Our Mission:
To connect our rich history with a vibrant future through beauty, nature and shared stories.

Our Vision:
We envision a time when all people honor nature, value unique experiences and appreciate beauty in everyday life.
Filoli made great strides in “Creating a Vibrant Future” with the launch of new strategic initiatives in 2019, especially in the area of visitor engagement. As we opened our doors wider to our broad community, Filoli welcomed over 230,000 visitors last year and we learned that these visitors represent increasingly diverse audiences. Last year, we launched a number of new public programs to better reach and serve new audiences from our Pride event to a multi-cultural Harvest Festival for families.

In 2019, we were also able to complete two significant restoration projects thanks to incredible donor support. The Drawing Room was restored to Agnes Bourn’s original vision, which we were able to recreate from inventories and images through a leadership donor who donated a nearly complete collection of Agnes Bourn’s original mezzotints. We also completed a two-year project to restore the High Place, Mr. Bourn’s favorite place to reflect and experience the splendor of the Garden.

Filoli deepened its commitment to education this year as we grew our school programs and offered this experience to underserved audiences and committed to expand our internship program. We are also offering more introductory continued education classes to provide more opportunities for our guests to deepen their knowledge in botanical art, floral design, and horticulture.

This historic year established that the strategic direction of Filoli is on mark and resonating with our visitors as we build a relevant and sustainable resource for our community.

Sincerely

Kara Newport
Chief Executive Officer
PILLARS OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

People & Culture

Fundraising & Financial Strength

Infrastructure Investments

Visibility & Branding
Strategic Plan
2019 - 2023

Filoli’s five-year Strategic Plan, “Creating a Vibrant Future,” includes goal pillars as well as the core principles of Diversity and Inclusion, Sustainability, and Organizational Excellence.

In 2019, Filoli’s key accomplishments include:

- Launched a staff wellness initiative with yoga classes, a walking club, and quarterly social events to encourage teamwork and camaraderie;
- Designed and hosted multiple donor cultivation events, including a trip to the wine country with a visit to the Bourn family winery;
- Completed a number of preservation projects and infrastructure upgrades, including:
  - Restoration and refinishing of Bourn door
  - Restoration of Pool House doors, windows, and screens
  - Preservation of viewsheds, fencelines, and brush control
  - Butler’s Pantry and Kitchen painting
  - Ballroom roof gutter repair
- Created a master plan task force and evaluated and chose a partner to create Filoli’s upcoming Site Master Plan;
- Refined and published Filoli’s communication standards;
- Developed a plant collections policy;
- Expanded the stories we tell to include the people who worked and lived at Filoli through the past century, with more stories to come in the future;

Our work has just begun. We hope you will follow along with us over the next four years as we continue to strive toward our goals.
Incoming president of the board, David Wollenberg, says he has a deep and abiding love for Filoli, which he refers to as his favorite place. “Filoli is truly one of the great treasures of the Bay Area.” In 2019, David offered to match volunteer donations to the Drawing Room project and Filoli’s volunteers answered the call, raising together more than $20,000 to return the Drawing Room to the beauty of Mrs. Bourn’s era. Learn more about the Drawing Room project on page 15.

“I was so excited about the commitment of volunteers to help restore the Drawing Room to its historic glory that I wanted to honor their dedication through a matching contribution.”

– David Wollenberg

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Filoli’s 2019 Gala in the Garden was a magical evening in the Garden to support Filoli’s general fund and our longstanding and highly successful Internship Program. **Filoli has hosted interns from around the world since 1977 and has trained over 400 interns and apprentices in the fields of horticulture, landscape preservation, landscape architecture, and public garden management.**

Inspired by former interns’ success and our new Strategic Plan, Filoli is growing the Internship Program beyond horticulture. In 2019 we hosted seven interns, including four garden interns and apprentices and three students from Santa Clara University who assisted our Collections, Education, and Marketing staff with mission-critical activities like historic blueprint digitization, research for the Nature Center, and amplifying Filoli’s voice and presence in the community.

The perfect honorary host for the 2019 gala was **Suzanne Legallet.** Suzanne has been a Filoli supporter and volunteer for 40 years. She has hosted many, many interns and apprentices in her home. “I have made wonderful friends because of the Intern Program,” says Suzanne. “The interns have enriched my life by sharing their stories, knowledge, and goals. Watching them develop a career path, mature, change directions, get married, have children, has been a pleasure for me.”

**Author Erin Gleeson’s Forest Feast books served as inspiration for Filoli’s 2019 Gala in the Garden.**

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**Sponsors**
- 38 Sponsors
- 240 Attendees
- $75,500
- $40,500

**Fund-a-Need for Filoli’s Internship Programs**

**Author Erin Gleeson’s Forest Feast books served as inspiration for Filoli’s 2019 Gala in the Garden.**

**Honorary Host, Suzanne Legallet**
Filoli Visitor Metrics

Data provided by TruTrade. TruTrade study and market analysis made possible by a generous anonymous donor.

