,650,000

320 Laurel St. D. Diederich, bath- room remodel, $32,959

1525 Bay Laurel Drive Bowsher, install residential photocatalytic solar system, $25,350; solar hot water, $16,100

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**Palo Alto**
1250 Cedar St. Anderson Trust to P. & M. Gardan for $1,300,000 on 3/17/09

4250 El Camino Real #4204, IP Morgan Chase Bank to K. Mc- Cowan for $420,000 on 3/15/09; previous sale 4/03, to $275,000

1032 Fulton St. Gale Trust to F. Outuma for $1,105,000 on 3/13/09

3249 Maddux Drive Bank of America to R. Bansal for $900,000 on 3/13/09; previous sale 2/05, to $750,000

2405 Ponce Drive T. Nordrand to H. W. Lew for $900,000 on 3/13/09

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Garden tips for April

Spring is here and it is time to plant. The soil is warming up, the heavy rains are past and the days are getting longer. This is a great time to start a compost bin and worm farm. Buy a cubic yard of mulch and get planting.

The garden is calling and you are the best person to plant your favorite flowers and veggies. If you are reducing your meat intake, think about plants to grill such as heirloom tomatoes, eggplant, zucchini, green onions and asparagus. These taste so good with some olive oil, garlic and sea salt, grilled and served over polenta. It makes me hungry to write it.

Here are the tips:

1. Plant tomatoes. There are so many new varieties including exotic hybrids you have plenty to choose from. Roger Reynolds Nursery in Menlo Park has the biggest selection I have seen recently, and they have reviews of the flavors and qualities of the different varieties.
2. Plant beets, chard, beans (both pole and bush) carrots, lettuce, radishes, spinach, squash and zucchini. Plant herbs — you will need them when cooking with all those fresh vegetables you will harvest.
3. Plant peppers, the wonder food of California. Lots of peppers make life interesting and worth living. The best chili (like chili con carne) is made with New Mexico Joe Parker Espanola improved chilies. These are big, red and sweet with a great flavor. If you cannot find the Joe Parkers get seeds from the big red chilies you can buy at your store is really a good thing.
4. Dead head (remove the spent flowers) and then feed azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons when they are finished with their bloom. These are all acid-loving plants and require fertilizer specifically for them. You can get azalea/camellia/rhododendron food at the nursery. Be sure to follow the directions on the package.
5. If you don’t already own one, buy a good garden encyclopedia. I use the Sunset Western Garden Book, the American Horticultural Society Encyclopedia and the Royal Horticultural Society’s encyclopedia. I encourage you to support your local book sellers. They can order books for you. It doesn’t hurt to wait a week or so and having a bookstore is really a good thing.
6. Learn what plant zone you are in. Your encyclopedia can teach you by looking at the map in the front or back of the book. Knowing this will help you to select plants that can tolerate your climate. It will also give you information on other climate zones in case you want to create special environments for plants that may not normally grow here.
7. Container plants have different requirements for food and water than those planted in the ground. Water more frequently and be careful with fertilization so you do not have salt build-up. Repot container plants that are getting out of control.
8. Flowers to plant this month are tuberous begonias, dahlias, calendulas, chrysanthemums, daylilies, hostas, impatients, jasmine, marigold and zinnias.
9. Imagine your garden from a worm’s eye view. Look up at all those roots and how much nicer it would be if the person tending this garden would cultivate a little more, pull a few of those weeds and sprinkle a little fertilizer around.
10. These are the days we will remember, for many reasons. Let’s make them better with fertilizer and other special zone in case you want to create special environments for plants that may not normally grow here.

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Community Center Gem

- 2 Bedrooms
- New kitchen with separate dining area
- Newly refinished hardwood floors
- Professionally landscaped grounds
- Detached garage converted to dwelling area with bath
- Rear patio with fountain
- Near Rinconada Park, Junior Museum & Zoo
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- Two Full Bathrooms
- Attached 2 car garage
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Outdoor patio and garden ideal for relaxing and entertaining

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Elegant Crescent Park

- 4 Bedrooms & 3 Bathrooms - spacious master suite
- Built in 1988
- Updated Kitchen with center island, breakfast nook, updated appliances
- Family room has french doors that open to back deck & gardens
- 2 upstairs bedrooms have access to balcony - one with built in desk & shelving
- Built-in Vacuum
- Alarm System
- Wood deck and brick patio in rear and side garden area
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Home Buyers and Sellers, 86 percent of households earning above $200,000 used some type of mortgage to finance the purchase of their homes. NAR estimates the proposed cap would result in $3.3 to $4.7 billion in additional taxes each year. The present value of the lost tax benefit over time is estimated to be between $90 billion and $133 billion. An equivalent house price decline over time would be expected once the reduced value of the MID is capitalized into home prices. That higher tax burden, once it is capitalized in the value of affected households’ homes, would trickle down to the housing market as a whole, hurting home values, curbing sales, and creating a roadblock to recovery.

