Private Events & Facility Rentals

Conveniently located between San Francisco and Silicon Valley, Filoli is recognized as one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century.

Sharing over nine dynamic event spaces, Filoli is the perfect oasis for celebrations, meetings, weddings, corporate and team building events for groups of 10 to 2,000. Whether it is a dinner under the stars in the Woodland Garden Court, a twilight cocktail hour stroll through the 16-acre English Renaissance style garden, a VIP affair with live entertainment in the Ballroom, a summer birthday celebration in the pool, or a meeting in the Lecture Hall, Filoli is a one-of-a-kind venue that leaves lasting memories for your guests.

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. Proceeds from your event support Filoli’s daily operations, helping maintain a high preservation standard for the care of the historic estate and allow us to create annual garden displays and new events and programs that will keep Filoli culturally relevant for the next 100 years.
The History

Built more than sixty years after the California Gold Rush and ten years after the devastating 1906 earthquake and fires in San Francisco, Filoli (pronounced “Fie-low-lee”) represented a desire to create a magnificent and enduring country estate. Its eclecticism reflects a Golden Age in California’s history, free from the conventional rules of design, and exuding a pride in creativity and expression.

Filoli was built for Mr. and Mrs. William Bowers Bourn II, prominent San Franciscans at the turn of the twentieth century. Mr. Bourn arrived at the unusual name Filoli by combining the first two letters from the key words of his personal credo: “FIGHT for a just cause; LOVE your fellow man; LIVE a good life.”

Construction of Filoli began in 1915, and the Bourns moved into the House in 1917. Filoli’s extensive formal garden was built between 1917 and 1929. In 1937, the estate was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roth, owners of the San Francisco-based Matson Navigation Company. Under the Roths’ supervision, the property was maintained, and the formal garden gained worldwide recognition. Mrs. Roth made Filoli her home until 1975, when she donated the House and formal garden to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations. The remaining acreage was later given to Filoli Center. For more than forty years, the two nonprofits have co-stewardied the historic estate.
Entry Courtyard

(available all day Monday or 5pm-12am Tuesday through Sunday)

The Bourns designed the Entry Courtyard for receiving guests and for accommodating large groups attending their social affairs. Imagine your guests greeted with a glass of wine and seated for dinner with the grand façade of the mansion surrounding them. They will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautifully detailed Georgian architecture. The Entry Courtyard is an ideal evening event space for outdoor dinners or cocktail receptions followed by dinner in the Ballroom.

Capacity: 220 seated or 300 standing

Garden House

(available all day Monday, all day from June-February, 5pm to 12am March-May)

Constructed in 1920 by architect Arthur Brown Jr., the Garden House was a symbol of prestige and wealth. Overlooking the beautiful sunken gardens, French doors impart an open, airy feel while providing wonderful views of the formal gardens. Mrs. Roth, the second owner of the estate, referred to this space as the tea house as she often entertained guests here for afternoon tea. Now adorned with the season’s freshest blooms, it is truly a spectacular site unlike any other.

Capacity of Garden House only: 30 seated or 50 standing
Capacity with adjacent Lawn: 200 seated or 260 standing
Woodland Garden Court

*(available anytime)*

Once the Bourn Family’s Tennis Courts, the space has been repurposed as a beautiful area for events. Framed by stately coast live oaks, it features a built-in stage and overlooks the pool and woodland gardens. This area can also be tented through our approved vendor.

Capacity: 600 seated or 900 standing
Tented: 400 seated or 600 standing
Swimming Pool

Available all day Monday or 5pm-12am Tuesday through Sunday.

Built in 1946 during the Roth era, Filoli’s pool quickly became a favorite summer gathering spot. With crystal blue waters, the expansive pool is surrounded by pristine lawns, ideal for lounging, and a brick pavilion made for events.

Capacity: 200 seated or 300 standing

Pool Pavilion Lawn

Available anytime.

Located behind the pool, this semi-private space is the perfect addition to Woodland Garden Court for daytime rentals that include lawn games, team building activities, or lunches for more intimate groups. This area can also be bundled with our Lecture Hall and provides a welcome escape for lunch during retreats and meetings.

Capacity: 70 seated or 100 standing
The formal lawns on the north and west sides of the home were designed with low profile plantings to showcase the magnificent view of the redwood foothills to the west. These expansive spaces are available for nearly any size event.
Capacity: 200-400 seated or 500-800 standing

Dining Room Terrace
(available all day Monday or 5pm to 12am Tuesday-Sunday)
Located just outside of the house’s dining room, the Dining Room Terrace looks out over the formal gardens. With blue slate tiles, festive cocktail parties or dinners can be hosted here. Pre-dinner receptions under the large red oak set the tone for a beautiful evening event.
Capacity: 80 seated or 150 standing
Ballroom

(available all day Monday, 5pm to 12am Tuesday-Sunday)

Live like the Bourns and Roths while entertaining in the Ballroom. With over 22-foot ceilings, the walls are a lovely water-green color with gold leaf decoration. Large murals painted by Ernest Peixotto, add a feeling of richness and warmth to the stateliness of the room. The magnificent crystal chandeliers, which are copies of those that hung in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, and six elaborate crystal wall sconces with amethyst colored crystal drops, complete the grand illumination of the ballroom.

A built-in stage and grand piano offer the ideal space for live entertainment. Book the adjacent Entry Courtyard or Dining Room Terrace for an unforgettable ‘house party’ experience.

Capacity: 120 seated at rounds, 145 theater, or 180 standing
Lecture Hall Rooms A-C

Located in our Visitor and Education Center, the Lecture Hall is ideal for meetings and conferences. Equipped with a built-in stage, projector with a screen, podium, and microphones, this room covers all bases. The space can be separated into 3 conference rooms for up to 45 seated in each. Large paneled skylights provide natural light to the space, reminding your guests they are in the Oasis of Silicon Valley.

Capacity: 150 seated at rounds, 200 theater, or 240 standing

Quail’s Nest Cafe

Nestled in the woodland and native garden at the Visitor Center, the beautiful conservatory–style Quail’s Nest Café offers a peaceful setting with memorable cuisine by Crystal Springs Catering.

Capacity: 60 seated, 90 standing
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*Pricing is subject to change at any time based on date and guest count. Please note, most rental fees quoted are for the event space only. For more information about what is included with your rental fee, please contact our Events Team at Events@filoli.org.*
Tours & Team Building Activities

Elevate your event with an interactive and uniquely Filoli experience! Filoli offers an array of activities for every group such as tours, guided hikes, hands-on succulent potting, and bee keeping classes.

For more information, check out the Tours and Activities Brochure.

Preferred Vendors

Exclusive Caterers

PAULA LEDUC
FINE CATERING & EVENTS

Our vendors are industry experts and have been hand-selected to complement and enhance your occasion. We have determined reliable caterers and vendors who are familiar with the constraints of working in Filoli’s historical environment.

Preferred Vendors

THE ONI
Lifestyle Event Rentals

BLOSSOMS
FLOWER SHOP

SOUND IMAGE PRODUCTIONS
Audio, Video & Lighting Solutions

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FLOWERS • PLANTS • HOME DECOR