- **Ethnic Makeup**
  - White: 47%
  - Asian: 25%
  - Hispanic: 18%
  - Black: 6%
  - Other: 4%

- **50%** of visitors are between the ages of 18 - 44 years old.
- **50%** of visitors come from outside the Bay Area.
- **61%** of visitors come from beyond a 20-mile travel distance.
- **25%** of visitors have children under 18 living at home.
Filoli Membership Program

In 2019, Filoli redesigned its membership program to give our members more opportunities to share Filoli with friends and family. We now offer more “Plus” levels that allow members to bring a guest with every visit. For Household levels and above, members can bring their children or grandchildren up to 24 years of age. Filoli’s Circle members can now enjoy concierge services to help plan their visits – from arranging tours and special access, to streamlining check in.

Filoli’s Membership Levels:

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Membership Count
Filoli had **11,266 members** in 2019, including **3,531 new members** and **1,267 who have been members for 20 years or more**!
NEST: Creating Home

_Nest: Creating Home_ served as a catalyst for the retelling of the Filoli story, weaving together the formal and informal places of the estate. Through a new interpretive experience in the House and supporting exhibitions by Sara Friedlander (“American Women: Birds of im/Migration”) and W. Gary Smith (“Nest: Patterns in the Garden”), we shared the stories of the people, plants, and animals that have created home here throughout time. The exhibition centered on the compelling stories of the staff who helped build and tended these lands, many of whom migrated to the area in support of this working estate.

During the exhibition period, thousands of guests participated by sharing their personal and family histories of immigration, migration, forced relocation, and enslavement. _Nest_ served as a powerful reminder of our shared experiences especially as the concept of “home” is being redefined in the Bay Area and across the country.

“I think your inclusion of the people who worked at Filoli, mostly immigrants, and what their lives were like is really timely for this point in our history and also important to understand how the estate was able to be maintained to such a high standard. Without their labor, the entire enterprise would not have been possible. It is an important message and really rounds out the experience of Filoli.”

Cathy and Karl Fricke, Filoli members
Alma Johnson worked at Filoli from the 1920s until 1936, when both Mr. and Mrs. Bourn died. As cook, Johnson managed the kitchen staff and assisted the chef.

"Her specialties were churned coffee ice cream and cookies. They sent you to cloud nine. She was a big woman, always laughing. When she saw me, she came with arms outstretched, and I knew I was in for an asphyxiating hug before I got any cookies and ice cream. It seemed that she could do a dozen things at once and still have time for me."

– Alice Estrada
daughter of the Bourns’ chauffeur
FEATURED PARTNER
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

“Santa Clara’s partnership with Filoli continues to blossom. Our community is grateful for the internships and educational programs Filoli provides while offering a magnificent setting for our faculty and students to share our knowledge and talents. We look forward to a bright future guided by our joint goals of sustainability, diversity and inclusion, and organizational excellence.”

– Dennis Gordon

Dr. Dennis Gordon, Co-Director of The Center for The Arts and Humanities at Santa Clara University

Education

Internship Program
Since 1977, Filoli has trained over 400 interns who have become leaders in horticulture, landscape preservation, landscape architecture, and public garden management. Over the course of eight-to-ten weeks, interns receive hands-on, skills-based training and participate in workshops. With support from regional garden clubs and the Roth family, our garden-based internships have become a world-class training ground for those beginning their careers.

In 2019, we expanded the internship program to include museum collections, education and interpretation, and external relations. Interns from Santa Clara University, assisted staff with mission-critical tasks like blueprint digitization, research for the Sally MacBride Nature Center, and amplifying Filoli’s voice and presence online and in the community.
Filoli’s Youth Programs welcome thousands of regional school children each year for unique nature and art-based field trips. Thank you for making it possible to deliver high-quality educational programs for young people in our community.

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4,535 Students Served in 2019

Adult Classes
Filoli’s classes in art, floral design, and horticulture reflect our beautiful, bountiful seasons. The historic House, Garden, and Nature Preserve provide a truly unique and inspiring setting to discover your green thumb, flair for floral design, or talent for painting.

Youth Programs
Filoli’s Youth Programs inspire the next generation of artists, historians, and scientists. During their field trips, students inhabit the daily lives and customs of the families and staff who once lived at and cared for the estate, explore the natural and human-made patterns, plant communities, and ecosystems throughout the Garden and Nature Preserve, and paint sweeping landscapes while discussing fine works from “plein air” masters. Aligned with state curriculum standards and the Next Generation Science Standards, we proudly welcome thousands of regional schoolchildren each year.
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Brad Parberry and Julie Bly DeVere

“I always feel sad when things go away from where they originally belong. I like bringing things back to life, both in my work and in my personal life. So when I heard about the ‘loss’ of all these items, I was driven to bring them back home. I was enticed by the 1936 inventory list and Julie to make it all happen!”

