September 2017

SHW Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7pm, upstairs at the Turn Verein Hall located at 3349 J Street in Midtown, Sacramento. For more information on SHW membership, meetings and activities, visit:
www.Sachomewine.com

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September Highlights

September 20 General Meeting Program

Fermentation Frenzy!

Beneficial microorganisms play a role in many of the world’s great foods and beverages. Lactic bacteria, acetic bacteria, yeasts, and others act alone or in concert to bring about magical transformations.

Come hear Bob Peak talk about similarities and differences in making fermented foods, non-alcoholic fermented beverages, and a variety of adult beverages. Bob will discuss foods like cheese, salami, sauerkraut, and pickles (and Gin Yang will talk about sourdough bread). Bob will also go over kombucha, lactic sodas, and vinegar. Finally, he will move on to cider, mead, beer, and (of course) wine.

Tastes of homemade foods and beverages from several of these groups will be offered to keep you entertained as well as informed. Please bring a wine glass for your use; Club glasses are for guests.

Your help setting up and cleaning up at the meetings is appreciated. Thank you for consuming responsibly.
Whew! I don’t know about you, but I’m tired! The crush is on and at 67 years of age I am feeling the crush. But, when I uncork that bottle of 2017 Sauvignon Blanc next Spring, or savor that Black Muscat dessert wine next Fall, I will be happy I put in the effort. Besides I can always use that heating pad I use for my back to get my wine through malo-lactic conversion!

Many thanks to all of the Group Buy Coordinators and Mentors. Thanks to Seth Brunner and Linda Clevenger, Joe Morgan, Dick Racette, Wreatha Duverney and to JD Phelps. Without members stepping up to negotiate group buys of exceptional fruit, where would we be? I believe we purchased over 8 tons of fruit this harvest. Thanks also to the mentors who have stepped up to help out our new winemakers- Christa Ring, Cori Morgan, Thad Rodgers, and JD Phelps. And these are only the ones I am aware of. We are all mentors at one time or another, and that is how it should be. Each one, teach one.

Our September 20th meeting is shaping up to be an exciting meeting. Bob Peak, writer for Winemaker Magazine, and newly retired from The Beverage People in Santa Rosa, will present on all things fermented – wine, beer, mead, cider, cheese, sour dough bread, pickles, sourkraut, etc. Please join us for this food and wine/mead/beer pairing program. More on this in this later in the newsletter.

Finally, please consider volunteering your time to be an elected member of the Executive Board of SHW. Fred Millar, President of the Board of Directors, will be reaching out to those of you who have expressed an interest in serving. Elections are held at the November meeting.

Happy Winemaking!

Donna Bettencourt

Thank you!!

Generous thanks go to SHW volunteer and supporters for keeping SHW on top! We’ve had a busy month! Shout-outs go to:

All of the members who shared at the meeting their winery ideas and gadgets.
Volunteers for helping Darcy and Robert Wharton at the July meeting with hospitality and to all who helped set-up, get extra tables and chairs, and clean.
Thad Rodgers for ensuring delivery and Titan Barrel Works for their donation of a 30-gallon barrel. The raffle brought $400 into the SHW treasury.
J.D. Phelps for the Beginning Winemakers Group vineyard walk on August 20.
Sue Summersett for coordinating the August 26 Harvest Dinner.
Group buy coordinators and mentors for this year’s harvest.

If you’re interested in volunteering as a mentor for new winemakers, viticulture management, or a specific style of wine, contact President Donna Bettencourt at donnab1045@gmail.com.

Please Enjoy Responsibly

Far better than any Gold Medal, the best reward for making a great wine is simply enjoying and sharing a bottle with friends and fellow wine makers. SHW wants to remind you to please do so responsibly and be aware of your capacity to drive and get home safely. Our number one priority is making sure all SHW members make it home from club meetings and events without injury to themselves or others. If you find yourself or a friend a glass or two beyond being able to do so, please notify a club officer immediately so we can assist in arranging safe transportation home.
Taste!

On Saturday, October 21, the Robert Mondavi Institute is presenting its annual fund raising event known as Taste. Wineries, breweries, food vendors and SHW will be donating food and drink. The event provides a great opportunity to sample many kinds of food and drinks and there will be music and art tours this year. You can check out the details for this fun event for a good cause by following this link. [https://www.mondaviarts.org/event/2017-18/taste-2017](https://www.mondaviarts.org/event/2017-18/taste-2017).

Thank you to all who donate their wines to represent the club at this event.

