

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### INTERNSHIPS (10 WEEKS)

Interns train for 10 weeks and rotate through the five garden areas. They are responsible for keeping a journal and attending workshops. They also attend lectures and are tested in various subject areas.

### APPRENTICESHIPS (6 MONTHS)

Apprentices train for 6 months or longer and rotate through the five garden areas. Apprentices are responsible for keeping a journal and for completing an independent project. They attend workshops, lectures and are tested in various subject areas.

### PROGRAMS

Winter - starts 2nd week of January

Spring - starts last week of March

Summer - starts mid-June

Fall - starts mid-September

(schedules are posted at [www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org))

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## FILOLI CENTER

Filoli, located in Woodside, California, is recognized as one of the finest remaining country estates of the early twentieth century. The 654-acre property includes a 36,000 square-foot mansion furnished with antiques and decorative art, as well as sixteen acres of European-inspired gardens which showcase an exquisite horticultural collection. Established as a private residence in 1917 and opened to the public in 1976 to promote cultural and horticultural endeavors, Filoli is the property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation dedicated to the "leadership, education and advocacy of America's diverse historic places."



### Approximate mileage from Filoli:

San Francisco	25 miles
San Francisco Airport	12 miles
Palo Alto	12 miles

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## GARDEN INTERN AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



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One of America's Greatest Treasures

WOODSIDE, CALIFORNIA

## THE PROPERTY

Twenty-five miles south of San Francisco lies the magnificent 654 acre estate of Filoli, built in 1917 as the country estate for Mr. and Mrs. William Bowers Bourn II. The central portion contains the 43 room Georgian-style brick residence and 16 acre formal English Renaissance-style garden. The estate also contains original elements including a gentlemen's orchard, agricultural fields and oak woodlands. The property was given to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1975 by the second owner, Mrs. William P. Roth, culminating her lifelong generosity in sharing her house and gardens for the benefit of the public. Filoli is a registered State Historical Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## THE GARDENS

Sixteen acres of formal gardens are divided into a number of separate garden rooms containing parterres edged in boxwood, lawns, hedges, and specimen trees and shrubs. Annuals are grown in Filoli's historic greenhouses and planted out in the gardens each year. Irish yews and olives are the characteristic trees of the garden and surrounding the house are large, old coast live oaks. Camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias and other rare and unusual trees and shrubs are planted throughout the garden. Other features include a perennial border, cutting garden, knot gardens, rose garden with over 550 roses, woodland garden, walled garden, sunken garden, fruit garden, bowling green, and an iris border. Sweeping lawn terraces surround the house and pool areas of this unique and beautiful estate and an allée of yew trees terminates in a green theater called the high place.



## THE PROGRAM

The intent of the Filoli Garden Intern and Apprenticeship Program is to teach professional gardening skills to horticulture students interested in pursuing careers in garden maintenance, landscape preservation, landscape architecture and public garden management. Students from colleges and universities all over the world who have graduated from the program have said that it has been their best experience for preparing them for horticultural positions in estate management and public gardens.

There are four separate programs per year and students can apply for any one of the sessions. Since the programs provide a one-to-one teaching relationship, a maximum of five students can be accepted per session. Students work full time, five days a week, under the direct supervision of the professional horticultural staff and are evaluated every two weeks. The interns are also asked to evaluate the program. The interns rotate through the entire garden working two weeks in each of our five garden areas including the greenhouses. They are taught the skills required to maintain a formal estate garden, such as the planting of annuals, care of display beds, weeding and watering techniques, pest control, lawn care, use of hand and power tools, helping plant propagation, and care of display pots. The program is seasonal in nature and bulb planting, ornamental pruning, restoration of garden areas and landscape construction techniques normally occur during the fall and winter sessions.

Students attend practical workshops in specific areas like shear sharpening, power equipment operation, plant identification, irrigation management and soil testing. At the end of each program students are tested on their knowledge in these subject areas.

Students earn \$8.00 per hour and may earn college credits since the program is recognized by colleges and universities worldwide. No housing is provided on the property but assistance is offered in finding housing with families in the local community. Interns work 8 hours per week in exchange for bedroom and kitchen privileges.

Photos by Saxon Holt



## TO APPLY

- ☞ Application forms and information about the programs are linked to "The Garden" page of [www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org).
- ☞ Application, transcript and three letters of recommendation must be received at least one month in advance of start date.
- ☞ Students should have at least 12 units of basic horticulture or related classes or equivalent practical experience.
- ☞ Applicants should include a cover letter stating interests in horticulture, career goals and indicating practical experience and horticulture education.
- ☞ Apply to or request additional information from:  
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