



Joseph's April Update

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"Don't aim at success - the more you aim at it and make it a target, the more you are going to miss it.

For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued; it must ensue, and it only does so as the unintended side-effect of one's personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself or as the by-product of one's surrender to a person other than oneself."

-- Viktor E. Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

No matter what happens in the news and world outside, only your enhanced and ongoing positive attitude will make the difference for your increased happiness and success.

"Success is not the key to happiness.

Happiness is the key to success.

If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."

-- Albert Schweitzer, Physician and Scientist

Five FENG SHUI tips for Decorating and Finishing Touches

Taking note of the major Feng Shui taboos that apply to house interiors saves you a great deal of trouble. Once you become totally familiar with the designs, colours, objects and styles that can inadvertently create bad luck, you will find Feng Shui practice becomes second nature.

- Paintings of landscapes such as mountains and rivers are excellent from a Feng Shui perspective, especially when hung correctly. Always display mountains behind where you sit, and water views in front of you. Mountains offer symbolic support. A print of Mount Everest, Mount Kailash or Macchu Picchu represents support from a very high mountain, and would be excellent when hung in the study or work office.
- Paintings of good fortune flowers like peony, chrysanthemum, orchid, rose and sunflower will all be auspicious. When these are featured on other artistic objects like ceramic vases, cloisonné boxes of pottery, they create harmonious energies for the home. The rule is to avoid anything that appears threatening.
- Be careful when buying paintings for the home. Apart from wild animals, also avoid abstract art that contains many sharp points or “poison arrows.” Go for images that inspire, that look and feel happy, and which suggest beauty, health, wealth and prosperity. One of the best ways to keep the family together is to display in the home a family portrait where every member of the family looks happy.
- Inappropriate designs should be avoided in all your soft furnishings, fabrics and décor within the home. Avoid motifs that are sharp, angular or threatening, choosing instead designs that have curves, are rounded, and seem to be flowing. It is especially dangerous to have designs that suggest arrows, points, triangles and hostile-feeling images. In plaster ceilings and furniture, grill designs, angular edges, and sharp corners have no place in a flowing, harmonious Feng Shui home.
- Colours for the Home
Fire (south) – all shades of red, yellow and orange. These are yang colours

which offer excellent support for ochre and other earth colours, but which are deadly when combined with white.

Water (north) – all shades of blue and black. These are very yin colours, and offer superb productive energies for the wood colours of greens and browns. The water shades are hostile when combined with red since water extinguishes fire, so avoid them.

Wood (east, southeast) – all shades of greens and browns, these are also yang colours that denote growth. They are excellent when combined with red, enhancing the red tremendously. They are less suitable for the earth colours.

Metal (west, northwest) – all shades of gold, silver and white. These are colours that have very powerful yang energies. They combine extremely well with water colours, and a special water colour is purple which combines exceptionally well with silver. Metal colours should never be placed together with wood colours. This combination kills growth, and is best avoided.

Earth (southwest, center and northeast) – all shades of ochre, beige and browns. The earth colours work well with the metallic colours. Earth colours are yin colours, and they cause havoc when combined with water colours, which are also yin. The two yin energies cause excess that spells trouble. Black should therefore not be combined with earth colours.

BOOK REVIEW:

The Grow Home

Avi Friedman. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001

Internationally acclaimed architect Avid Friedman recounts the genesis and development of his innovative project, the Grow Home. Like the auto industry's approach to the economy car, Friedman's "anything-is-possible" home gives people what they need in a house at an affordable price – a quality product where both the interior and exterior can be changed to fit the space needs and budget of its owners. Frills are extra.

In this illustrated guide, Freidman describes the development of these modest homes. He provides details of their construction for prospective owners, builders, and architects and shows how the design has been adapted for prefabrication to meet the needs of the developing world.

The Grow Home reveals the origin and history of a concept that revolutionized house construction, has been translated into over 10,000 housing units being built, and has received the United Nations World Habitat Award. A new Preface to the paperback edition assesses the impact and development of the Grow Home since the first units were built in the 1990s.

