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“Holiday Traditions 2007: Winter Woods”

~ Filoli’s beautiful winter landscape inspires the annual weeklong holiday event ~

November 23 – December 1, 2007

Woodside, Calif., September 21, 2007 – Step into the winter woods and see how Filoli’s beautiful winter landscape inspires this year’s annual weeklong holiday event, “Holiday Traditions 2007: Winter Woods,” from Friday, November 23 through Saturday, December 1, 2007. A weeklong celebration of the season, “Winter Woods” will feature Filoli’s well-known holiday boutique and Premier Access Shopping Evening, an elegant evening dinner party, festive brunch buffets, children’s parties and much more. This is Filoli’s largest annual fundraising event and all proceeds will go towards the preservation and conservation of this early 20th century, National Trust historic estate.

About the design inspiration for Holiday Traditions 2007

This year, Filoli’s beautiful oak woodlands inspire this beloved holiday event. In their search for sunlight, arching and intertwining tree branches imitate art and inspire this year’s popular faux bois look. Literally meaning false wood, faux bois is an objet d’art that uses concrete, mortar and armaments to imitate wood, wood grain, boles, stumps and branches. A popular ornamentation style in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, faux bois is experiencing a comeback – particularly with today’s focus on preserving the environment. Woodland creatures will also take a leading role in this year’s Holiday Tradition’s décor. Imagine deer grazing in the Filoli meadows, squirrels scurrying up and down the trees, a covey of quail scurrying along a path where pinecones, acorns, berries, and mushrooms are scattered. With a beautiful garden feeling, the faux bois decorations and these special creatures will bring our winter woodlands indoors to delight all visitors—grown-ups and children, alike.

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Details of the Holiday Traditions 2007 Event

The Filoli House will be specially decorated to reflect the "Winter Woods" theme. A vintage candlelit tree will enchant guests as they enter the front door of the House. The Dining Room will be reminiscent of a traditional family children's Christmas party. Elsewhere in the House will be delightful gingerbread houses, girls' and boys' campgrounds and Santa as a woodsman. Look for the return of many gourmet foods, an old-fashioned candy and bake shop in the Pantry, Filoli-made gifts, bulbs and plants, and a variety of handmade items signed by the artists. Among the scheduled events are holiday boutique shopping days offering an array of one-of-a-kind gifts and seasonal entertainment, festive brunch buffets, an enchantment-filled evening of dinner and ballroom dancing, and the return of the premiere access shopping evening which allows guests the first opportunity to shop for holiday merchandise while enjoying a spectacular evening of catered hospitality. Details of the planned festivities include:

- **Premiere Access Shopping Evening:**

Be the first to experience the beauty of Holiday Traditions and have first access to shop for special, one-of-a-kind event merchandise while enjoying a spectacular evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Date: Friday, November 23, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Price: \$65 member; \$75 non-member.

- **Evening Dinner Party:**

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a beautiful buffet dinner and dance the night away to the music of the Marianne Kent & Bay Society Band, a musical ensemble who has played for Prince Charles and Duchess Camilla. Dessert will be served in the Drawing Room. Price includes admission to the holiday shopping boutique.

Date: Saturday, November 24, Seating One: 6:30 PM; Seating Two: 8:00 PM

Price: \$115 member; \$130 non-member.

- **Holiday Shopping Boutique and Entertainment:**

(Note: Pricing varies per specific day-see below).

Enjoy shopping throughout the beautifully decorated mansion while listening to live musical performances.

Daytime hours:

Saturday, November 24, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM.

Sunday, November 25, two timeframes: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM and 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM.

Price: \$25 members, \$30 non-members.

Monday, November 26-Saturday, December 1, two timeframes: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM and 1:00 PM-4:00 PM.

Price: \$20 members; \$25 non-members.

Evening Hours:

Tuesday, November 27-Wednesday, November 28, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Price: \$20 members; \$25 non-members.

- **Brunch Buffets:**

(Note: Pricing varies per specific day - see below).

Enjoy a wonderful buffet brunch in the beautifully decorated Visitor and Education Center. Price includes admission to the holiday shopping boutique.

Dates:

Sunday, November 25, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, & 1:30 PM.

Price: \$60 members; \$70 non-members.

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Monday, November 26-Friday, November 30, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, & 1:30 PM.

Price: \$55 members; \$65 non-members.

- **Supper in the Café:**

Enjoy a wonderful light supper in the Filoli Cafe. Price includes admission to the holiday shopping boutique.

Dates: Tuesday, November 27 and Wednesday, November, 29; Seating One: 5:00 PM-6:30 PM and Seating Two: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM.

Price: \$45 members; \$50 non-members.

- **Children's Parties:** Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making their first stop of the season at Filoli for our delightful Children's Party on Saturday, December 1. On this day dedicated especially to them, boys and girls are invited to put their letters in Santa's special mailbox and enjoy being entertained by a clown, a magician, puppeteers, and musicians. Includes admission to the daytime Holiday Boutique.

Date: Saturday, December 1, 10:15 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:45 PM, and 2:00 PM.

Price: \$55 for adult members, \$65 for adult non-members, \$25 for children.

Important Note: Tickets sell out very quickly and advance ticket purchase is required. Please be aware that although online ticketing for Holiday Traditions is not available, it is highly recommended to visit Filoli's website (www.filoli.org) to view which events are sold out. To view buffet brunch and dinner menus for specific events, please visit Filoli's website (www.filoli.org). **For ticket purchase, please contact Filoli's Ticket Office at (650) 364-8300, ext. 508.** Tickets may also be purchased by fax and mail. All proceeds go to support the preservation and conservation of Filoli.

About Filoli

Filoli, located in Woodside, CA, 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 elegant 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 a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation dedicated to the, "leadership, education and advocacy of America's diverse historic places." For more information about Filoli, please visit www.filoli.org.

About the National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, non-profit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America's communities. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Trust was founded in 1949 and provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to protect the irreplaceable places that tell America's story. Staff at the Washington, D.C., headquarters, six regional offices and 26 historic sites work with the Trust's 270,000 members and thousands of preservation groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit the Trust's web site at www.nationaltrust.org.