



Sacramento Home Winemakers (SHW) monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting at 7 PM, upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in mid-town Sacramento. For more information on SHW membership, meetings and activities, visit:

www.sachomewine.org

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The Grapevine

November program
 Port, Fruit, dessert and
 sparkling wine evaluations
 And
 Annual meeting

The last SHW monthly meeting for year is on Wednesday, **November 20**. The program for this meeting is the evaluation of port, fruit, dessert and sparkling wines. If you have wines you would like to bring for evaluation, please contact Co-Vice Presidents Sonia Baron or John Avila. They can be reached at soniabarons@hotmail.com and mail@john-avila.com, respectively.

November's meeting is also SHW's annual meeting when the 2014 Club officers are elected. The slate of nominees for the elected Club officer positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair are included in this issue of *The Grapevine* on Page 3. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the November 20 meeting, you may cast your vote for officers by contacting SHW Secretary J.D. Phelps at jd.phelps@gmail.com or 916 317-9478. Only one vote per household is allowed. (Reference [SHW By-laws](#) Article IV, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 3).

No monthly meeting is scheduled for December, instead, we'll be partying on Sunday, December 15 at the Delta King on the Sacramento River. At the soiree, SHW members and supporters will be honored for wine education, volunteerism, most improved winemaker, and Winemaker of the Year, plus the year's outgoing Club officers will be recognized. The holiday party reservation form can be found on Page 4. Space is limited, so sign up early.

SHW brings in the new year by welcoming back [The Yeast Whisperer](#), Shea A. J. Comfort. The Whisperer will share exciting tips and techniques to help you make the best wines. The January 15, 2014 meeting is for members only, so don't forget to renew your 2014 membership dues. The membership form can be found [here](#) and also in this newsletter on page 4.

2013 SHW HOME WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Remember to turn in your application for Home Winemaker of the Year by November 30, 2013 to Chief Judge, Donna Bettencourt. E-mail to betten-court1045@softcom.net, or send to: 5208 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820.

The application form can be found on the SHW website under "Member Resources" at www.sachomewine.org

A Message from your President

Dear Fellow Wine Imbibers,

1. The Club's Annual HARVEST DINNER on November 3rd was again hosted at Frasinetti's Winery and Restaurant. I want to direct a Special Thank-You to Vice President Sonia Baron for again spinning together all the elements for a great party. An added surprise feature was the appearance of a "Flash Mob" Happening. This fun addition was conceived and orchestrated by club member and Provocateur - Linda Clevenger. WELL DONE!

2. The Holiday Season is fast approaching as well as the need to chose wines to accompany our festivities. November 21st is this year's release date for the 2013 French Beaujolais Nouveau wines. I commend this wine to you as a pleasant and interesting wine to try with your Thanksgiving Dinners.

My QUESTION to you all: Has anyone made a Nouveau-style Wine this year to go with theirThanks-Giving Dinner? I recall fondly a 1992 Sauvignon Blanc we did Nouveau style.

Hmmm. Please let me know if you have had any experiences with Nouveau wines.

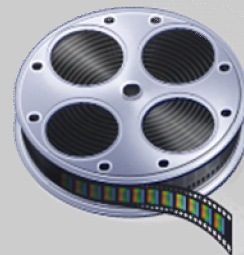
3. FALL with shorter days, longer nights and the onset of cold weather always lead me to thoughts of a warm fire, a tasty beverage and a good video. A perfect time for wine-related videos!

I suspect you may be familiar with some or all of the following Films, but, four of my favorites (in no particular order) are:

- 1) "A GOOD YEAR" (2006)
- 2) "BOTTLE SHOCK (2008)
- 3) "SIDEWAYS" (2004)
- 4) "THE SECRET OF SANTA VITTORIA (1969).

I continue looking for additional wine-related videos so please feel free to share your "finds" with me. I look forward to your input for my "video library".

**Cheers To All,
Gary Young
SHW President**



Support Your Favorite Home Wine Making Club!

SHW is now accepting 2014 memberships. The membership form is attached to this newsletter and can also be found at SHW's website: www.sachomewine.com.

SHW is a non-profit club run solely by volunteers and your support. Membership dues are applied to the Club's expenses including meeting room rent, insurance, post office box, monthly speaker costs, printing, equipment purchases and repairs, and the other necessities to bring you technical programs and Club benefit and activities. Next year's dues are \$50 per household.

The benefits of SHW membership include:

- *The Grapevine, the Club's monthly newsletter delivered to your fingertips;
- *a year's subscription to WineMaker Magazine (\$25 value) sent via USPS if renewing or joining by March 1, 2014;
- *having your wines evaluated by wine education and industry professionals;
- *competing in SHW's Jubilee, a members-only wine competition;
- *access to Club events and activities;
- *member pricing on SHW events and activities;
- *discounts at select winemaking-related vendors;
- *email notifications on the latest winemaking happenings including grapes for sale and ad hoc opportunities; and
- *enjoying the camaraderie of fellow home winemakers.



