



November 18, 2009 Program

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS and TRAVELOGUES!

That's the theme for our next general meeting on Wednesday, November 18th. So, if you would like to hear the techniques used by this year's Gold Medal winners, here's your chance. We're also hoping to have lots of these award winning wines to sample.

If you've won a Gold and would like to participate, please contact D.D. Smith or a board member so we can get you a slot in the program.

Two travelogues are scheduled: Fred Millar will be talking about his trip to China, and D.D. Smith will give his impressions of Bordeaux. If you've made an interesting trip you would like to talk about, please contact D.D. or a board member.

A reminder: **November 30th is the deadline to submit Winemaker of the Year entry forms.** D.D. will be at the Wednesday meeting to collect entry forms.



November 2009 President's Message

Thanks to all who attended the Harvest Dinner late last month. It was a great place to celebrate and share good food and wine. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the venue and had a great time. And the good news is it went so well that SHW is invited to come back again next year.

We are turning the corner, going into the holidays, and ending another great year for SHW. I have enjoyed serving as your President this year. Be sure and come to the Annual Meeting to vote for your new Officers on Wednesday, November 18. We have a good slate of nominations to put

before you. As Mike Touchette's saying goes "be there or be elected"!

I am looking forward to seeing our Gold Medal Winners at the meeting as well and counting on everyone to be there to taste—only a week away. Also, look for details of our upcoming Holiday Party in the newsletter and 2010 Membership information.

Cheers!

Lynn Keay
2009 SHW President



Executive Board Meeting: December 2, 2009

The December board meeting will be at Gary Young's home. Bring snacks & wine to share, beginning at 6:00 PM. The meeting starts promptly at 6:45PM. This will be the annual transitional meeting with both 2009 and 2010 board members in attendance. All club members are welcome to attend. Contact Gary if you need directions.



Annual Holiday Dinner & Party, Wednesday, December 16, 2009

It's the most WINE-derful time, of the year!! December celebrates the season with the annual holiday dinner and party. Debbie Moretton, your Party Coordinator, has been busy selecting your festive culinary delights, taking care of party planning details, and gathering the Grand Prize Raffle and Silent Auction Items. She is also seeking additional items from Club Members for the \$5 Raffle table. All proceeds will benefit the Club from these exhilarating fund raising activities. For anyone who would like to participate, bring a gift valued at \$10 and take a gift home as part of the Holiday Gift Exchange. Have fun and be creative! There are lots of great gift ideas for everyone!

Debbie is looking for Club Members' help in the following areas:

- ~ Donations for the \$5 Raffle table (gift baskets, wine or other items).
- ~ Volunteers to help decorate dining and raffle tables.
- ~ Volunteers to monitor the Silent Auction tables.

If interested, please contact her at dem1019@sbcglobal.net or (916)296-1115.

Reservations for dinner must be made Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

Please make your reservations early!! The Annual Holiday Dinner & Party Announcement in this newsletter has additional details and a payment form. As a reminder Club Members and their guests bring their own wines for dinner and any to share with others during the party.

Sacramento Home Winemakers - 2009 Program Calendar

Date	Meeting Topic/Event	Speaker/Panel/Committee
November 18	Gold Medal Winners; Officer Elections; Travelogues	Club Members
December 2	Board Meeting	Gary Young's Home
December 16	Holiday Party	Coordinator: Debra Moretton
January 20	Club Roundtable Reidel Glass	Coordinators: 2010 SHW President Gin Yang-Staehlin

Reminder: Participants at monthly Club Meetings should bring their own wine glasses to use for wine tasting. Club wine glasses are provided for guests.

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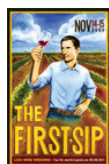
Area Wine Events

Wine & Cider Tour November 14 & 15, 2009 Placer County

With the crush behind them, winemakers share reflections on recent releases and favorite vintages. Plus, Lone Buffalo will be launching an exciting new wine this weekend. For more information, see: www.placerhillswinetour.com.



3rd Annual First Sip: Lodi Wine Weekend November 14-15, 2009



Wineries throughout Lodi Wine Country will unveil their newest vintages for guests to sample alongside their complete line of wines.

Travel from winery to winery and experience the delicious, handcrafted wines and hospitality that Lodi Wine Country has to offer. Enjoy an array of educational activities, entertainment and delectable treats at each of your stops along the Lodi Wine Trail. More information can be found at www.lodiwine.com.

Good Eats!

This yummy Sweet-Potato recipe was enjoyed at the November Board Meeting. Consider this the high-calorie version!

