

# Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

*April 2019*

It's already April!  
Time for an update  
on coming events  
and news!



## *Wine Entry Deadlines!*

Planning on entering your wine into either the Mid State Fair (Paso Robles) or Santa Barbara County Fair (Santa Maria) Homemade Wine Competitions? You should know about upcoming deadlines. Information about entry rules for both of these contests are on the respective fair's websites. Midstate Fair has an April 19 deadline and Santa Barbara County Fair is May 10.

- [www.midstatefair.com/fair/exhibits/php](http://www.midstatefair.com/fair/exhibits/php)
- [www.santamariafairpark.com/p/getinvolved/submit-entries-guidebook-forms--applications](http://www.santamariafairpark.com/p/getinvolved/submit-entries-guidebook-forms--applications)

## *Wine Evaluation Seminar - April 25*

The third in this year's series of Wine Appreciation and Evaluation Seminars is scheduled for April 25 at the Lake Marie Clubhouse at 7pm to 9pm. Guests are welcome. Hank Rickett will guide us as we will learn about wines from the Rhone region. Attendees bring either a commercial or homemade bottle of a Rhone wine to share.

## *President's Corner*

Hello CCHVA!

Well, budbreak is upon us which means we are moving from Winter into Spring. As such, the focus of our CCHVA activities change a bit from purely educational to a blend of educational events, social activities, and wine competitions. All the upcoming Spring activities are detailed in this newsletter, so be sure to read it in its entirety as many of them have hard deadlines which cannot be missed if you wish to participate.

I also want to thank each of you for renewing your CCHVA membership for 2019. We currently have 63 current members which is excellent for this time of year. If you hear that someone hasn't been receiving the newsletter or doesn't know about upcoming events be sure to remind them that dues were due in February.

I think that's it for now, everything you need to know about Club Activities is in this newsletter or on our website CCHVA.org. See you all soon.

Fred Carbone  
CCHVA Club President

## *Tips from the Pros - Saarloos Vineyards - April 18*

Those of you that were at our member meeting at Avila know that we will be expanding our Grape Coop options this year by adding 5 Varietals from Saarloos Vineyards. We will now have the opportunity to purchase and make wine from Grenache Blanc, Grenache Noir, Sauvignon Blanc (Jerry Shoemakers Best of Show Wine), Cabernet Sauvignon (unavailable from L&L last year), and Syrah from Ballard Canyon AVA (the one I'm most excited about). To give you a chance to taste each of these wines as well as tour the vineyard where they are produced, we have been able to set up a very special event this month.

On **April 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2PM** we will be meeting with Larry Saarloos who will give us a tour of their Windmill Ranch vineyard which is at the corner of Highway 101 and Highway 154. I don't have the exact address but as you get off the 101, you can't miss it because it is under the Windmill ☺. Larry will be talking about the farming practices that allows his son to make their award winning wine which we will be sampling as we walk the vineyard. If you are at all interested in working with these grapes this year, this is an opportunity NOT TO BE MISSED. Tasting fee is \$15 and wines will be available for purchase in their Los Olivos tasting room after the event. RSVP to Fred Carbone [DrFredCarbone@msn.com](mailto:DrFredCarbone@msn.com) or 805-264-0611. (Be sure to ask our President about the Super-Secret After Party if you are interested☺.)

## *Spring Picnic - May 18*

This year's Spring Picnic will be held at the home of Claire and Jerry Shoemaker in Santa Ynez. If you went last year you need to know that they have moved! When you RSVP to Claire she will provide you with the address. Sonja Magdevski of Casa Dumetz Winery will be joining us to tell us about their wines!

The price for admission is a pot luck dish. So bring your favorite pot luck dish and some of your home made (or commercial) wine to share. Guests are welcome. Don't forget your wine glass!

