

Winter/Spring  
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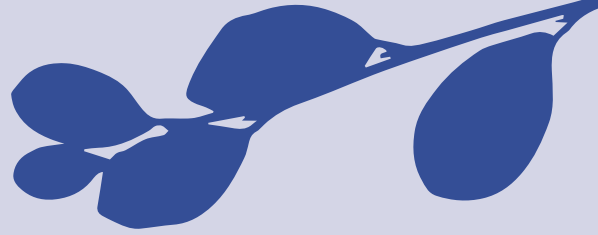
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# Winter Events

Now on Sale



## Lunar New Year

The Year of the Snake!  
January 29–February 12

The new year is a time for cultural traditions, family gatherings, and hopes for good fortune in the coming year. The festivities will include displays of Filoli's collection of Asian art and decor throughout the Historic House, Asian Art talks, Ballroom performances, and more.

## Mushroom Weekend

January 25-26

This fungi weekend will include interactive exhibits from local mushroom societies, a mushroom-themed Stories in Bloom program, a fungi-inspired art gallery, self-guided activities for children, and Citizen Science opportunities.

## Guided Mushroom Hikes

Select Dates in January & February

Meander through Filoli's Natural Lands to spot and learn about mushrooms, fungi, lichen, and mosses. Expert guides will lead guests on a walking journey on and off the beaten path to showcase where these treasures are found.

## Stories in Bloom

Select Dates in January & February  
Free for Members

The popular Stories in Bloom series showcases storytelling of all forms, including poetry, music, and photography. This winter, dive into the world of fungi, explore the diversity of our state's ecology and wildlife, learn about food traditions from various cultures, and take a trip through the gardens of England with our Director of Horticulture. Whatever your interests are, Stories in Bloom has something for everyone.

## Ballroom Performance Series

Select Dates in January–March

Filoli's first family, Agnes and William Bourn, designed the Ballroom to host intimate performances. This year, special performances will celebrate Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, and Filoli's popular partnership with Opera San Jose. Ticket sell-outs expected for these intimate concerts!

## Service Learning

Select Dates in January-May  
Free for Members

Filoli's Service Learning is a chance to give back. Volunteers will learn about various gardening topics through guided instruction. Upcoming projects include Mushroom Citizen Science and Preparing for Spring.

## Daffodil Flora Parties

February 5-6

Guided by Filoli staff, guests are invited to artfully combine a mix of fresh flowers and greenery to make their showstopper arrangement. Unleash your creativity and take inspiration from the Garden around you!

## Wellness Wednesdays

Monthly Starting in February

In response to the overwhelming support for Filoli's Wellness Week, we will be expanding the program. Launching in winter, enjoy various wellness activities, beginning with Forest Bathing.

## Insider's Garden Tour

Monthly Starting in February

Filoli's Horticulture Team shows guests the wonders of the Garden with an exclusive guided walk and a behind-the-scenes look at the Greenhouses and Potting Shed.

Learn more at [filoli.org/winter](https://filoli.org/winter)



Gino de Grandis

# Spring Events

Tickets on sale: Saturday, January 18, 2025

## House Curatorial Tour

Monthly Starting in March

Filoli's Curatorial Team shares the stories that bring the House to life as they explore each room and the rarely-seen upstairs of the mansion, including the Curatorial Offices.

## Spring Teas

Select Dates in April & May

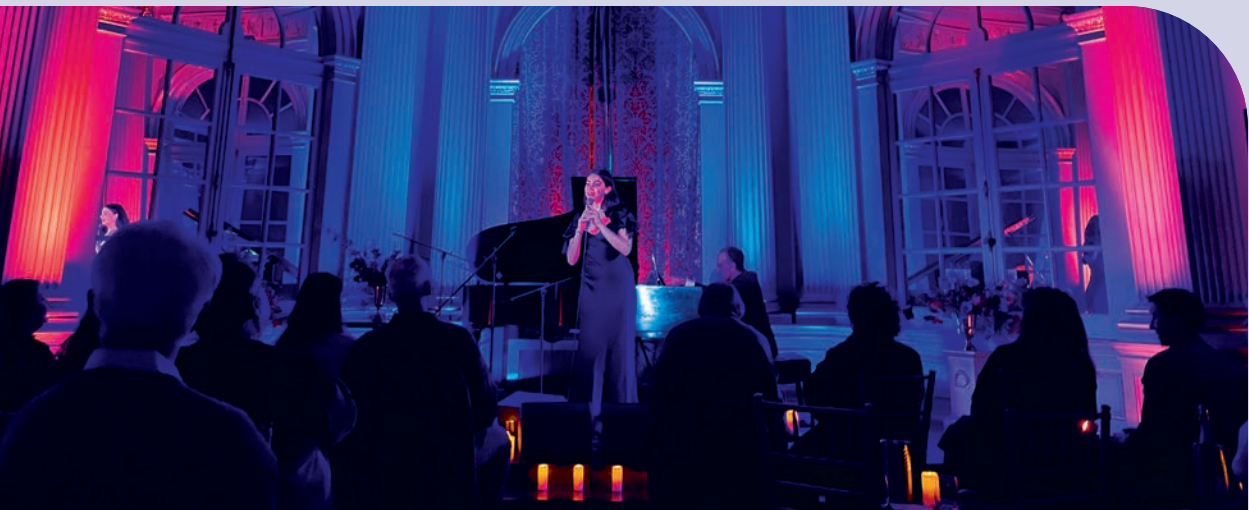
Guests will enjoy an elegant tea service in Filoli's Garden House, located in the middle of Filoli's formal English Renaissance-style Garden. This unforgettable experience includes an exquisite array of tea sandwiches, scones, and pastisseries along with tea and sparkling wine.

