

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association

December 2021



President's Message

Season's Greetings CCHVA,

Now that harvest is behind us and our crushed grapes have transformed into wines, I wish everyone a little time to relax and enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season. On behalf of my fellow board members, we thank you for all your participation and contributions to our club this year. The CCHVA remains an all-volunteer organization, and we simply could not host events without your valued help and enthusiasm.

With the ongoing pandemic, we have held many 2021 events virtually via Zoom, such as our wine evaluation seminars and tastings and the new panel series in exploring wines. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to meet outdoors in person at Los Alamos Park for our annual summer picnic and at a few members' home vineyards for tours and wine sampling.

Looking ahead to 2022, we plan to continue to offer opportunities for both virtual and in-person events as health safety permits. We will evaluate each event on a case-by-case basis, beginning with our upcoming Annual Member Meeting that is *tentatively* planned for Saturday, Feb 5th. We plan to offer a virtual option for the business portion of the Annual Member Meeting and may postpone the follow-on prime rib buffet and potluck to a future date. Traditionally, we have held this meeting at the beautiful Avila Beach Yacht Club. Unfortunately, this amazing, oceanfront venue is not available for this year's meeting due to COVID. We are actively seeking potential alternate sites that may safely accommodate our group. If you have access or contacts to neighborhood community centers, lodges or other sites that may meet our needs, please let us know. This is example of where we could really use some volunteers!

While the pandemic continues, the service year for our board members is quickly coming to an end. It's now time for the 2022 CCHVA Board Election, and we have three vacancies to fill. Read on for the details and the election ballot (**due Jan 15th!**). In closing, I share a heartfelt thanks for all the dedicated support of our departing board members, Mary Michael and Linda Rickett, and our departing wine seminar committee chair, Hank Rickett. On behalf of a grateful CCHVA, thank you for a job extremely well done!

Holiday Blessings,
Jennifer Jeffries
President CCHVA

2022 Board Election!

The service year for our board members comes to a close on January 31. Two of our long serving members, Mary Michael and Linda Rickett will be rolling off the board this year and their duties will be picked up by other board members (You'll learn who those people will be after the February Board Meeting when assignments are finalized).

Your job now is to elect replacement Board Members for the year beginning February 2022. You'll find a ballot at the end of this newsletter that has the suggested slate of candidates to be elected. Please mail your ballot as directed on the ballot.

Dues Renewal Time!

The new year brings that time again to renew your CCHVA membership. Attached to this newsletter you will find the form for renewal. The form can also be passed on to a friend so that they can sign up with the club. The club year ends January 31 so your renewal will be effective February 1. Renewal payments are due by February 28. After that date members who have not renewed will be dropped from the email roster and won't receive info from the club. Don't miss out! Renew early!

Upcoming Events - Annual Membership Meeting

Traditionally our next event would be the Annual Membership Meeting held for the last several years at the SLO Yacht Club. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the Yacht Club is not available to us this time. We are currently considering other location possibilities to hold this meeting. If you have contacts or suggestions at appropriate sites for this event, please let us know. We need a space that can accommodate 50-75 people which has tables and chairs, a kitchen serving area and would allow us to bring in our own wines. If any of you live in neighborhoods with access to community centers or are members of a local Elk's Lodge, Moose Club, VFW Post, etc., these may be great candidates for an alternative location. Please respond to the CCHVA email with any suggestions.

Corks!

Did you know that along with equipment you can borrow, the Club has corks available for members to purchase? They're only 22 cents each. Supplies may be limited. Contact Mark Plassard at dilplass@aol.com if you're in need of corks.



Coming Events at a Glance!

Mark your calendars for the following events. As we are able to do things in person, the calendar will change. That said, we plan to still offer some events on Zoom to be able to include people out of the area or who just can't make an in-person event on the day it is planned. As of this date, this is what we're working on.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Dec – Jan	Celebrating with our families
(T) Feb 5, 2022 12-4p	Annual Membership Meeting (Venue TBD)
Spring TBD	Exploring White Wine Panel Discussion
TBD	Wine Evaluation Seminars (Practice for wine fair judging)
Jun TBD	2022 Santa Barbara County Fair Wine Judging

Past Event Recap!

Panel Discussions – If you missed them, you are now able view the video recordings of the Mastering Rose Wine and Exploring Red Wine Panel Discussions that were held on Zoom this fall. Links to these informative sessions can be found on our website – cchva.org

We thank the skilled club members who coordinated the panels and those who participated as panelists. The event again demonstrated the willingness of our members to share knowledge.

And, a poem from Fred Carbone

(Fred wrote this while dealing with the effects of COVID-19 in November. He says he is now back to 100%. Fred invites any member to his home who would like to share a bottle of wine in the new year.)

A Winemakers Plea

Hey Winemaking Buddies,
I'm in a bit of a Rush,
My Smell and Taste have Vanished
And I'm just past my Crush

The white wines taste of Acid
And Citrus Peel to me
And the Reds, They're all Bitter.
And too much like Cat Pee.

But my Big Worry's my Rose'
That's the Wine I adore,
She tastes like Banana,
And has become Such a Bore.

I need you folks to gather
Evaluate my Babies for Me.

Are they still holding together
Or are they going Separately?

Because if my Wines
Did Somehow Forget
They hold deep inside
What they'll still be yet.

I don't want them to falter
And get lost on their path.
They Hold Great Value,
A pleasure that lasts

They may be growing up fine
As we want our Children to be
The problem may not be them
But this COVID in me.

Your Club Board and Committee Chair persons for 2021!

Want to volunteer? Give Jennifer a call!

Contacts

* = Board Member

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

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

Other important club info!

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Have an article you think might be appropriate for this newsletter? Send it to Mary at cchva2014@gmail.com



CCHVA Membership Application

New Members and Renewals with Information Changes

Member 1

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Updated Contact Information? YES NO *(Please circle)*

Member 2 (Same Household as Member 1)

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address (required):

Updated Contact Information? YES NO *(Please circle)*

Amount Enclosed:

Comments:

*Important Notes:

- E-mail address is **REQUIRED** as all CCHVA communication is via e-mail only
- Annual membership dues are \$40.00 (California residents) and \$20.00 (out-of-state) for one year membership that includes two people from the same household
- Membership year is February 1st – January 31st
- Members who have not paid dues by February 28th will be dropped from the membership list and **WILL NOT** receive future newsletters or club communications

Mail the completed form with annual membership dues to:

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CENTRAL COAST HOME VINTNERS' ASSOCIATION

2022 BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please vote for a maximum of 3 (three) nominees for positions on the Board of Directors for 2022. The persons elected will serve a minimum term of 2 years. **Return your ballot before January 15** to CCHVA, P.O. