

ART GARDEN DESIGN's Holistic Vision for Lafayette Homes

Alana Corpuz was born on the Big Island of Hawai'i and grew up on a coffee farm in the Hualālai mountains near Kailua-Kona. The natural environment had a profound impact on her childhood, ultimately leading to a career in designing and building outdoor spaces.

When Alana moved to San Francisco during high school, she adapted to an entirely new climate and urban lifestyle. In her early twenties, she volunteered at the San Francisco Botanical Garden and helped develop community gardens, running youth programs around gardening and medicinal plants. After graduating from Santa Clara University with a bachelor's degree in communication and anthropology, she interned on a biodynamic farm in coastal Mendocino. These experiences shaped her career as a landscape builder.

Alana became an arborist, a mother to her daughter, Eva, and graduated from Merritt College for Landscape Architecture. She worked as lead designer for five years with Garden Light's Landscape & Pool Development before founding ART GARDEN DESIGN (AGD) in 2019. AGD takes a holistic approach of how the home and one's outdoor space has an impact and value to our lives, exploring each homeowner's unique story as design inspiration.

Lafayette is one of the best cities to design and build outdoor spaces. Homes are surrounded by natural environments, oak trees, mountain vistas, and diverse plantings, while maintaining an active sense of community and contemporary lifestyle. Alana loves showing homeowners that their landscape extends beyond property lines through thoughtful placement and plantings that screen unsightly views while pulling in exterior vistas, making properties feel more expansive.

What sets AGD apart is simple: they design it, and they build it. The vision clients fall in love with is the space they actually get. AGD also collaborates closely with architects and designers, because the best projects come from shared expertise.

Over the past six years, AGD has built a trusted team that understands outdoor spaces, from foundations and drainage to custom woodwork, stone details, and lighting. They're also deeply rooted in planting design, sourcing healthy plants, and installing them so gardens thrive and support habitat.

While AGD is known for thoughtful residential transformations, they are expanding into public works, creating natural play spaces for schools and early childhood centers. Using reclaimed trees from local arborists, they craft



play structures that invite exploration and connection. Research shows that time in nature supports children's cognitive, physical, and emotional development. As both a designer and a mother, stewarding the Earth's resources for future generations remains central to Alana's work. If AGD's mission resonates with you, Alana welcomes the opportunity to collaborate on an outdoor space that reconnects you to nature — it begins with a thoughtful consultation.



"Our backyard went from boring to WOW! It is such a vision of color, texture, and natural stone paths and walls. I love walking through these beautiful spaces. I could not be happier with the outcome!"

—A HAPPY EAST BAY CUSTOMER

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