## Dapper Days Weekend

May 24-25

Guests are invited to return to the 1940s and 1950s during Dapper Days Weekend. This stylish weekend will feature music from the period and unique vendors with vintage-inspired merchandise. Guests are encouraged to "step out in style" and take advantage of photo opportunities throughout the House and Garden.

Learn more at [filoli.org/spring](https://filoli.org/spring)





## *The Life of a Bulb*

**This coming spring, Filoli's Garden will burst with tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and more. Have you ever wondered how we create these beautiful bulb beds each year? Let's follow their seasonal journey!**



**October:** Every year, the Filoli horticulture team orders more than 100,000 bulbs to plant in the Garden, fill pots, and sell at the Clock Tower Shop. They travel thousands of miles from fields outside of Amsterdam. When the bulbs arrive, our team loads them into a refrigerated shipping container to stay cool in the mild winter weather of California.



**November:** Roughly half the bulbs go into pots to bring color all around the property! We pack containers with bulbs to create a full look and place them outside in the cold air. There, they start growing roots, taking nourishment from the soil as they wait for spring.



**December:** For the bulbs that will go in the ground, it is best to plant after two weeks of night temperatures below 50 degrees. For Filoli, this is typically around December. For some formal beds, we use string-lines and measurements to line up each bloom perfectly. But in other spots, tulips are planted in a relaxed cottage garden style so they pop up in natural-looking clumps.



**February:** In February, leaves slowly start to push out from the soil. The daffodils are the first blooms to appear, as paperwhites pop up early and bring their strong fragrance.



**March:** Warmer temperatures beckon the rest of the flowers out into the sunlight. This year, Filoli will showcase more than 38 different varieties of tulips throughout the Garden.

# Member Perks

## Spring Member Mornings

Weekends in March-May | 9-10am

Filoli Members can enjoy the Garden at 9am on our busy spring weekends! Stop by to say good morning to our flowers before the crowds.

[filoli.org/member-mornings](http://filoli.org/member-mornings)

## Daily Talks

Curious about Filoli? Join a 15-minute free guided talk to learn more.

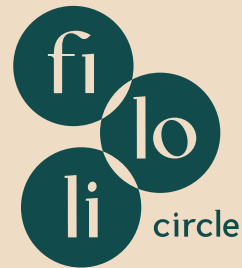
Topics vary by day and season – get a behind-the-scenes look during an Architecture Talk, bask under the blooms of spring trees during a Tree Talk, or discuss tulip tips during a Bulb Talk.



## Clock Tower Shop

Winter and spring bring new awakenings. Visit the Clock Tower Shop during January to celebrate Lunar New Year and support our Chinese heritage vendors. We're kicking off spring with products celebrating the budding season and a nod to the equestrian history at Filoli from both the Bourn and Roth families.

*Did you know?* Our Clock Tower Shop is dedicated to collaborating with businesses of all sizes across the Bay Area, with 70% of our products sourced from California.



## Filoli Circle

From preserving the historic House and Garden, to activating the site's Natural Lands for all to explore, support from Filoli Circle Members make it all possible.

Deepen your involvement by joining the Filoli Circle. Members enjoy exclusive opportunities to connect at special events, along with benefits such as early ticket access, free admission to *Holidays at Filoli*, and discounts.

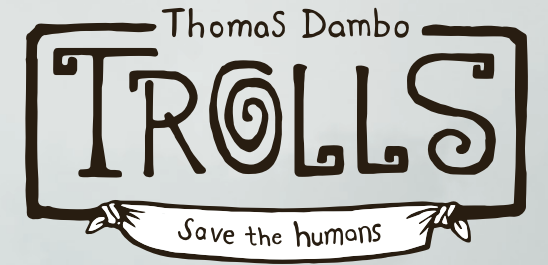
[filoli.org/membership](http://filoli.org/membership)

## Mother's Day Picnic

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Filoli Circle and Camellia Guild members, join us for an exclusive event created especially for you! Celebrate Mother's Day with a picnic in the Garden, enjoying an enchanting evening with other members surrounded by the beauty of late spring blooms.

[filoli.org/circle-picnic](http://filoli.org/circle-picnic)



**This summer, *TROLLS: Save the Humans* comes to Filoli. The special exhibition features six folklore-inspired activist Trolls that have come to teach humans how to rediscover nature and to inspire humans to be good stewards of the earth.**

**TROLLS features Thomas Dambo's signature troll sculptures which are built from reclaimed materials and will delight visitors of all ages. The outdoor exhibition will fuse fairytales, whimsy, and incredible art installations to inspire visitors to explore themes such as recycling and reusing trash, the importance of plants, gardens, art, and more.**

[filoli.org/trolls](http://filoli.org/trolls)





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A Site of the  
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## Vision

We envision a time when all people honor nature, value unique experiences, and appreciate beauty in everyday life.

## Mission

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

## Land Acknowledgement

Filoli sits on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Lamchin, an independent tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, the original inhabitants and stewards of the San Francisco Peninsula.