Reduction in demand is not only expected to decrease home prices at the top-end, but it would also filter down to lower priced homes, thereby affecting many middle income households.

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The Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS® strongly opposes placing a cap on the mortgage interest deduction. As currently drafted, the plan changes the mortgage interest deduction by reducing the amount of mortgage deductibility on families earning over $250,000.

“This proposal has the potential of greatly impeding the recovery of the real estate market in Silicon Valley and across the nation,” said SILVAR President Julia Truesdale Keady. “New reductions in the mortgage interest deduction will result in further erosion of home prices and home values. It will set off a new round of price depreciation and cause greater distress on the balance sheets of banks as the collateral value of mortgage backed securities declines.”

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3 Bedrooms
3458 Cabrillo Avenue
Sun Campi Properties 650-941-4309

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4 Bedrooms
3030 Whisperwave Cr
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2 Bedrooms
3310 Brittan Ave #3
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SAN MATED
1 Baldwin Ave #907
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors 323-1111

2 Bedrooms
225 Virginia Av
Sun Cashin 415-310-3754

5 Bedrooms
421 Avila Rd
Sun Cashin 906-756

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223 La Mesa Dr #1
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 596-5400

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259 Vine St
Sun Cashin Company 688-4900

1050 Tamarack Av
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3 Bedrooms
3909 Byron Ave
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 599-1111

CRANE STATION
3 Bedrooms
308 El Camino Real
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CARMEL VALLEY
3 Bedrooms
3500 Altura Rd
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SUNNYVALE
2 Bedrooms
4710 Ladera Dr
Sun Coldwell Banker 529-1111

3 Bedrooms
1166 Butler Ave
Sun Coldwell Banker 529-1111

4 Bedrooms
965 California St
Sun Coldwell Banker 529-1111

5 Bedrooms
1723 Seventh Ave
Sun Coldwell Banker 529-1111

SANTA CRUZ
4 Bedrooms
3500 Southridge Ct
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 599-1111

5 Bedrooms
2490 Fredrick Way
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2 Bedrooms
3319 Brittan Ave
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors 323-1111

3 Bedrooms
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150 El Camino Real
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors 323-1111

SAN JOSE
2 Bedrooms
380 Portola Road
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors 323-1111

PARK HILLS
3 Bedrooms
3050 Figueroa St
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4 Bedrooms
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2 Bedrooms
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Reading between the emotional line makes the difference between finding a house and a home.

Los Altos Hills $4,200,000
California living tucked away in the hills on 2.5+ acres. This 3bd/2ba home was designed by renowned architect Goodwin Steinberg.

Los Altos $1,799,000-$3,499,000
Visit www.dixonway.com for options available to build in new cul-de-sac in North Los Altos.

Woodside $6,850,000
Completely remodeled home privately situated on 4.5+ac surrounded by Wunderlich Park. Pool, 10-stall barn/ring.

Palo Alto $2,350,000
Extensively remodeled 5bd/3ba with top-of-the-line amenities and fine details throughout.

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4bd/3ba located on one of Crescent Park’s most enchanting streets where each home is a custom classic.

Redwood City
Elegant 4bd/3.5ba home + bonus room. 3 fireplaces with hand-carved limestone mantels. Bay and canyon views.

Menlo Park
Charming, remodeled 5bd/3ba home in Menlo Park’s highly desirable Willows neighborhood.

Palo Alto
Bright 3bd/2ba with updated kitchen and baths. Pool, garden and play area.

Menlo Park
Price slashed! was $2,295,000. Stunning superior quality new construction. Las Lomitas Schools.

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Impeccably remodeled in 2004 this 3bd/2.5ba home boasts tasteful finishes throughout.

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4 Bedrooms and 4 full Bathrooms
Enormous Master Suite
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Large “Great Room” overlooking private, expansive backyard
Dramatic Formal Entry, Living Room with vaulted ceilings, lovely formal Dining Room
2,822 sf, 8,247 lot
Listed by: Leslie Zeisler
Listed at $1,949,000

**553 Maybell Avenue, Palo Alto**

Remodeled throughout. Beautifully landscaped

Open Sunday 1:30-4:30

Wow! This newly listed home is an absolute pleasure to see! Completely remodeled, tastefully expanded and situated on a large, beautifully landscaped lot. Spacious master suite, vaulted ceilings, family room, separate office and a “chef’s kitchen” are just a few of the home’s many wonderful features

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
1,556 sf, 7,561 lot
Listed by: Tim Foy
Listed at $1,249,000

**296 Ely Place, Palo Alto**

Rare remodeled Palo Alto Duplex!

