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President's Message: Jim's Journal

The OCWS is moving into its busiest time of the year. Please refer to subsequent articles for more information on the below events.

to take multiple partially full bottles of wine home as a thank you for their volunteer efforts. The Hilton Hotel also offers us a discounted room rate for this event.

COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION

This Commercial Wine Competition is just around the corner on June 4 and 5. This is one of our largest events and we could not host this event without our outstanding volunteers. Volunteers have a lot of fun working with our members and at the end of the day, they also have the opportunity

HOMEWINE COMPETITION

The Homewine Competition will be conducted on June 11 at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. This volunteer event is a lot of fun for our members. Volunteers are provided with breakfast and

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History of the Orange County Wine Society

As the Orange County Wine Society celebrates its 40th Anniversary, this 2015-2016 year's edition of *The Wine Press* will feature the Wine Society's history.

~ History of Winery Programs ~

In advancing the Orange County Wine Society's purpose to promote the knowledge and understanding of wine, in 1983, the OCWS began monthly programming to provide educational programs to its members. The monthly tastings are often hosted by wineries and the winemaker or winery owners would take members through an educational journey. The topics have varied over the years and have included everything from the sharing of winemaking knowledge to fun anecdotes that have occurred in the winemaking process.

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Save the Date
Sunday, October 9, 2016
40th Anniversary Dinner
Yves' Restaurant & Wine Bistro
Special events are being planned for this evening.

Celebrating
40
Forty *Years*





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April Membership Report

The Orange County Wine Society extends a warm welcome to its newest members! Membership for the following members was approved by the Board of Directors at the April meeting:

Steffan & Margaret Attardo ■ Terry & Stephanie Boston
 Kevin Dawes ■ Kieron & Erin Keady ■ Rose Misquez
 Mike & Jean Posey

As of the April Board meeting the Orange County Wine Society has 919 members.

**- Brian McDonald, Director
 & Membership Chair**



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President's Message: Jim's Journal

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lunch by the Cooks' Caucus as a thank you for their volunteer efforts.

OC FAIR

Every volunteer who pours wine for a customer at the OCWS wine booth in The Courtyard must be TIPS certified. This certification is good for three years. Be sure to register for TIPS training and submit your requests for volunteer shifts early (some of our more popular shifts fill up very quickly).

WINEMAKERS GROUP EVENT

We have a very active group of home winemakers. The next kit wine making class is scheduled for May 21.

GOLD MEDAL MINI-TASTING

Bill Redding has scheduled the 2016 Gold Medal Mini-Tasting on July 9. This event is everyone's chance to taste and pair food with the 2016 Gold Medal wines. Be sure to sign up for this event early. This is a popular member event and typically sells out.

OCWS WEBSITE

With our new website now online there are several important features that will benefit both you and the organization. You now have full control over your profile information, you will receive signup confirmation immediately after purchase, along with more online options for volunteering. Many of you will find this website very easy to navigate on

your smartphones. For the organization this site consolidates reporting, reduces maintenance costs, eliminates errors due to duplicated and manual input.

Wendy Taylor was selected as the OCWS' new Website Administrator. As we move forward with our new website, please refer any questions to wendy@ocws.org and also copy stacey@ocws.org.

In closing, the OCWS Board Members encourage everyone to drink responsibly and use a designated driver at all of our events. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

- Jim Beard, President

2016 Membership Barbeque

Sunday, May 15, 2016 @ 3:00 - 7:00 pm
Orange County Fair & Events Center
Costa Mesa, CA

Join us for our annual membership BBQ featuring the tasty fare of our Cooks' Caucus. Snack on quesadillas, chili lime Pepitas, and chips with salsa and guacamole. Then enjoy our Caesar Salad, Grilled Mexican Corn Salad, Shrimp Ceviche, and watermelon before moving on to Spanish rice, beans, tortillas, Pork with Spicy Applesauce, Beef Tri Tip with Chimichurri Sauce and, of course, for dessert, Tres Leches Cake and Chipotle Spice Cookies. Is your mouth watering yet? We will also be serving Margaritas, Sangria, wine and beer.

The Green Natives are returning to provide us with music to dance your cares away. We will feature raffles, silent auction baskets and The Wine Wall where you can purchase a mystery bottle of wine for \$20. All proceeds from The Wine Wall go directly to our Scholarship Fund.

Donations Needed: Assistance is needed with donations for the raffles, silent auctions and wines (valued in excess

of \$20). You will receive not only the satisfaction of donating to the Scholarship Fund but also a tax deductible receipt.

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed for set-up, decorations, registration, serving food, pouring wine and clean up. Shifts are available before, during and after the event. Please contact Liz Corbett for donations and volunteer assignments at liz@cws.org or at 714.342.6652.

The cost for this fun-filled event is \$38 for members and \$48 for guests.

- Liz Corbett, Secretary



May Winery Program: Rock Wall Wine Company

40th Anniversary Tasting
Friday, May 6, 2016 @ 6:15 pm
Avenue of the Arts Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA

Rock Wall
Wine Company

Our special 40th Anniversary tasting with one of the most famous winemakers in the world, Kent Rosenblum, is only a few days away.

