

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

February 2023

President's Message



Join our journey,

Jennifer Jeffries
CCHVA President

Annual Membership Meeting Wildly Successful

This year, for the first time, the annual meeting was held at the Maker's Son, an eclectic venue in Los Alamos. For many years, this location was an abandoned gas station and garage, located at Bell and 135 in Los Alamos. About 15 years ago, it was remodeled and turned into a mysterious venue that was very appealing but seldom open. One could peer through the windows and see western style art and furniture and a bar. The outdoor garden area had also been redone, but everything was always locked up tight.

We were therefore very interested in attending the wine event at this location so we could finally check it out in the daytime. We were not disappointed. The indoor area is vast and airy. Long tables were laid out in the room with plenty of room to seat our club.

Our desserts and wines were laid out across the expansive bar. Early arrivals mingled and talked inside and explored the outside area. Wines were sampled. At 1:00, we all took our seats and were sequentially dismissed to the buffet line. The food was "gaucho" themed; tortillas, vegetables, shredded beef and chicken, beans, rice and all of the toppings. The staff was helpful, cheerful and present.

During the luncheon, Jennifer and others conducted the business at hand, all of which was concluded by 2:00 p.m. Then we were once again free to converse and sample more wine until the raffle baskets were drawn at 3:00. Most of us went outside. The weather was beautiful; the garden area sported many attractive areas to sit and talk. The wines were brought outside for everyone's convenience.

All the raffle baskets were nicely done, most containing wine and other picnic items. There were about 10 of them. Tickets were drawn and there were many happy winners.

After that, we slowly disbanded and went on our ways. But the good feelings generated at the event stuck with us for the rest of the day.

I look forward to next year's event.
Rhonda Cardinal

Election of Board Members

We now have 3 new members on our CCHVA Board of Directors. Congratulations to Aaron Farley, Laura Atallah, and David Maharaj who overwhelmingly won the election against all other candidates ☺. Laura has already volunteered to take over the management/scheduling of our Events, and Aaron is leading our monthly wine evaluation seminars.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to cast their ballot and remember, there are plenty of ways to get involved in the behind the scenes activities of CCHVA. Simply talk to any Board Member to see how you can help out.

Wine Evaluation Seminar

Our Second Wine Evaluation seminar is happening on Thursday, February 23rd, 6-8PM at Old Town Wine and Brew (Next door to Naughty Oak in Old Town Orcutt). Aaron Farley will lead the discussion as we evaluate Rose' and Orange wines. You may bring samples of your own homemade wines, or purchase something commercially to share. Since our venue is a retail wine establishment, it is suggested you purchase commercial wine on the premises.

House Concert at the Cardinals

Although this is not a CCHVA event, long time members Jeff and Rhonda Cardinal are hosting Carl Sonny Leyland with special guests Ethan Leinwand & Valerie Jo Kirchoff, (also known as the St. Louis Steady Grinders) at a House Concert on Thursday, February 16th, 2023. The last appearance of the Steady Grinders with Carl Sonny Leyland was in February 2020. This concert will be indoors. Suggested donations are \$25 each and will include food and drinks. You may want to bring a bottle of wine to share. Donation slips will be available at the door. If you would like to attend this unique event, please contact Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937-8402 or e-mailing her at jwcardinal@msn.com. Doors will open at 5:00; concert starts at 6:00 p.m.

About Carl Sonny Leyland and The St. Louis Steady Grinders

AN EVENING OF DEEP AND RAUCOUS BLUES.....

Carl Sonny Leyland, the master of boogie-woogie piano, welcomes The St. Louis Steady Grinders, a barrelhouse piano/vocal duo, for an evening of deep and raucous blues. For fans of early jazz, blues and ragtime, Carl Sonny Leyland needs no introduction. A regular on the festival circuit, Leyland has established himself as one of the great masters of our time. The St. Louis Steady Grinders perform old-school, long lost, low-down piano blues from St. Louis and beyond. The duo, consisting of powerhouse vocalist Valerie Kirchoff (aka Miss Jubilee) and barrelhouse pianist Ethan Leinwand, bring the joy and authenticity back into a forgotten repertoire.