Open Sunday 1:30-4:30

Charming remodeled duplex with hardwood floors, dual pane windows, new kitchen and bathrooms. Gated driveway and landscaped grounds. Close to Stanford University and Paly. Many possibilities for ownership.

3 bed/2 bath unit, 1,147 sf
2 bed/1 bath unit, 879 sf
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www.dynamiteduplex.com
Listed at $1,649,000

**155-157 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto**

Immaculately maintained Eichler

Come, see and enjoy this impeccably maintained Eichler situated on a spacious, landscaped lot. Energy efficiency upgrades include dual pane windows and a foam roof. Nice quiet neighborhood in a highly convenient location.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
1,144 sf, 6,000 lot
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Listed at $995,000

**710 Seminole Way, Palo Alto**

Spacious and updated throughout

Open Sunday 1:30-4:30

Fantastic home and an excellent value! Updated and expanded, featuring a beautifully remodeled kitchen, new flooring throughout, fresh landscaping and a great floor plan that can easily be configured as a 4 bedroom without sacrificing the spacious family room. Numerous energy efficiency upgrades.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
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604 El Ranchito Way .......................... $829,000
Spacious bungalow style home near downtown Mountain View. Large back yard, 3br/2ba, approximately 1700 sq. ft. of living space. Large family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, freshly painted.

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**Open Saturdays, 1:30-4:30**

**Menlo Park**

1476 Fairway Dr. ............................ $3,798,000
Newly constructed 5 BR home on approximately half AC flat lot. Beautiful gourmet kitchen, open family room, soaring ceilings, crown moldings, hardwood floors, office, 3 car garage.

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**Palo Alto Hills**

996 Laurel Glen Drive ....................... $7,850,000
Gorgeous Palo Alto Hills golf course, approximately 8,200 sq ft of living space offering both formal and casual entertaining. Gorgeous backyard offering terraced gardens, sparkling pool and spa, cabana and fountains. Top rated Palo Alto schools.

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**Los Altos**

1520 Montebello Oaks ....................... $3,495,000
Custom designed home w/ exceptional attention to detail. Soaring ceilings, crown moldings, gorgeous stone & hewed floors. Sep. in-law quarters w/ living rm plumbed for kitchenette, laundry & separate entrance. Game rm, wine cellar, sauna, theatre rm. Wonderful yard w/professional landscaping & rm for pool.

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**Midtown Realty, Inc**

2775 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94306
Phone: (650)321-1596  Fax: (650)328-1809
This striking home, framed by a magnificent heritage oak, is surrounded with gorgeous natural beauty, level lawn, and views of the Bay – all on approximately 1.8 acres. The beautifully appointed custom contemporary design spans multiple levels and approximately 3,900 square feet with expansive windows, high vaulted ceilings, and wrap-around deck.

- 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms
- Hardwood and Saltillo tile floors
- Two lofts provide versatile space for library, study, fitness, or play
- Master suite with dramatic skylights and private balcony
- Glorious deck, luxurious spa, and level lawn
- Private open space with trails just steps away
- Ideal location with easy access to shopping and dining in both Portola Valley and Woodside, commute routes, and excellent Portola Valley schools

Offered at $2,575,000

For a virtual tour, visit www.chenzel.com

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Tree-lined, Quiet Street In N. Los Altos
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The Home Features:
Approx. 3,800 sqft. Of Living Space
Heavy Glass-lined Wrought Iron Front Door
5 Spacious Bedrooms
One Master Suite study/library
4 Full Baths
2 One Half Baths
Hardwood Floor, Some In Herringbone Pattern
Separate Dining Room
Approx. 240 sqft. Porch overlooking
Manicured lawn Behind Iron Gate

Separate Family Room
State Of The Art Kitchen, Breakfast nook
Butler's Pantry W/ wine cooler
Large Wine Cellar
Entertainment Center In Lower Level
High Quality Lighting, Including Hurricane Lamps

Offered at $2,495,000

241 Iris, Palo Alto

Stunning newer Country English home with detached guest quarters! Located on a desirable, tree-lined street, this home blends wonderful period architectural details with modern amenities. Dramatic roofline, arched dormers, and front porch exude charm of yester year. The floor plan incorporates elements for formal living and entertaining and for today’s active family life. The back yard stone patio extends living space to the outdoors fully capturing the indoor /outdoor lifestyles of California living!

• Wonderfully designed, architected, and re-built approximately 5 years ago
• 3 spacious bedrooms including huge master bedroom suite in the main house with 2 half baths plus an additional bedroom and full bath in the guest quarters
• Great Room with gas fireplace, recessed lighting, and pre-wired for wall-mount TV
• Fine finishes include beautiful Brazilian eucalyptus wood flooring & crown molding in most rooms
• Modern amenities include Cat-5e wiring and integrated stereo system
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