– Brad Parberry

“I had the pleasure of working with Brad Parberry, to track down Agnes’ collection along with a few substitutes of which we think Agnes would approve. Along with generous donations from Filoli volunteers and board, we have returned the Drawing Room to the lovely, feminine, nature-inspired look from Agnes’ time here.”

– Julie Bly DeVere

Preservation

Donor Spotlight

The High Place Restoration

The High Place was known as William Bourn’s favorite place in the Garden. Over several years, the site lost much of its original detail as the result of forest overgrowth, poor irrigation, and diminished plant health. In 2019, we completed a two-year project to restore the site’s historic design but with an eye toward the future. The High Place now benefits from improved growing conditions with neatly trimmed yews, a replanted line of Lombardy poplars, and a special turf blend suited for high traffic and the area’s unique climate conditions. We are excited to share this space with visitors through educational and public programs. The High Place Restoration was supported by a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and generous donations from individuals.

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Redrawing the Drawing Room

Filoli was known as a home for Agnes Moody Bourn. She originally chose thirty English and French prints to display salon-style on the walls of the Drawing Room. The collection of mezzotints, aquatints, and stipple engravings were tied together by their gorgeous gilt frames. Containing scenes of women and children, they showed what truly brought joy to Mrs. Bourn, the collector. Along with the furnishings, the collection was sold at auction.

Filoli volunteers chose this project for their fundraising initiative in 2019 and their generous support inspired a matching gift from incoming board president, David Wollenberg.
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jason Hinkle and his family

“I crossed the gates of Filoli in August 2010 for an interview. Little did I know that by passing through the front gate, your life changes. I was pursuing a nursing degree at the time and Filoli was only going to be a temporary job until I finished school. I quickly realized this is a special place and changed my path to pursue a degree in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism at SFSU, excited by the impact Filoli could have on the community I grew up in. Nine years later, I am now the Director of Visitor Services with a beautiful wife and three children. I love how every visitor that passes the gates at Filoli might have their life changed forever.”

– Jason Hinkle

Organizational Growth

231,965 visitors were welcomed to Filoli in 2019, a 21% increase over 2018

Total Visitor Count

Operating Revenue

[Graphs showing revenue growth from 2009 to 2019]
Holidays at Filoli was a spectacular display of lights and festive events with something to appeal to everyone. Running from the Opening Night Soiree in the Ballroom on November 22, through December 30, this year’s holiday event welcomed record numbers of guests. Filoli hosted sold-out Holiday Teas and our annual Winter Solstice event, plus we added Thursday “Decadence” nights where our guests enjoyed See’s Candies and wine tasting from generous sponsors. During evening hours, groups of friends and families strolled the beautifully lit Garden with mulled wine, hot cider or hot chocolate, creating new traditions with loved ones for years to come.
SEASONS OF FILOLI

Winter  Spring  Summer  Fall
Fall

Holidays

SEASONS OF FILOLI

Ballroom Cultural Series

Pride

Winter Solstice Celebration

Summer Nights

Harvest Festival

Bluegrass at the Barn

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Pride
2019 Filoli Donors

Filoli is fortunate to have a wonderful community of supporters whose charitable gifts make it possible to both care for the estate and hold public programs that invite Bay Area residents and visitors to celebrate beauty, nature, and shared stories in a unique setting. Together, we are setting a strong course for our future. Thank you for your support!

Donors are listed according to their total giving over the period January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020. Donations below represent contributions to general operations, special programs and projects, Gala in the Garden, and the Filoli Circle membership program.

Considerable time and care were given to ensure accuracy. We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact our Development department with any questions at development@filoli.org.

Thank you again for your commitment to Filoli’s vibrant future!

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“From the time I first began volunteering at Filoli, I’ve enjoyed the camaraderie of the volunteers and staff working together, sharing the beauty and charm of this unique treasure with its many visitors. Volunteering offers an opportunity to share our life skills, talents, and experiences in a positive way. It allows us to help showcase and preserve Filoli for our guests and for future generations. Every time I arrive at Filoli I’m overwhelmed by the beauty of our Jewel of the Bay Area. I feel fortunate to be able to contribute as one of the many volunteers at Filoli.”