College Wine Competition

Allan Hancock College is having a wine competition on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and CCHVA has been asked to help out with the process.

Entries will be from seven regional college's wine making programs. We do not know the number of wines; likely between 15 and 40 or so. CCHVA has been asked to provide judges, generally following the procedures we have used for the Santa Barbara County Fair Homemade Wine competition. AHC Trustee (and CCHVA member) Suzanne Levy is providing the co-ordination with the College to help with the effort.

This is a new event for the College and much is still in the planning stage as details are being worked out. But CCHVA has a very special relationship with our local college and we would love to see this be a successful annual event. Please contact John Larson Cell: 805-235-8106 or email chemdem@sbcglobal.net if you would like to help out.

Dues is now past due

Finally, and I don't know of any other way to put this, but Your Dues is Due. That's the bad news, the good news is that it is still only \$40 per couple. I don't know of any other clubs membership fee that gives back so much Value for the dollar. But fill out the form and send us your checks. Don't delay and get dropped from our roster of active members.

Coming Events at a Glance!

CCHVA 2023 Events Calendar

(Current as of 3 Feb 2023)

February 23rd, 6-8PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar #2 (Rosés & Orange Wines) Old Town Wine & Brew (next to the Naughty Oak in Old Town Orcutt)
(T) March 4th	Tips from Pros with Winemaker Steve Clifton (Vega Vineyard & Farm)
March 16th, 6-8PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar #3 (Rhone Varietals) Old Town Wine & Brew (next to the Naughty Oak in Old Town Orcutt)
March 17th, 2023	Deadline for Wine Maker International Amateur Wine Competition Entries
(T) Early April	Tips from Pros with Winemaker Mike Larner (Larner Vineyard)
April 20th, 6-8PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar #4 (Bordeaux Varietals) Old Town Wine & Brew (next to the Naughty Oak in Old Town Orcutt)

TBD	Deadline for Central Coast Home Winemaking Competition hosted by California Mid-State Fair (\$7/entry)
(T) April 29th	Tips from Pros with Winemaker Aaron Walker (Pali Wine Co.)
May 15th	On-line Registration due for SBC Fair Home Winemaker Competition
May 18th, 6-8PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar #5 (White Blends & Red Blends) Old Town Wine & Brew (next to the Naughty Oak in Old Town Orcutt)
May 20th	CCHVA Spring Picnic, Location TBD (T) Winemaker Rob Dafoe to speak at Spring Picnic
May 26th	Deadline for wine delivery to Fairpark Office for Santa Barbara County Fair
May 27th	Wine Bottle Entries due for SBC Winemaker Competition
June 10th	CCHVA Judging for Allan Hancock 1 st annual Wine Festival
June 24th, 10AM	CCHVA Judging event at 2023 Santa Barbara County Fair
(T) July 8th	Tips from the Pros with Winemakers Peter & Rebecca Work (Ampelos)
July TBD	Bird netting Demonstration @ Rancho Luis, 648 Ballard Canyon Rd, Solvang, CA 93463
Early Aug TBD	RSVP & payment for Summer Picnic (Aug TBD) due
August 5th	Summer picnic at Los Alamos Park, Pavilion A, 500 Drum Canyon Rd
Late Jul/ early Aug TBD	Grape Co-op selections due to Jim Ford at pjford412@verizon.net
September 1st	All Grape Co-op orders must be turned in and paid
Oct TBD	Octoberfest, The Tedsens
Jan/Feb 2023, 12-4PM	Annual Members Meeting, TBD

T=tentative and TBD=to be determined. Some events are still evolving but this should give everybody some things to add to the family calendar.

Your Club Board and Committee Chair persons for 2022!

Want to volunteer? Give Jennifer a call!

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We are an all-volunteer organization. Join us and have some fun!

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*Annual Member's Meeting
Feb. 4th at Maker's Son, Los Alamos
Event Photos
(more coming soon on website)*