Joseph's Listings

BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED COLWOOD HOME

305 Daniel Place, COLWOOD LAGOON

\$399,888

MLS 258133

SOLD IN ONE WEEK AT ASKING PRICE





Spacious, bright 5 Bed, 2 Bath, 2450 sq.ft. family home in Lagoon area, walks to ocean. Large lot with Fruit trees, berries, gardens, quiet spaces, mature trees. This home is priced to sell quickly. Be the first one to view it. An absolute must-see! Feng Shui & Prepping™

**ON LAGOON AT WEIR'S BEACH
5167 Sandgate Road, Metchosin William Head
\$649,630 MLS 258684**



Beautiful Serene Waterfront of 0.37 Acres on lagoon by the ocean with mountain views. Two Bedrooms up and one down, 3 Baths. Living, Dining

Rooms & Kitchen all have windowed views of water and Juan de Fuca. Large rear deck overlooking landscaped gardens and wildlife – birds, swans, turtles, fish. Spacious manicured & treed front yard. Large walk-in basement. One owner home shows great care and perfect upkeep. Well-cared for home perfect for retirees, professionals, investors, naturalists. Lots of parking. Pristine. Walk & Swim on the perfect 2 km sandy WEIR'S BEACH.

**STUNNING OCEAN VIEWS, PEACEFUL LIVING
302 – 5110 Cordova Bay Road, CENTRAL SAANICH
PRICE REDUCTION \$499,500 MLS 252637**



Beautiful ocean views & Mt. Baker, 2 bedroom & 3 bathroom 1785 sq.ft (includes 2 decks) Condo in the heart of Cordova Bay Seaside Village. Ocean & Island views from all principal rooms & 2 large front decks off living room & bedrooms.

Part of Cordova Bay Beach Estates which is set in a park like setting with magnificent ponds and walking paths.

Enjoy a clubhouse with indoor pool, whirlpool, lounge & 2 guest suites.

Fully remediated building with 10 yr warranty.

55+ one owner. Across from sandy Cordova Bay beach.

SPECTACULAR, INSPIRING OCEANFRONT LIVING
2900 Fishboat Bay Road, SOOKE - FRENCH BEACH
PRICE REDUCTON \$898,000 MLS 255619



OCEANFRONT 2.49 ACRES!

Glacier Point Beach House on Prestigious Fishboat Bay Road.
Spectacular views across the Strait of Juan de Fuca & Olympic Mtns.
2001 Quality built Rancher featuring 2 Bedrooms with oceanviews & 2 Baths,
rich hemlock & tile flooring, banks of windows & French doors to 1,012 sqft of
grand new deck, Focal point in the Great Rm is a custom energy efficient FP
w/bake oven. A private studio, Hot Tub, Gazebo, Flat lot landscaped, low-
bank ocean front w/towering trees in a true WEST COAST setting. Will take
your breath away!

Perfect for nature lovers, retirees, investors, year-round or summer home.

PEACEFUL, PRIVATE PARADISE ON A
METCHOSIN HILLTOP
1185 WOODLEY GHYLL DRIVE, METCHOSIN
PRICE REDUCTION \$845,000 MLS 256531



17 ACRE Metchosin hilltop is a perfect nature sanctuary with deer and eagles. Aesthetically pleasing, spacious 3-level home with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths including 2 bedroom & 1 bath in-law suite with private entrance. PLUS separate 1/2 finished 2-level studio-guest cottage. Complete privacy. Colourful sunsets with coastal mountain views and ocean glimpses. Seasonal pools and waterfalls. Hiking & biking trails, creek, access to Matheson Lake & Goose Trail.

SELLERS!

Do you want to sit on the market or sell your house? The truth that any seller must know is that in the end, pricing gets you in the game - and Feng Shui and Prepping™ or my Advanced Staging gets you the offer. My 38 years proven experience with this can help you sell in this or any market.

BUYERS!

Do you know which house suits you best according to the science of Feng Shui and Vaastu? I can find you the right home that is healthy, harmonious and peaceful according to the Feng Shui scientific principles. You need a home that you will be happy, prosperous and relaxed in for a long time to come.

Let me find your dream home with you.



In this slow market, the use of Prepping™ which includes Feng Shui and Advanced Staging, can make all the difference between a solid sale and just sitting on the market sidelines...

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