– Mike Germano
In August 2019 Josephine (Joan) Osborn Roth, surviving wife of William Matson Roth, left a legacy gift from the William and Josephine Roth Trust. The generous gift is designated for Filoli’s Garden Intern and Apprenticeship Program along with legacy gifts made by Bill’s twin sisters Berenice and Lurline in recent years. We were fortunate that Joan Roth was able to visit Filoli in May 2019 with her daughter, Ana Roth and have a tour with our Director of Museum Collections, Julie DeVere, and Director of Horticulture, Jim Salyards. With the Roth family’s generous bequests Filoli will be able to provide educational opportunities to horticulture students for generations to come.
"I was first introduced to Filoli when my sisters and I were seeking a home for our family’s 150+ piece china set from the Paris Expedition of 1867. The curator at the Palace Legion of Honor suggested Filoli. Once our donation was accepted by Filoli, we met with Julie Devere and were impressed by her sincere appreciation of our gift. As we left the grounds, we all felt that our family heirloom had found the perfect home. Since then I have become a donor to preserve the magic of Filoli for future generations.”

– Carol Duffield
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Case Wiseman, Filoli Apprentice in 2015

“There is something about Filoli - you can tell a place is loved, there is an extra energy, the plants reflect that. After completing my apprenticeship I became a certified arborist and am a member of the International Society of Arborists. While pursuing my degree at Southern Oregon University I worked for their Centre of Sustainability and oversaw their 100 fruit trees and 5 acres of farmland. I now work for Harry & David (known for their peaches and pears) in Ashland, Oregon. Filoli is a world class institution with a world renown intern program. It was a wonderful experience”

– Case Wiseman

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On February 1, 2019, Filoli celebrated **5,000 followers** on Instagram. By the end of the year, that number doubled to **10,000 followers**!
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Youth Programs Donors
Filoli’s Youth Programs welcome thousands of regional school children each year for unique nature and art-based field trips. Thank you for making it possible to deliver high-quality educational programs for young people in our community.

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2019 Speaker’s Bureau Numbers
12 Presentations in 2019
380 Attendees
9 different staff members presented
3 Garden Clubs
3 Rotary Clubs
2 Senior Centers
Special Projects
Special projects in the House and Garden make it possible to preserve and present the historic estate as it was intended, a place to learn, be entertained, and take in the splendor of natural beauty. Thank you to those listed below for supporting these recently completed and ongoing projects, allowing our community to engage with Filoli in new ways.

Redrawing the Drawing Room (2018-2020)
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Annual Fund

The Annual Fund makes the entire Filoli experience possible. From the high standard of care needed to maintain the estate to the exhibitions, public programs, and events that engage visitors all year-round, gifts to the Annual Fund support our greatest needs as they arise.

Investing in Filoli’s Future

Filoli is setting a strong course toward a vibrant future. Informed by our five-year strategic plan and the evolving needs and interests of our visitors, we are committed to engaging diverse regional, national, and international audiences.

Gifts to Filoli support our mission, from the care of the historic House, magnificent Garden, and vast Nature Preserve to public programs and events that invite Bay Area residents and visitors to celebrate beauty, nature, and shared stories in a unique setting.

We invite you to learn more about getting involved by contacting our Membership and Development departments and look forward to seeing you here soon!

Trophy Room

We are returning the Trophy Room to a photographed state between the Bourn and Roth eras when it primarily served as a Gentleman’s Lounge and card room. Planned upgrades include a restoration of the historic Chinese silk pattern wallpaper, refinished floors, and the installation of a pool table.

Garden Accessibility

Access at Filoli represents a series of ongoing and planned efforts to make our historic site inclusive and relevant to the communities we serve—from innovative exhibitions and interactive interpretation to infrastructure projects in the House, Garden, and Nature Preserve.
Youth Programs

Through four program offerings, students use all their senses to observe art and nature while making meaningful connections between the past and present. We proudly offer fee waivers and bus support to schools with a demonstrated financial need.

Brunch in the Garden

Enjoy a sumptuous spring brunch in the magnificent Garden to support Youth Programs at Filoli. Brunch in the Garden features a silent auction of Filoli and Bay Area experiences. A portion of each ticket is tax-deductible and all proceeds go toward providing high-quality learning experiences for regional school children.

Gala in the Garden

We invite you to enjoy a fabulous cocktail and dinner party and a lively auction of highly curated items and experiences plus the opportunity to support a special project or program through the Fund-a-Need. A portion of all sponsorships and tickets support Filoli’s general fund.

Filoli Circle Membership

The Filoli Circle represents a strong commitment to our mission, vision, and programs. Circle members enjoy concierge services, extra discounts, and other exclusive benefits. The Filoli Circle includes the Heritage, Bourn, Roth, Benefactor, and Visionary levels. Join or upgrade today!

Legacy Society

The Legacy Society ensures that the historic estate is preserved and relevant into the next century. Membership to the Legacy Society is granted when confirmation of a planned gift to Filoli is received by our Development department. A copy of your estate plan or other documentation is not required.

In-Kind Contributions to Filoli’s Collection

Filoli’s collections encompass archival records, artwork, furniture, plants, and more. The collections represent our past and inform our present and future. Gifts of funds and in-kind contributions support our ongoing efforts in preservation and interpretation.