

### Mission and Need

*Filoli is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation, and stewardship of the cultural traditions and natural history of this country estate for public education and enjoyment.*

In order to share our story as a continuous working estate and deliver high quality programs, we require outside investments to support routine trail maintenance, interpretive and educational materials, volunteer training, program evaluation, and bus support. We want to develop programs that use not only the nature preserve but also more fully integrate the House and Garden and the story of land stewardship at Filoli, from the Ohlone to the Bourns and Roths and its current status as a historic landmark.



### Program Description

Filoli has long served 3,000-4,000 students annually through two models: House and Garden Tours and Nature Hikes. This year we will implement two additional programs: Nature in the Garden and Plein Air Art Exploration. Through School Programs we will offer more opportunities for students, especially those from underserved schools, to experience art, nature, the Bay Area environment, and Filoli's historical relevance.



*Nature in the Garden - 1st, 2nd Grades:* From pollination, to food grown from seeds in the vegetable garden, to the fruiting trees and falling leaves in the orchard, the cycle of life is ever evident and abundant in Filoli Garden. Docents will explore these life cycles with young students - smelling blooms, touching textures, and meandering will be encouraged!

*Nature Hikes - 3rd, 4th, 5th:* Students hike through the five ecosystems represented in Filoli's nature preserve while encountering newts, scat, and ancient oaks and learning how interconnected and interdependent people and animals are with each other and the land.

*House and Garden Experiences- 1st-5th:* Students are led by chaperones and teachers on a self-guided experience through the House and Garden. Volunteers lead activities and brief talks helping connect students to art, architecture, and the individuals who steward the Estate's past and present.

*Plein Air Art Exploration - 3rd-8th:* Students will experience the tranquility and beauty of Filoli's Garden and Nature Preserve while learning to paint and draw plein air, or "in the open air."