**Event is sold out!
Please contact the OCWS office
to be placed on the wait list.**

Kent, the CEO of Rock Wall Wine Company, has provided us several enlivened tastings in the past, regaling and amusing us with stories of Sven and Ollie, and providing us tastes of his fantastic wines.

This evening we will have a special sit-down dinner and our attendees will receive a gift to commemorate this tasting. We will have the opportunity to taste the following Rock Wall wines:

- 2015 Sauvignon Blanc, Lake County
- 2013 Zinfandel, Harris-Kratka Vineyard, Alexander Valley
- 2014 Zinfandel, Julies Vineyard, Russian River Valley
- 2014 Zinfandel, Alegria Vineyard, Russian River Valley
- 2014 Zinfandel, Rockpile AVA, Mauritsen Vineyard
- 2014 Zinfandel, Monte Rosso Vineyard, Sonoma Valley
- 2013 Papa's Syrah
- 2013 Tannat, Yolo and Solano Counties, "The Palindrome"
- 2014 The Romancer
- 2012 Le Mur De Roche, Napa Valley

Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase many of these wines at greatly discounted prices.

The price for this event is \$50 for members and \$55 for guests. Attendees can park in the garage and either get their ticket validated at OCWS check-in or pay \$10 for valet parking. Dinner begins at 6:45 pm with the meeting following at 7:30 pm.

Please Note: It is against Avenue of the Arts Hotel policy to bring your own food to our wine tasting programs. Do not bring any food such as cheese, crackers, desserts, etc.

Sign up on the website or use the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and mail it to the OCWS with your check and meal selection. All sign-ups must be received and any cancellations must be made no later

than by Friday, April 29. A wait list will be taken once the event fills.

Be sure to bring and wear your nametag.

Members may bring their own wine (but not your own food) to enjoy and share during the dinner; however, we ask that you remove your bottle from the table during the tasting.

- Rich Skoczylas, Director

Menu

~ Starter ~

Baby Mixed Greens Salad

Served with goat cheese, candied walnuts, fresh raspberries, and raspberry vinaigrette.

Warm Artisan Rolls with Sweet Butter

~ Entrée ~

(choice of one)

Grilled Flat Iron Steak

Served with Pinot Noir reduction, Cipollini onions and cremini mushrooms; twice baked potato with cheddar and chives, and sautéed asparagus

Heart Healthy Option: Grilled Salmon

Served with Spring artichoke, wild mushroom, Cippolini onion ragout, Spring herb beurre blanc with edamame risotto and spring vegetables,

~ Dessert ~

Apple Tart

with toasted almonds and caramel

Dine with Wine: Square One Pizza Cafe

Sunday, June 26, 2016 @ 4:30 pm

Square One Pizza Café

5789 Alton Parkway

(Oak Creek Village, corner of Jeffrey & Alton)

Irvine, CA



Mama Mia! OCWS is throwing a party!

Are you ready for thin-crust artisan pizza that tastes like it is right out of Naples, Italy, as well as delicious pasta with the best fresh ingredients and luscious, creative desserts? Mark your calendar and join us for a

sumptuous buffet patio party at recently opened Square One Pizza Café.

Owner and chef Kyle Gilles, is the former chef de cuisine at The Hobbit Restaurant in Orange. His reputation crosses the United States, where prior to his recent stint with The Hobbit, Kyle was the founding chef/executive of Bagby Pizza Co. in Baltimore, where the concept for Square One Pizza Café originated. They have delicious food combined with a casual, family friendly atmosphere that ensures their guests will always be treated like family.

The cost for this elaborate buffet party is \$28.00 per member, \$33.00 for guests, tax and gratuity included.

Attendance is limited to 40 people – sign-up on the web site by June 19 to reserve your space. Do not delay! This event will fill up fast!

The office will confirm your attendance, or place you on a wait list. Be sure to wear your nametag.

Ciao, bella! See you there!

- Marcia Vaughan & Rich Skoczylas, Director

Buffet Menu

~ Appetizers ~

Antipasti Platter with Herbed Flat Bread
Prosciutto, Soppresatta, Rosemary Ham
Provolone, Smoked Mozzarella, Grana Padano
Pepperoncini, Kalamata Olives
Pepperoni Fried Raviolis

~ Salads ~

Caesar Salad
Mixed Green Salad

~ Pizza ~

Tomato and Basil
Gourmet Vegetables
Sausage and Pesto
Meat Lovers McTernan

~ Pasta ~

Baked Penne
Prosciutto and Chicken Linguini

~ Desserts ~

Homemade Cheesecakes, Brownies,
Decadent Midnight Layer Cake

Regular Coffee is included



Gold Medal Mini-Tasting

Saturday, July 9, 2016
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
OCWS Member Homes

The Gold Medal Mini-Tasting is the largest and most popular of the year. It is a chance to taste many of the Gold Medal wines from this year's Commercial Wine Competition. The tasting will feature different varietals that won Gold Medals and we try to obtain as many Four-Star and Chairman's Award winners as possible. This event is always a sell-out, so please sign up early!