Competition Corner

The competition season is just about over for home winemakers. There is, however, one last competition coming up and that is the 44th Annual US Amateur Winemaking Competition sponsored by the CellarMasters Home Wine Club. Entry dates are October 1 to November 8. Entry fee is $15 per bottle. Judging is November 18th. For more information go to [http://cellarmastersla.org](http://cellarmastersla.org)

Speaking of competition, entries are being accepted up until November 30th for the Sacramento Home Winemakers Winemaker of the Year competition. SHW members wishing to submit an entry form must have entered at least 2 distinct and different wines in the SHW Jubilee, the California State Fair Home Wine Competition, and in one other recognized and organized home wine competition. If you haven’t entered in a third competition, or want to improve your scores, you might consider entering the CellarMasters competition. For Winemaker of the Year entry criteria and entry forms, go to [www.sachomewine.org](http://www.sachomewine.org) and click on the “Member Resources” tab at the top, and then click on “Winemaker of the Year Selection Criteria” on the right side column. Send your entry forms to Chief Judge, Donna Bettencourt at donnab1045@gmail.com by November 30, 2017.
2017 SHW Harvest Dinner

Saturday, October 28
6:00 PM Wine/Appetizers - 7:00 PM Buffet

Frasinetti’s Winery and Restaurant
7395 Frasinetti Road - Sacramento

The SHW Harvest dinner is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy a casual evening with fellow winemakers. Bring your harvest stories and wines to pair with Frasinetti’s Vintners Buffet!

Assorted Pinwheel Wraps

Complimentary Corkage - No Host Bar Available

$40 SHW members - $45 non-SHW members

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2017 SHW Harvest Dinner Reservations

Reservations and payment must be received by Monday, Oct. 22nd.
Complete this form and mail, along with your check to: Treasurer Jacque Brown * 1616 Berkeley Way * Sacramento 95819
Questions? Please contact Sue Summersett: sbsummer2002@yahoo.com

Print Your Name(s) ________________________________________________

Phone Number _____________________________
_____ SHW Member(s) Attending @ $40 _____
_____ Non-SHW Member Attending @ $45 _____

$______ Total Remittance
**SHW Calendar of Events**

- Executive Board Meetings – 6:30 PM start; contact Prez Donna Bettencourt for location; donnab1045@gmail.com.
- General Meetings – 7:00 PM start; upstairs at 3349 J Street, Sacramento
- Meeting and event details - [www.sachomewine.com](http://www.sachomewine.com); see Events Calendar and latest Newsletter.

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| General Meeting  | September 20, 7 PM Wednesday        | Fermentation Frenzy!  
Guest Speaker: Bob Peak, Fermenter Extraordinaire  
See program article on page 1 of this newsletter. |
| Board Meeting    | October 4, 6:30 PM Wednesday        | All members welcome.  
Location: Sacramento                                                     |
| General Meeting  | October 18, 7 PM Wednesday          | Bubbles, Fruits, Fortifieds, Sweets Evaluation  
Guest Evaluator: Scott Harvey, Scott Harvey Wines                        |
| General Meeting  | November 15, 7PM Wednesday          | Annual Meeting + Tasting of Gold Medalists +  
Luke Laubagh’s Travelogue: French Wines                                 |
| Holiday Party    | December 13 Wednesday               | Holiday Dinner and Fundraiser  
Turn Verein  
Interested in volunteering and/or donating? Contact Gin at gin@yangstehlin@yahoo.com. |
Club Equipment Loan Program

Destemmer-Crusher: RENTAL FEE—$25
Contact: Matt Sainson (916) 833-4214
ifermentgrapes@gmail.com

Basket Press—RENTAL FEE—$10
Craig Brown—(916) 203-9961

Super Jet Buon Vino Filter - RENTAL FEE $5
Contact Donna Bettencourt (916) 454-5487
donnah1045@gmail.com

For Information on how to Clean and Use the Super Jet Filter see videos: http://www.buonvino.com/videos.html

Scales can be made to tare to container, and weigh up to 400 pounds
Contact: Craig Brown—(916) 203-9961

All equipment must be returned clean

Additional information can be found at
http://www.sachomewine.com/member-services/winemaking-equipment-loan-program/

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2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Fred Millar — Chair (past president)
Gary Young (past president)
J. D. Phelps (past president)
Joe McGillivray (past president)
Donna Bettencourt (current president)

2017 Appointed Members
Cellar Master — Joe Morgan
Chief Judge — Donna Bettencourt
Hospitality Chair — Mary Breedlove
Newsletter Editor — Kevin Hubred
Web Manager — Judy Pinegar

2017 Executive Board
President - Donna Bettencourt
Vice President - Vacant
Treasurer - Jacque Brown
Secretary - Bruce Currie
Membership Chairs - Gin Yang & Fred Millar

Members at Large
Angie Cassidy
Bob Peake
Craig Brown

2017 Committees
Competition Committee Chair— Vacant
Education Committee Chair — Gin Yang
Fundraising Committee Chair — Vacant
Events Committee Chair — Vacant

Needed! Volunteers for Monthly Meeting
Hospitality
Choose a month to help the club!
Bring cubed cheese and sliced bread as snacks to the monthly meeting. SHW will reimburse for food cost. Set out food at the beginning of meeting and at the end of evening, package up leftover, and help clean tables. Please contact Hospitality Coordinator Mary Breedlove at marybreedlove@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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