

SPRING IN BLOOM AT FILOLI ESTATE

by Janet Migliore, Advertising Director

What: Tour of Filoli Estate & Gardens & No-host Lunch

When: Saturday, April 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Where: Filoli, 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA

Cost: \$5 per person

Springtime is stunning at the Filoli Estate. Join us for this breathtaking tour of the Estate and Gardens, followed by an optional no-host lunch.

The Filoli Estate was built in 1915-17 for Mr. and Mrs. Williams Bowers Bourn, prominent San Franciscans whose chief source of wealth was a gold mine in Grass Valley and the property comprising Crystal Springs Reservoir. Mr. Bourn chose long-time friend and prominent San Francisco architect Willis Polk to be the principal designer of the house. Mr. Bourn arrived at the unusual name of Filoli by combining the first two letters of his credo: "Flight for a just cause, LOve your fellow man, Llive a good life." In 1937 the estate was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roth of the famed Matson Navigation Company. Mrs. Roth attained world-wide recognition of her gardens. Filoli was her home until 1975 when she donated the house and gardens to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations. The house is now an interpretive museum exhibit with an extensive collection of 17th and 18th century English antiques.

The estate is recognized as one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century in the U.S. Filoli welcomes visitors to this remarkable 654-acre property, including the 36,000 square foot Georgian country house and spectacular 16-acre English Renaissance garden. House and garden docent-guided tours (up to 10 people each) take about two hours with optional no-host lunch following. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience an era of living long gone in our history. See www.filoli.com for what is blooming in the gardens and much more about Filoli.

Janet Migliore, our section's Advertising Director, has offered to sponsor this event for up to 40 of our members, on behalf of her enterprise, MB-Garage (www.mb-garage.com) in San Mateo. Members will be able to join this wonderful experience because of Janet's generosity. We only ask for a \$5 donation to help in the preservation of Filoli. Your donation will ensure your reservation and go to a worthy cause. Reservation deadline is April 15; send in your reservation form (on page 9) NOW to get on this space-limited tour.

Questions, contact Janet Migliore at (650) 349-2744 or janetmigliore@hotmail.com.

FILOLI ESTATE & GARDENS TOUR

Saturday, April 28, 2012

RESERVATION FORM

Names of attendees:

Address:

City/Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

First Event: Y N

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Make checks payable to SFBA/MBCA and mail to:

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Reservation deadline April 15 or when limit is reached. For confirmation, include e-mail or phone number above. Confirmation and directions will be sent upon receipt of registration.