Hosts: Mini-Tastings are held at various host sites around Orange County. If you would like to host this event, please e-mail Bill Redding at bill@ocws.org or call him at 949.248.1125. You will need to sign up and pay until hosts are selected. Reimbursement will be made for all host sites.

Locations: Host sites and directions will be announced to those attending approximately one week prior to the event. We try to place you at the location nearest your home or to accommodate your specific site request; however, your assigned host site is also based on the order in which your sign-up is received in the OCWS office.

Dish: Each person attending brings a potluck dish (appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert) to serve a small

portion to 18 people. Please coordinate your food selection with your host site to assure an appropriate balance of food types served during the evening. There will be a special bottle of wine that evening as a prize for Chef of the Evening. The winning Chefs of the Evening may have their winning recipe published on the OCWS website.

We are planning a maximum of nine sites for this mini-tasting. The cost to attend the tasting is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. Due to the high attendance at our Mini-Tasting Programs, we encourage you to sign-up early as sites tend to fill quickly. The cut-off date for online sign-up is Monday, June 27. After this date please contact Bill or the OCWS office to determine availability. The cancellation deadline is July 1, 2016 for a refund. After that date, due to the advance purchase of wines, you will not receive a refund unless there is a waiting list.



Bon Appetit, Bill Redding, Vice President

New Member Mixer

On Sunday, April 17, 38 new members attended a New Member Mixer. After an hour of socializing and enjoying wine and light snacks including garlic shrimp ceviche, marinated Ahi tuna, olive temporada and a variety of cheeses, board members and event chairs explained the many activities of OCWS.

We would like to give a special thank to Kevin and Silva Donnelly for allowing us the use of their beautiful home in Yorba Linda to host this event.

The New Member Mixer is a program that was started about three years ago. The goal is to give new members the opportunity to meet each other so when they attend an event they do not feel like strangers. It also gives new members the opportunity to meet the board and event



chairs and learn about the many opportunities offered by OCWS. This event was one of the largest turn outs we have had so far. It is so important that we continue to welcome our new members.

- Brian McDonald, Director & Membership Chair

Winemakers Newsroom

The OCWS Winemakers' Group has a full calendar through August, combining events supporting our Home-wine Competition, winemaking, and our Quarterly Meeting. ALL OCWS members are always invited to attend our events and learn about winemaking. We are always looking for volunteers for the Homewine Competition, so please contact Kevin Donnelly if you are interested in participating in any of these events.

Homewine Judges' Seminar
Hosted by Lynn Hess
May 7, 2016
Orange Hills CA

We will be presenting our annual Homewine Competition Judges' Seminar on May 21, where we will review our tasting and judging of wines, and scoring on the Davis 20-point evaluation form. All Homewine Competition judges are requested to attend so we can assure that we get consistent judging by everyone, and provide the best value and feedback to the winemakers.

Kit Wine Making Class
May 21, 2016
Lake Forest, CA

Bill Forsch and Kern Vogel will be presenting the popular Kit Wine Making Class on May 21 in Lake Forest. The cost of the class is \$25 to cover expenses. You will walk away with a bottle of wine and you will be able to taste several kit made wines after the class. This is traditionally acclaimed as one of the best values we offer! Space is limited, and we have always had a wait list, so get your spot reserved ASAP! Reserve and pay on the OCWS website, or email bforsch@cox.net or call Bill at 949.981.9087.

Homewine Competition
June 11, 2016
Orange County Fair & Events Center

Our OCWS Homewine Competition will be held on June 11. We are always looking for stewards and judges, so please let us know if you would like to volunteer. A new menu with both a full hot breakfast and lunch will be served this year by our Cooks' Caucus group. It is a great way to spend a Saturday and benefit the OCWS, and to taste the fabulous wines being created by amateurs throughout California!

Upcoming 2016 Planned Events

May 7: Homewine Judges Training Seminar
May 21: Kit Wine Making Class
June 11: Homewine Competition
July 10: Quarterly Potluck & SO2 Testing
July 15 - August 14: OC Fair Wine Seminars

Winemakers' Group Quarterly Potluck
July 10, 2016 at 1:00 pm
Hosted by Robin McCormick
Laguna Beach, CA

The next Winemakers' Group Quarterly meeting will be held at the home of Robin McCormick overlooking the ocean. As with all our Winemakers' Group events, ALL OCWS members and potential "newbies" are invited to attend and learn about winemaking, and to enjoy the camaraderie of our wonderful group. Our meetings are always a fun gathering of our people to show off their wine-making and culinary skills, and everyone has a great time! This is a potluck, so please bring a dish that will serve 10 to 12 and a bottle of wine, homemade or commercial. The meeting will be preceded by Sulfite Testing so our winemakers can monitor their sulfites, which protect their wines from oxidation and bacteria.