Thank you for your support! If you have membership questions, please contact membership co-chairs Fred Millar at (916) 576-9596 and fredmillar1@gmail.com or Gin Yang at (916) 217-0294 and ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com.

Sacramento Home
Winemakers

Annual Holiday Dinner
& Party

Delta King Riverboat/Paddle Wheel Banquet Room
Old Sacramento

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Social Hour 4:00 PM (Includes No-Host Bar)

Dinner 5:00 PM

Please bring wine for your table or wine to share with other Club Members!!

Assortment of Appetizers ~ Served during Social Hour

Plated Dinner

Choice of One (1): Salmon, ½ Chicken or Filet Mignon, paired with Winter Medley Salad, Steamed Seasonal Vegetables, Potatoes, Pasta or Rice, Assorted Freshly Baked Rolls followed by Dessert

\$45.00 per person for Members

\$50.00 per person for Non-Members

(Inclusive of tax and gratuity)

Reservation and Payment post-marked/received after December 6, 2013 is
\$55.00 per person, no exceptions.

Payment is non-refundable and no Reservation/Payment will be accepted af-
ter Wednesday, December 11th!

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!



Discounted Room Rate

For those of you who would like to reserve a room on board the Delta King at a 15% discounted price (includes breakfast in the Pilothouse Restaurant), visit www.deltaking.com or call (916) 444-5464 and make your reservation under rate type "discount" and enter the special group code: SHW. This discount is valid based on room availability.



2013 Annual Holiday Dinner & Party ~ \$45 for Members, \$50 for Non-Members

Payment received by Friday, December 6, 2013

Please indicate choice of: Salmon (S); Chicken (C); or Filet Mignon (FM)

Club Member(s) First/Last Name(s)

_____ (S / C / FM)

_____ (S / C / FM)

Non-Member(s) First/Last Name (s)

_____ (S / C / FM)

_____ (S / C / FM)

Make check payable to: Sacramento Home Winemakers and mail check to: P.O. Box 894, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

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

Number of Members for Holiday Dinner _____ x \$45 = \$ _____

Number of Non-Members for Holiday Dinner _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

2014 SHW SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Home Winemakers Associations presents to you for consideration the following slate of officers for the year 2014

President—Donna Bettencourt
Vice President—Sonia Barron and JD Phelps
Secretary—Joe and Lynn McGillivray
Treasurer—Steve Barrett
Membership Co-Chairs—Gin Yang and Fred Millar

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at our November 20, 2014 annual meeting.

HARVEST DINNER FLASH DANCE SURPRISE !!

If you were not at the November Harvest Dinner, you missed a probably unrepeatable experience. Attendees were treated to a staged flash dance to the tune of Marvin Gaye's "I Heard it Through The Grapevine" skillfully choreographed by Pamela Trokanski, and danced by fellow SHW members (Carol Clark, Sonia Baron, Donna Bettencourt, Holly Heggli, Donna Brown, Tom Engel, Helen Frisch, and Suzanne Bruns) and the Pamela Trokanski dancers. SHW members practiced secretly their moves for almost two solid weeks to pull this off.



The Pamela Trokanski Dance Theatre will be performing on Saturday November 16th at 8:00 PM. in Davis.

Please show your support for this wonderful non-profit organization.

www.trokanski.com



2013 Crush Shirts for Sale!! Fundraiser

SHOW SUPPORT FOR YOUR LOCAL WINE CLUB !!

2013 SHW "crush" t-shirts are now for sale. Show your hobby off and support your club at the same time. Prices are \$20 each and carry the SHW Logo and the byline "2013 Home Winemaker Club of the Year" on the front, and a playful phrase on the back. All sizes are currently available in either the grey shirt with purple lettering, or the purple shirt with white lettering. There is also a women's cut T-shirt in the ever popular pistachio color.



Donna and Fred will be selling them at the November club meeting. Don't wait too long to purchase your shirt as they go fast! Wear them during the crush and press and show your true colors during the harvest!

SHW CLUB LEADERSHIP

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President—Gary Young, gycats@earthlink.net

Co-Vice Presidents—Sonia Baron,
sonibaron@hotmail.com, and John Avila,
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Secretary—JD Phelps, jd.phelps@gmail.com

Treasurer—Mike Touchette, pinotsyrah@yahoo.com

Past President —Donna Bettencourt, betten-
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Appointed Positions

Membership Co-Chairs—Gin Yang-Staehlin, ginyang-
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Chief Judge—Donna Bettencourt

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Past 5 Presidents)

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Fred Millar

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Donna Bettencourt

Gary Young