

Strauss Festival Annual Spring Tea

A Toast to Vienna



Thank you for volunteering to decorate a table for this year's Annual Spring Tea.

It will be held on **March 7, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at District 56**, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove, CA. 95757. Provided below are the decorator guide lines...each tickets is \$50, a full table \$500, if you are decorating a table a full table is \$450.

DECORATOR TABLE SET-UP TIME: 10 AM – NOON

Table decorators should line up in their cars on Civic Center Drive (there will be an A-Frame & Person assisting). At 9:30am, 2 cars at a time will be allowed to drive up to the kitchen entrance, get help unloading car & taking decorations to assigned table. After the car is unloaded & prior to you decorating your table your car will need to be moved to an authorized parking space in/around District 56. However if you prefer to not drop off decorations through the kitchen, you may park in any authorized parking space in/around District 56 & carry in your own decorations. You may you store any unused boxes, bags, totes & wagons in a reserved room at District 56 during the tea so that when it's time to clean up you are able to pack up quickly and do not have to bring them back in from your car.

TABLE JUDGING: NOON - 1 P.M. No DECORATORS will be allowed in the Tea room during judging.

GUEST ARRIVE: 1 P.M. TO VIEW TABLES AND SELECT THE "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" AWARD.

TEA SERVED: 2 P.M.

The tea ends at **4:00 P.M.** Please make arrangements for packing up your table items promptly by **4:30 P.M.** Please arrange to remove them from the table and take them home dirty, where you can wash and dry them in the safety of your own kitchen.

TABLE

The table is a 72" round table, 10 guests will be seated at each table, the table will be covered with a white tablecloth. Feel free to add another tablecloth, table topper or table runner to coordinate with your table setting. You will set up and decorate your own table. Food will be placed on clear salad plates in the kitchen, delivered to each guest by a server and placed on top of the dinner plate at the table. (The clear plastic plates for the food will be provided). The dinner plates can be used as decorative chargers. Have fun creating a festive table setting!

CENTERPIECE

The centerpiece of your table is where the excitement begins, be your creative self! It is always fun to decorate the table around the tea's theme which this year is **"A Toast to Vienna"**, a prelude to the 2026 Annual Strauss Festival: **"Vienna Once More"**... however, you may create **any type of table toppings/centerpiece that you would like, it's your creative time...ENJOY**

TABLE SETTING

Each table needs to be set up for ten people. All styles of china and decorations are appropriate, china is not required, be creative!. Part of the fun will be seeing each table with a completely unique table setting, some formal, some casual. If you have special holiday china that you want to show off, that's fine, too. Please provide the following items for your table:

- 10 Dinner Plates
- 10 Cups and Saucers
- 10 Water Glasses
- Teapot (a nice touch to have but **not required...for decoration only**)
- 10 Knives, Forks and Spoons
- Creamer, Sugar Bowl and Sugar Spoon (sugar & creamer is provided)
- 10 Napkins (cloth preferred)



FAVORS

Some decorators like to leave a "favor" at each place setting for the guest to take home. This is not required but is a nice token of appreciation and can be purchased inexpensively at the Dollar Store, Michael's, or JoAnne's.

AWARDS

Awards will be given to the Spring Tea Table Decorators who best represent the following criteria in table decorations: use of color, materials, place settings, favors that present a cohesive, creative/imaginative theme. The award categories listed below are not in any order of importance. Judges are selected by the event chair and/or the Strauss Board. The 1st and 2nd place winners will be recognized at the tea and each tables will only be allowed to win in one of the below categories:

1. **Place Setting Award:** This award is given to the table that has the best/most creative place setting.
2. **Center Piece Award:** This award is given to the table that has the best/most creative Center Piece
3. **Founder's Award:** This award is given to the table that best represents elegance and sophistication.
4. **Chairman's Award:** This award is given to the table that has the best presentation and/or style that represents the 2026 Strauss Festival theme: **"Vienna Once More"**.
5. **Tea Theme Award:** This award is given to the table that best represents this years Spring Tea theme: **"A Toast to Vienna"**.
6. **People's Choice Award:** This award is voted on by the guests attending the tea and is based on the table that receives the most votes. Each guest is given an opportunity to vote their favorite table.



**If you have any questions, feel free to contact:
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