OC Fair Wine Seminars
July 15, 2016 - August 14, 2016

Again this year, we will be conducting Winemaking seminars every Saturday at the OC Fair. Bill Forsch will be giving his free "3 X 3 in 3 Kit Winemaking" presentation, demonstrating how to make 30 bottles in 3 total hours in 3 square feet of space, and Kevin Donnelly will follow with his "Winemaking for Mere Mortals," winemaking from fresh grapes discussion, which has become popular the last 5 years at the OC Fair. Both of these presentations vividly show winemaking for the home winemaker, and how we compare to commercial wineries.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, or learning more about the Winemakers' Group, please contact Kevin Donnelly at or KevinDonnelly@ocws.org or 714.457.7229.

- Kevin Donnelly & Stacey Taylor, Director

History of the Orange County Wine Society - Winery Programs

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The list of wineries that have presented to the OCWS are below.

1983

March: McLister
April: Filsinger Winery
May: Gundlach Bundschu Winery
Aug.: Robert Mondavi Winery

1984

Jan.: Llords & Elwood
Feb.: Gundlach Bundschu Winery
May: Robert Mondavi Winery
Aug.: Milano Family Winery
Nov.: Champagne Multi-Media

1985

Jan.: Firestone Vineyards
Feb.: Jekel Vineyards
March: Mendocino Panel
(Dolan, Parsons Creek, Hidden Cellars,
Scharffenberger)
Aug.: Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery
Oct.: Mirassou Winery

1986

Jan.: Paso Robles Panel
(Eberle, Caparone, Mission View,
Martin Bros.)
Feb.: Bruce Cass Wine Lab
March: Creston Manor Vineyard
& Winery
April: Gundlach Bundschu Winery
May: Oregon Wine Advisory Board
Oct.: Robert Mondavi Winery
Nov. Mansion Creek Cellars
Dec.: Rutherford Hill Winery

1987

Jan.: Gaineey Vineyard
Feb.: Daume Winery
March: Mountain House Winery
April: Storeybrook Mountain Vineyards
May: Fieldstone Winery
Oct.: Prager Winery & Port Works
Nov. Culbertson Winery

1988

Jan.: Robert Pecota Winery
Feb.: DeLoach Winery
March: Smith Madrone Winery
April: Sparkling Elegance I
May: Sierra Vista Vineyards & Winery
Oct.: Robert Mondavi Winery
Nov.: Congress Springs Winery

1989

Jan.: Australian wines
Feb.: Clos Du Bois Winery
March: Chardonnay Symposium
(Callaway, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Flora
Springs, Grand Cru, J. Lohr, Milano)
April: Champagne Symposium
(Korbel, Culbertson, Maison Deutz,
Domaine Mumm, Scharffenberger,
Moet et Chandon)
May: Parducci Wine Cellars
Nov.: Cabernet Symposium
(Benziger, L. Martini, Montecello Cel-
lars, Fetzer, Clos Du Bois)

1990

Jan.: Windsor Vineyards
Feb.: Sparkling Elegance II
Feb.: Inglenook Vineyard
March: Amador County Symposium
(Greenstone, Santino, Story,
Shenandoah, Montevina)
April: Guenoc Wines
May: California vs. French wines
Oct.: Burgess, Rombauer, Girard
Nov.: Beaulieu Vineyards

1991

Jan.: Chilean wines
Feb.: Quail Ridge Winery
March: Wild Horse Winery
April: Benziger Family Winery
June: Firestone Vineyards, Carey Cel-
lars, Santa Barbara & Rancho Sisquoc
Oct.: Chalone Group

Nov.: Rutherford Hill Winery

1992

Jan.: Markham Vineyards
Feb.: Arroyo Grande
(Maison Deutz, Saucelito Canyon,
Talley)
March: Robert Mondavi Winery
April: Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery
May: Cain Vineyard & Winery
Oct.: Benziger Family Winery

1993

Jan.: Paso Robles wines
(Eberle Winery, Meridian Vineyards,
Tobin James Cellars)
Feb.: Kendall Jackson Wine Estates &
Cambria Estate Winery
March: Landmark Vineyards
April: Morgan Winery
May: Sparkling Elegance III
Oct.: Mount Palomar Winery
Nov.: Wellington Vineyards

1994

Jan.: Newlan Vineyards Winery
Feb.: Parducci Wine Cellars
March: Arroyo Grande wines
(Clairborne & Churchill, Corbett
Canyon, Edna Valley, Maison Deutz,
Saucelito Canyon, Baileyana)
April: Guenoc Wines
May: Creston Vineyards
Oct.: Thornton Winery
Nov.: Simi Winery

1995

Jan.: Sterling Vineyards
& Domaine Chandon
Feb.: Meridian Vineyards
March: Louis M. Martini Winery
April: Fetzer Vineyards
May: Silver Oak Winery

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Oct.: Zinfandel Symposium
Nov.: DeLoach Winery

1996

Jan.: Santa Barbara Winery
Feb.: Geyser Peak Winery
March: Dry Creek Vineyards
April: Paso Robles wineries
(Peachy Canyon, Norman Vineyards,
Justin Vineyards & Winery,
Adelaida Cellars)
May: Rosenblum Cellars
Oct.: Clos Pegase Winery
Nov.: Wild Horse Winery
& Byron Winery

