

Artful elegance of San Rafael's Hydrangea House

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The home has hosted musical events, gubernatorial debates and international speakers.

Address: 19 Olive Ave., San Rafael

Asking price: \$2.295 million

Built: 1926

Square feet: 3,600

Description: History seeps from every corner of this four-bedroom Mediterranean known as the **Hydrangea House** in San Rafael's Dominican neighborhood. The palatial setting has been the site of gubernatorial debates and international speakers over the decades, and recent improvements include updates to all four bathrooms and a rebuilt garage. A brick patio surrounds the pool and borders a large lawn in a landscaped backyard, and a sheltered porch is out front. The home includes a two-story library with a wall of frosted windows, and fireplaces in the living, dining and family rooms. An unfinished basement awaits the future owner of this two-story home with period features, wide moldings and high ceilings. Upstairs, the lavish master bathroom includes porcelain tile, a frameless glass shower and a Badeloft soaking tub. See more at www.19oliveavenue.com.

Don't miss: A chef's kitchen with arched windows overlooking the garden. Stainless steel appliances surround a butcher block island, and the space has sinks, a wine refrigerator and French doors opening to a covered deck.