Parking is limited so carpool if possible. RSVP to Claire Shoemaker at [decshoe1@gmail.com](mailto:decshoe1@gmail.com)

## *Last Month's Event!*

*Thanks are in order to Suzanne Levy for offering her home to host last month's Tips with the Pros. Ryan Pace of Nielsen Wines shared info on their wines – and tastes, of course!*



## *Calling all Judges – and Volunteers*

*By John Larson, Judging Coordinator*

### Santa Barbara County Fair – Homemade Wine Competition for 2019

Avoid the last minute rush to volunteer – and **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**DATE:** Saturday, June 8, 2018

**TIME:** Setup: 9:00 a.m. (set up) – 2:00 p.m. (finish clean up)

Once again, CCHVA will serve as the coordinator for this competition in the Santa Barbara County Fair. This is our only CCHVA event in June – all volunteers receive a free lunch – it's fun –and lunch includes the opportunity to drink some good wine! This event is **NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, so if you attend, you are a volunteer!

If you are new to this type of event – consider serving as an apprentice judge, or other volunteer. We need stewards to serve wine, secretaries to record results, and kitchen help to keep everything clean. Regardless of your role, you will learn more about wine characteristics and quality while enjoying the company of like-minded souls.

If you can volunteer in any capacity, or if you have any questions please contact:

John Larson

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Don't forget to attend the CCHVA Wine Evaluation Sessions, 7:00 p.m., at the Lake Marie Clubhouse (details on the CCHVA Calendar of Events, and on the CCHVA web site). Our remaining 2019 dates are:

April 25

May 30

And last, but  
not least,  
THANKS to all  
of our 2018  
volunteers for a  
job well done!



### *Faces of the Board!*

Have you met Claire Shoemaker? She is often referred to in our events postings as the person who collects your RSVP. Claire is our events person. Say Hi next time you see her! It's her home where we will be having our Spring Picnic! Thanks Claire.



# CCHVA 2019 Events Calendar at a Glance

*Get out your calendars and mark em' up!*

April 19 <sup>th</sup> , midnight	Deadline to Enter Wine in the Mid State Fair, Paso Robles
April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 12:30-2p	Tips from the Pros – Saarloos Vineyard, \$15 per person RSVP to Fred Carbone
April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 7PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar - Lake Marie Clubhouse: Rhone Valley Wines
May 10 <sup>th</sup> , Midnight	Deadline to Enter Wine (online) in Santa Barbara County Fair (Santa Maria)
May 18 <sup>th</sup> , noon – 4p	Spring Picnic and Wine Tasting at Shoemaker's new home with winemaker . Pot Luck! Sonja Magdevski of Casa Dumetz Winery will join us.
May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 7PM	Wine Evaluation Seminar - Lake Marie Clubhouse: Italian Varietals
June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10AM	Wine Judging for Fair - Fairpark in Santa Maria – Your chance to volunteer!
July date TBD	Beginning Wine Making Seminar at Fred Carbone's home.
August 17 <sup>th</sup> , Noon	Summer picnic - Los Alamos Park, Area "A"
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Grape Co-op orders must be turned in and paid
September date TBD	Vineyard Tour - 3 Club Member's Home Vineyards
October 26	Octoberfest - Stanley's House
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wine and Food Pairing - the Decker's Home
December date TBD	President's Open House - Carbone Home
January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Avila Members Meeting – SLO Yacht Club, Avila Beach at noon.

## ***Faces of the Board!***



Meet Paul Klock, our club Treasurer. This is the person who collects payments like your dues and event reservations and keeps the club on track financially!

It's good to put a face with a volunteer. Watch for more Faces of the Board in coming newsletters.

## Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held the first week of the month on either a Wednesday or Thursday at a board members home. Meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to come at any time simply contact a board member for the date and location of the upcoming meeting.

## Your Club Board and Committee Chair persons for 2019!

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*(Save this information as it will not be posted on the website)*

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*Want to volunteer? Give Fred a call!*

## Other important info!

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