1997

Jan.: Ports & Sherries
Feb.: Rodney Strong Vineyards
March: Benziger Family Winery
April: Windsor Vineyards
May: Gallo of Sonoma Winery
Nov.: Cosentino Winery

1998

Jan.: Paso Robles wineries
(Eberle Winery, Meridian Vineyards,
Tobin James)
Feb.: Galleano Winery
& Orfila Vineyards & Winery
March: Jekel Vineyards
April: Kendall Jackson Wine Estates
May: Washington State wines
Nov.: Mirassou Winery

1999

Jan.: Temecula wines
(Witchcreek, Temecula Crest
& Las Piedras)
Feb.: Seven Peaks Winery
March: Duckhorn Vineyards
& ZD Wines
April: Folie a Duex
May: Gallo of Sonoma Winery
Nov.: Chateau St. Jean Winery
& Vineyard

2000

Jan.: S. Anderson Vineyard
& Fife Vineyards & Wines
Feb.: Willamette Valley Vineyards,
Tualatin Estate, Griffin Creek
March: Dry Creek Valley Vineyards
April: Fess Parker Winery
May: Robert Craig Winery
& Handley Cellars
Nov.: Kendall Jackson Wine Estates

2001

Jan.: Ravenswood Winery
Feb.: Christopher Creek Winery
& Falkner Winery
March: Silverado Vineyards
April: J Vineyards & Winery
& Michel Schlumberger Winery
May: Rosenblum Cellars
Nov.: J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines

2002

Jan.: Paso Robles wines
(Eberle, Meridian, Tobin James)
Feb.: Sonora Winery & Port Works
March: Monterey wines
April: Gainey Vineyard, Talley
Vineyards, Coyote Creek Winery
May: Gundlach Bundschu Winery
Nov.: Australian wines

2003

Jan.: Stuart Cellars Winery
Feb.: Kenwood Vineyards
March: Beaulieu Vineyards
April: Stag's Leap Wine Cellars
May: Beringer Vineyards
Nov.: Joseph Filippi Winery

2004

Jan.: Cedar Mountain Winery
Feb.: St. Supery Estate Vineyards
& Winery
March: Pezzi King Winery
April: Conn Creek Winery
May: Raymond Vineyards
Nov.: Geyser Peak Winery

2005

Jan.: Silverado Vineyards
Feb.: Domaine Chandon
March: Flora Springs Winery
April: Lodi Group
May: Mount Palomar Winery
Nov.: Monterey Rhones

2006

Jan.: Freemark Abbey Winery, Byron
Winery, Arrowood Vineyards
Feb.: Gloria Ferrer Caves & Vineyards
March: Merlot Panel
April: Sebastiani Vineyards & Winery
May: Rosenblum Cellars

2007

Jan.: Flying Goat Cellars
Feb.: Robert Mondavi Winery
March: Frank Family Vineyards
April: Kendall Jackson Wine Estates
May: Simi Winery

2008

Jan.: Cosentino Winery
Feb. Kenwood Vineyards
March: Hall Wines
Oct.: Trincherro Family Estates

2009

Jan.: Sequoia Grove
Feb.: Cass Winery
April: Per Bacco Cellars
& Sextant Wines
May: JRE Wines

2010

Jan.: Siduri Wines
Feb.: Ken Volk Vineyards
April: Dutcher Crossing Winery
May: Ken Brown Wines

2011

Jan.: Santa Lucia Highlands
Feb.: Levendi Winery
April: Gallo Sonoma Winery
Oct.: Sierra Madre Vineyard

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2016 OC Fair Courtyard

The 2016 OC Fair is fast approaching and planning is underway for our most important fundraising effort, The Courtyard. The OC Fair theme is “**Get Your FAIR FACE ON!**” The OC Fair starts on Friday, July 15 and ends on Sunday, August 14 and is open from Wednesday to Sunday for four weeks and five weekends. Income received at The Courtyard helps fund the OC Fair wine competitions (Commercial Competition and Home Wine Competition), OCWS office expenses and the Scholarship Program. Whether you are a new volunteer or a veteran at The Courtyard, this is your opportunity to experience the OC Fair while helping the Orange County Wine Society.

Wine Seminars

In addition to serving wines at the fair we will also be conducting wine seminars on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 3 pm and 5 pm. Also, the Winemakers Group will be conducting Saturday seminars at 12 pm and 1 pm. A tentative seminar schedule is being developed and will be posted on the OCWS website for members and the public to purchase tickets.

