



July 2019

The Grapevine Newsletter



2019 SHW Calendar of Events

Executive Board Meetings:

Generally held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7ish PM; locations vary. Contact President Joe McGillivray at pyramidlake59@gmail.com for details.

General Meetings:

Held on 3rd Wednesday of month unless otherwise noted, starting at 7 PM upstairs at the Turn Verein meeting hall located at 3349 J Street, Sacramento.

Wednesday, July 18, 2019

General Meeting- Gizmos + Gadgets
Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar Tasting
Bring your Gadgets and Gizmos to show off!

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Winemaking 101– Sign up!

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

General Meeting– Vessels



Monthly Meeting– July 18th

Gizmos + Gadgets

Join your fellow Home Winemakers on Wednesday, July 17th at 7pm for our Monthly Program upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in Sacramento.

This month's meeting is a show and tell of Gadgets and Gizmos. We as home winemakers have come up with items which are used in our winemaking. So I am encouraging all of you to share your Gadgets and Gizmos with fellow members. For instance, I use a giant potato masher I purchased from a restaurant supply store for my punch down tool, which I plan on bringing along with a few other items. I would like to have each person who brings a gadget or a gizmo say a little something about it.

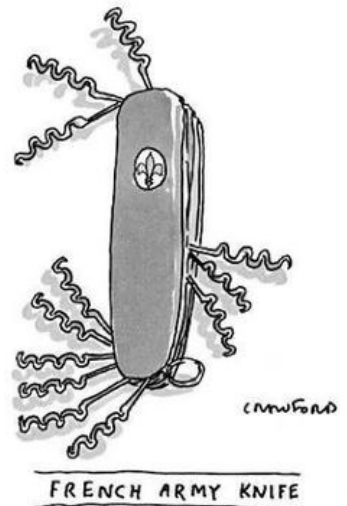
This meeting will be very informal, yet social, so don't forget your wine glass and wine to share!

Also, if you would like to swap wines with fellow members, bring some extra bottles of your wine to exchange. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the 17th.

Please consume responsibly. Additional parking is behind the building.

Any questions, contact Vice President Terry Piazza– Perham at 916-806-1621.

Terry Piazza-Perham
SHW Vice-President



President's Message by Joe McGillivray

Are you ready for the harvest? Do you have a source for grapes? Is your equipment cleaned and staged so it's accessible and ready to use? July is one of those periods where the heat starts building, the wildfire threat increases, you're thinking about a vacation you should have taken and you wonder how this year's wine will turn out. All this anxiety! Then you pour yourself a glass of your previous vintage, find a shady spot on the patio, grab a paper and pen and start your to-do list to meet this year's tasks to make another batch of great homemade wine! And deep in your mind you know it's all going to be OK. We live in great times folks! Despite the challenges in today's world, we still live in great times. And we're fortunate to have these freedoms at our fingertips where we can ferment our grapes, gather as a club and enjoy our time here on Earth!

Speaking of making wine, did you know that this is SHW's forty sixth year in existence? We hold our Jubilee each year to celebrate the club and many of us attend the picnic and submit wines for the competition without realizing just how important it is. There are lots of hobby clubs in America; lots that have been in existence for many years and many that are as feverish and vibrant as SHW. But to be part of this club and to continue the traditions that have been established over time really solidifies the impact that membership and volunteerism have on the longevity of this organization. Forty-six years! Wow! We have lots to be proud of and I personally am thrilled to be a part of it. In doing some research I came across an article that Mike Dunne wrote where he interviewed three home winemakers; one of them being our esteemed



Rex Johnston. You can find the article here: <https://www.sacbee.com/food-drink/wine/dunne-on-wine/article27151603.html>

The club's Executive Board recently held its annual board retreat. Planning for next year and some ideas were discussed on how to increase volunteerism and what sort of programs will be offered in 2020. Many of you know or remember Sonia Baron and Carol Clark who were members that went commercial. They are in the process of preparing to launch their new endeavor and I have to say, I'm quite impressed. A big THANK YOU to

Sonia and Carol for allowing the Executive Board to meet at their new winery and sample their wines. If you like to go to Fair Play and taste boutique style wines, you're going to love Bom Vihno!, Sonia's and Carol's winery. If you haven't been to Fair Play, when they open, make a trip and check out their wines. You'll be happy you did and you'll end up buying some of their wines, which helps support them.

The July General Meeting is going to be about gadgets, gizmos and olive oil. This is the meeting to show member's the neat inventions you created to aid you in your craft of making wine. It might be a unique way to clean bottles or carboys or a way to sterilize a barrel. Maybe you found a cool way to make labels and want to demonstrate that. If you have questions, contact Vice President Terry Piazza-Perham. Board Member at Large Angie Cassidy is going to have an olive oil tasting table at the meeting so be sure to check out what she's pairing with what oils. Hope to see you there!

Cheers!



Joe



Winemaking 101 – Saturday, July 27, 2019

If you have been wanting to learn to make wine or to brush up on your basic winemaking skills, come to SHW's Winemaking 101.

The 5-hour workshop is planned for Saturday, July 27 starting at 9AM at the home winery of Kathy and Ron Loder in Granite Bay. Part lecture, part demonstration – learn the basic steps for making dry red and white wines and the use of winemaking equipment.



You'll acquire wine making terminology and hear about the resources you'll need to get started – supplies, small equipment, grapes, mentors. There will also be Winemaking Chemistry Basics (no worries!). Experienced winemakers will be present to answer your questions.

The workshop concludes with a potluck and wine tasting where you'll have time to mingle with fellow wine-makers. Ron and Kathy Loder also offer you a tour of their home vineyard.

WM 101 also has an Equipment Certification component for SHW members to complete before being eligible to rent SHW's larger pieces of winemaking equipment – destemmer-crusher and basket presses.

WM 101 also prepares attendees to participate in the members only Beginning Winemakers Group – a mentored group crush and with wine making guidance. More on that at workshop.

Space is limited. Winemaking 101 workshop is at no cost for current SHW members; \$30 per person for non-members. Non-members can apply their workshop fee to 2019 Sacramento Home Winemakers membership if joining on workshop day. Details with location address to follow after confirming registration.

SHW Members: if you're a current SHW member, email / text / call Gin Yang and let her know how many are in attending WM 101 (includes Equipment Certification) or attending Equipment Certification only.

Non-members: contact Gin and also mail form below.

Gin Yang contact info: email - ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com or text/call 916 217-0294.

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Please register me (us) for SHW's Winemaking 101 - Saturday, July 27, 2019

Name (s) _____

Email Address **AND** Phone _____

___ Register me for WM 101. I am not a current member and would like to join SHW. (Mail with membership form found at www.sachomewine.com.)

___ I am not a member and enclosed is the Winemaking 101 workshop fee of \$30 per person.

Mail to: SHW Treasurer Bob Peake | P O Box 691 | Folsom CA 95763



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS!

Your Club appreciates your extra efforts to help keep meeting and activities running smoothly. Sacramento Home Winemakers had a busy month! Thanks to:

Guillaume Maugeas (pictured right), winemaker at Mellowood Vineyard and Winery in Somerset and cooper for his presentation at the June meeting on barrels and oak; Volunteers who helped with hospitality, setting up, and cleaning up at June's general meeting: Vickie Rosalli, Rick Reynolds, Bill Kemper, David Blitstein and many others; and Sonia, Carol, Vickie, and Paul at Bom Vinho! Vineyards for hosting this year's board retreat.