3	tblsp. butter	2	cups heavy whipping cream
4	lbs. sweet potatoes	1/2	tsp. freshly ground black pepper
3/4	cup grated parmesan cheese (or more!)	1/4	tsp. cayenne
1	tsp. salt		

Preheat oven to 400°

Peel sweet potatoes and cut crosswise into 1/4" slices.

Butter a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with 1 tblsp of the butter. Arrange one third of the sweet potato slices in the dish, overlapping slightly. Sprinkle with one third of the cheese. Repeat with two more layers of sweet potatoes and cheese.

In a small bowl, combine cream, salt, pepper and cayenne. Pour over potatoes. Dot with the remaining butter.

Cover dish with foil and bake 35 minutes.

Remove foil and continue baking until the top is slightly browned, about 10 minutes.

Club Meeting Protocol

Many thanks to members who help setup and break down the physical arrangements at Club's monthly meetings. Your help with the tables, chairs, water pitchers, spit buckets, paper towels, and hospitality, in addition to sharing your wines and welcoming new members and visitors is very much appreciated.

Cleaning up your space before you leave the meeting, disposing of your empty wine bottles, and depositing the club wine glasses back in the box stem down helps facilitate the clean up. The club's wine glasses are available for guests (and yes, every month a couple of volunteers carry the boxes of glasses downstairs to their cars, takes them out of the cars, puts them in the dishwasher, reloads the cleaned glasses back into the box, loads the glasses into the car, and drags the clean glasses back to next month's meeting) so please remember always

Please bring your own wine glasses to Club Meetings

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Sacramento Home Winemakers
Annual Holiday Dinner & Party

Turn Verein Main Hall
Wednesday, December 16, 2009
Social Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

Catered by:
Calyn McKnight

Appetizers ~ Served during Social Hour

*Meatballs, Stuffed Mushrooms, Smoked Salmon with Capers, Gourmet Cheese
and Dip Spread*

Dinner:

*Prime Rib Carving Station with Horseradish and Au Jus, Stuffed Chicken
Breast with Wine Sauce, Winter Medley Salad, Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables,
Garlic Mashed Red Potatoes, Assorted Freshly Baked Rolls*

Served with Fruit Punch and Ice Tea

(Vegetarian or Vegan Meals available by Special Request, contact Debbie Moretton)

Dessert:

Assorted Pies and Cheese Cakes, Served with Coffee

\$ 35.00 per person

Please make your reservations early!

Holiday Gift Exchange! ~ Bring a gift valued at \$10 and take a gift home!
No worries if you've been naughty or nice this year!

Grand Prize Raffle (Tickets are \$10 each)
*3-night stay at the Marriott Napa Valley Hotel & Spa
 Darioush Fine Wines & Artisan Cheese Tasting for Two
 Rubicon Estates Wine Tasting & Tour for Two
 Donated by Kevin & Debra Moretton*

Silent Auction Items (Tables Open 6 PM - 8PM)

*Corti Bros "Back Room Wine Tasting" and special Dinner for 2 with Darrell Corti
 Napa Valley Wine Country Basket with 4 Tasting Tickets to V Sattui Winery
 "Donner Boys" Progressive Dinner Party for 8, Vertical Flight of 8 yrs ~ AV Cab
 Private 4-Course Dinner for 6, Catered by Bill Brilmayer & Kate Berlin
 Magnum of Perry Creek Zin Man
 Selland's Market Gift Certificate
 Hoadley Ridge Vineyards, Russian River AVA, 125 lbs each of award winning 2010
 Deaver Zinfandel and Petite Sirah Grapes
 Lone Buffalo Vineyards Private Wine Tasting for 8, appetizers and selection of 2
 bottles of 2010 Releases
 Susan's Italian Villas, Travel Consultation
 Susan Gamage Interior Design, Consultation
 Curtin Designs, Wool Driving Cap
 2010 SHW Membership
 Donated by Club Members and friends of SHW*

\$5 Raffle

*Gift Baskets, Wines and other Items
 Donated by Club members and friends of SHW*



2009 Annual Holiday Dinner & Party ~ \$35 per person
 Submit payment no later than **Tuesday, December 8**

*Make check payable to: Sacramento Home Winemakers
 Mail check to: P.O. Box 894
 Gold River, CA 95741*

*Attendee(s) Name(s) _____
 Number of Persons for Holiday Dinner _____ x \$35 = \$_____
 Grand Prize Raffle Tickets _____ x \$10 = \$_____
 \$ 5 Raffle Tickets _____ x \$5 = \$_____*

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Questions? ~ Please contact Debra Moretton, 916-296-1115 or dem1019@sbcglobal.net