TIPS Training

As a concessionaire, we must adhere to contractual requirements established by the OC Fair. One of our requirements is to have our volunteers be professionally trained and certified in alcohol awareness techniques. Individuals who took TIPS training in 2014 and 2015 have fulfilled the requirement for this year's fair. New OCWS members and members who completed TIPS training in 2013 are required to take TIPS training. The sign-up form can be found at the end of *The Wine Press*. Please use this form to indicate your availability to attend training. If you have any questions about alcohol server training, please contact Marcy Ott at 714.235.6459 or email TIPS@ocws.org. New trainees will need to have their picture taken by the OC Fair following TIPS certification. All volunteers will need to sign and date a **Server Responsibility Statement** (included in this edition of *The Wine Press*) and be screened against the Megan's Law database. Please only one name and signature per form and please do not write on the form or copy your badge or server certificate from last year. We will provide needed server certificates when we submit the forms to the OC Fair.

Sign-Up to Volunteer ****New Online Sign-Up Form****

New this year, the Wine Courtyard Volunteer Sign-Up form for volunteering at The Courtyard will only be available

online. Please take this opportunity to sign up now as a courtyard volunteer. Every effort will be made to assign you to shifts and duties that you select. You will be notified if your requested shifts are not available. Also please indicate your parking needs whether they are for each of you (per member) or for both members (per membership).

There are four jobs to work at The Courtyard:

- **Servers:** Volunteers who pour and sell wine to the customers.
- **Stewards:** Experienced workers that select wines for pouring and restocking as necessary.
- **Cashier:** Experienced courtyard volunteers who handle money, process credit cards and record sales on cash registers.
- **Credit Card Processors:** Volunteers that assist cashiers to process credit cards only on the 4–8 pm shifts.

All shifts are noted on the online sign-up form and all schedules are similar to last year. Members are requested to work at least 3 shifts during the Fair. Typically weekend morning shifts fill up first. Also certain shifts are hard to fill and these understaffed shifts tend to be Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. When submitting your sign-up form, please consider volunteering for one or more of these shifts. This year we are going to continue staffing the Express Bar' from 5-9 pm daily.

Assignments will be made on a first-come first-serve basis so please submit the online sign-up form as soon as possible. The deadline to submit your online sign up form is June 15, 2016; however, we recommend you sign-up as early as possible as most shifts are typically full by the end of May. **You can sign up for shifts before you have taken TIPS**, but you must complete TIPS prior to working the Fair. A separate letter will confirm your final assignments



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Commercial Competition Volunteers

The 2016 Commercial Competition will be held June 4 and June 5, 2016 and your assistance is crucial to its success! This event offers many opportunities: to meet winemakers, add to your wine knowledge, and enjoy getting to know your fellow OCWS members, just to mention a few.

There are many areas where volunteer help is needed, including stewarding, glass washing and drying, and computer verification. As we only have six computers available for computer input, those tasks will be assigned.

A sign up form is included in the newsletter that identifies stewarding days, bagging nights, and other work parties with times and dates. In order to qualify for stewarding, we need you to sign up for two additional work parties. We can offer bagging, and moving of wine to and from the competition site. In addition, volunteers can elect to join

the sorting party in June. Due to the restraints on space, the ribbon mailing crew will be assigned. We need your support for our work parties in order to run a successful competition. The good news is that we will have hired help for heavy lifting. No training is necessary as newer members will be teamed with competition veterans.

The deadline for signing up is May 1, 2016. You may fax your form to OCWS at 714.546.5002 or mail it to PO Box 11059, Costa Mesa, CA 92627. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 562.822.3382 or email at strompharms@earthlink.net.

We look forward to your participation in this very important event.

- Robyn Strom, Volunteer Coordinator

Hotel Reservations for Commercial Wine Competition

If you plan on staying at the Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel for the weekend of the Commercial Wine Competition, please make reservations no later than May 10, 2016. The OCWS has booked a block of rooms for OCWS members at a discounted rate and this rate is guaranteed only until that date. The special rate does not require advance payment and is \$139 per night plus \$12 per night parking. If you want to stay on the 7th floor Executive Level, the rate is \$175 per night for up to 2 persons in the room.

Reservations can be made by phone at 714.540.7000 or online at www.Hilton.com/Costa_Mesa. When making reservations, be sure to mention the discount code "OCWS16" to receive the above rates.

- Lora Howard & David Hirstein

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in the early part of July. This mailing will also include your ID picture badge and parking pass(es), along with a copy of the parking map and the courtyard volunteer procedure. Please contact Larry Graham at larry@ocws.org for questions concerning assignments or special needs.

New Member Orientation

Two sessions are being planned for new members to teach them how to properly serve wine at The Courtyard. These sessions will also provide an opportunity for experienced servers to learn how to become stewards, cashiers or credit card processors.

Remember, when submitting your volunteer request, please (1) complete the Wine Courtyard Sign-up Form online, (2) Sign a Server Responsibility Statement for each member and (3, if necessary) Complete the Alcohol Server Training Form. Both the Server Responsibility Statement and the Alcohol Server Training Form can also be found on the OCWS website.

**See you at the Fair!
Courtyard Committee**

Alcohol Server Training for The Courtyard



Spring has sprung! Now is the time to spring into action with Alcohol Server Training (TIPS). If you have not previously done so, you will need to sign up for a TIPS class. If you were TIPS certified in

2013 and are planning on volunteering to pour wine at The Courtyard during the 2016 OC Fair you will need to take the class again. A letter was sent at the end of March notifying you that your TIPS card has expired and you will need to re-take the class. If you have never taken a TIPS class you will need to attend and successfully complete the training. Do not wait until after you take the TIPS class before signing up to volunteer in The Courtyard as the shifts you want may become full.

The 2016 OC Fair starts on Friday, July 15 and ends on Sunday, August 14. As a concessionaire of the OC Fair, the OCWS must adhere to contractual requirements established by the OC Fair Board of Directors and staff. Before

any volunteer works in The Courtyard during the OC Fair, everyone must be "professionally trained and certified in alcohol awareness techniques."

The Alcohol Server Training sign-up form can be found in this edition of *The Wine Press* and on the website. Please complete the sign-up form to indicate your availability and email it to TIPS@ocws.org, or mail it or fax it to the OCWS office at 714.546.5002. When selecting your availability, please remember that the 2nd choice date cannot be prior to the 1st choice. The classes are held on the grounds of the OC Fair & Event Center. Confirmations and maps will be sent one week prior to the class.

If you have any questions regarding TIPS training, please email TIPS@ocws.org or call 714.235.6459.

See you at the Fair!

**- Marcy and George Ott
Alcohol Server Training Coordinators
2016 Courtyard Committee**

OC Fair Server Statements

The OC Fair requires each person pouring alcohol to sign a Server Statement. Please only one name and signature per form. This is an OC Fair form, not an OCWS form, please do not write messages on the form or copy your badge from last year.

The form states you have attached a copy of your server certificate to the form. This is taken care of in the OCWS

office prior to submitting all the signed Server Statements to the OC Fair. Please do not write anything but your name and date where indicated, sign the form and send it or fax it to the OCWS office at 714.546.5002 (not the fax number on the form).

- The Courtyard Committee

History of the Orange County Wine Society - Winery Programs

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2012

Jan.: J. Lohr Vineyards & Winery
Feb.: Hahn Family Wines
March: JRE Wines
April: ZD Wines
May: Dry Creek Valley Winegrowers

2013

Jan.: Ravenswood Winery
Feb.: Flying Goat Cellars
March: Rock Wall Wine Company

May: Christopher Creek Winery

2014

Jan.: Eberle Winery
Feb.: Benziger Family Winery
March: Puma Road
April: Darms Lane Wine
May: Windsor Oaks Vineyards

2015

Jan.: Carol Shelton Wines
Feb.: Korbel Champagne Cellars
March: Storybrook Mountain Vineyards

April: Macchia Wines
May: Siduri Wines

2016

Jan.: Ravenswood Winery
Feb.: Navarro Vineyards & Winery
March: Double Bond Wine
May: Rock Wall Wine Company

Thank you to Dennis Esslinger for compiling and providing this list of the OCWS history of the wine programs.

Call for New Member Ambassadors

Imagine walking into a room of over 100 people and not knowing a single person. It sounds a little daunting! That is currently what happens when a new member attends his or her first Wine Society event.

What if that new member knew at least one or two other people in the room? Does that make the event a little more appealing?

The Orange County Wine Society is looking for members to volunteer as ambassadors to new members. It does not take a great deal of time. You will be given one or two names each month and your job will be to call the newest

members and welcome them to the Wine Society, talk to them about upcoming events, and tell them about the protocol for the events they are interested in attending (bring wine or not, bring glasses or not, dress, etc.). If you are planning on being at an event, ask them to join your table and introduce them to other Wine Society members. In other words, make them feel welcome.

If you would like to be on the ambassador list, just drop me an email at brian@ocws.org.

**- Brian McDonald, Director
& Membership Chair**

Scholarship Fund Thank You Note

Dear Orange County Wine Society,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500. This donation will help me finish my last two semesters in the Culinary Program and receive my AS in Culinary Arts. This generous scholarship has helped me get with the various expenses accrued through my time on the Hot Foods Team at Orange Coast College.

With this support I was able to go with my team to compete in Nationals which took place in Orlando, Florida. It was very expensive to travel to the three competitions so the scholarship helped in alleviating some of these expenses. As a mother of two currently holding two jobs to make ends meet, this support was a blessing and one of the reasons why I was able to compete. We earned two gold medals (state and region), and a silver medal in nationals, which speaks great lengths about the program at Orange Coast College.

I am truly grateful to have been given this scholarship to help better my future. Hopefully someday I will be in a financial standpoint where I too, can help someone achieve their goals and dreams, just as you have done for me.

- Elizabeth J.



SERVER RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Server: Please read and sign

I understand that the OC Fair is dedicated to the safe and responsible sale and service of alcoholic beverages.

All concessionaires shall require anyone selling or serving alcohol to sign this Server Responsibility Statement issued by OC FEC.

It is the sole responsibility of the concessionaire selling or serving alcohol to ensure that accurate documentation of both the annual certification of alcohol awareness techniques and the server responsibility statement is on file with OC FEC prior to a server being allowed to serve or sell alcohol on the fairgrounds.

I have attached a copy of my server certification to this statement.

Server Signature

ORANGE COUNTY WINE SOCIETY

Concessionaire

Server Print Name

Date



40th Annual Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition



Please Contact me if you have any questions. *Robyn Strom, 562.822.3382 or email to strompharms@earthlink.net*

NOTE: To be a steward, you must volunteer to work a task from both Task List #1 and Task List #2
COMPETITION ~ Saturday, June 4, 2016 and Sunday, June 5, 2016
Hilton Hotel, Costa Mesa, CA

Member	Co-Member	Task	Day	Date	From	To
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewarding	Saturday	June 4th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 PM
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewarding	Sunday	June 5th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 PM

TASK LIST #1

(Check all dates that you are available)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging	Tuesday	May 31st	6:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging	Wednesday	June 1st	6:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bagging	Thursday	June 2nd	6:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.

TASK LIST #2

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Move wine to hotel	Friday	June 3rd	9:00 AM	1:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Set-up hotel ballroom	Friday	June 3rd	2:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Move wine to Fairgrounds	Monday	June 6th	9:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sorting	Saturday	June 25th	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Assigned	Assigned	Ribbon Mailing	Saturday	June 25th	Assigned	Assigned

TASK LIST #3

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Drying	Saturday	June 4th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glass Drying	Sunday	June 5th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Computer Input	Sat 6/4	Assigned	11:00 AM	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Computer Input	Sun 6/5	Assigned	10:00 AM	4:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Verification	Saturday	June 4th	11:00 AM	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Score Verification	Sunday	June 5th	10:00 AM	4:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Help or Traffic Control	Saturday	June 4th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kitchen Help or Traffic Control	Sunday	June 5th	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRINT

Member _____ My first Competition? Yes No
 Co-Member _____ My first Competition? Yes No
 Address _____ City & Zip _____
 Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____
 Email Address _____

Deadline for sign-up is Sunday May 1, 2016
Assignments will mailed out the second week in May



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Orange County Wine Society, Inc.
PO Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

(Stamp)

Orange County Wine Society, Inc.
Attn: Robyn Strom
PO Box 11059
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

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Sign-Up Sheets

**May Winery Program
40th Anniversary Tasting
Rock Wall Wine Company
Avenue of the Arts Hotel
3350 Avenue of the Arts
Costa Mesa, CA**

Friday, May 6, 2016 at 6:15 pm

Member (M) _____

Co-Member (C) _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

No. of Members @ \$50 _____

No. of Guests @ \$55 _____

Entrée Choices: *Please indicate quantity.*

____ Flat Iron Steak ____ Grilled Salmon

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

Reservation Deadline: April 29

Sold Out!

**Membership Barbeque
The Courtyard
Orange County Fair & Events Center
Costa Mesa, CA
Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 3:00 pm**

Member (M) _____

Co-Member (C) _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

No. of Members @ \$38 _____

No. of Guests @ \$48 _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

**Reservation & Cancellation
Deadline: May 11**

**2016 OC Fair
Courtyard Volunteer
Alcohol Server Training (TIPS)
OC Fair & Events Center
Weeknights @ 6:30 pm
Saturdays @ 10:00 am**

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Address _____

City & Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

~ Dates and Times ~

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for training. 2nd choice cannot be before 1st choice. You will receive confirmation within one week prior to the class.

~ Weeknight Training ~

6:15 pm - Check In

6:30 pm - Training Begins Promptly

Wed. May 4 1st [] 2nd []

Wed. May 11 1st [] 2nd []

Mon. May 23 1st [] 2nd []

Tue. June 7 1st [] 2nd []

~ Saturday Training ~

9:45 am - Check In

10:00 am - Training Begins Promptly

Sat. May 14 1st [] 2nd []

Sat. June 11 1st [] 2nd []

Mail/Fax/Email reservation to:

OCWS Training Coordinators

Attn: George & Marcy Ott

PO Box 11059

Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Fax: 714.546.5002

Email: TIPS@ocws.org

**Gold Medal Mini - Tasting
Saturday, July 9, 2016
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Locations to be announced**

Member _____

Co-Member _____

Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Members @ \$30 each _____

Number of Guests @ \$35 each _____

Payment

[] Personal Check

Total Enclosed _____

**Cancellation Deadline: July 1
Reservation Deadline: June 27**

Online exclusive registration is available for:

Dine With Wine

**The Courtyard
Volunteer Sign-Up Form**

www.ocws.org

OCWS Save the Date Calendar

- May 6 40th Anniversary Celebration
& May Winery Program: Rock Wall
- May 7 Homewine Competition Judges Seminar
- May 15 Annual Membership Barbeque
- May 21 Kit Wine Making Class
- June 4-5 Commercial Competition
- June 11 Homewine Competition
- June 26 Dine with Wine: Square One Pizza
- July 9 Gold Medal Mini-Tasting
- July 10 Winemakers Group Quarterly Potluck
- July 15 - Aug. 14 OC Fair, The Courtyard & Wine Seminars
- Oct. 9 40th Anniversary Dinner



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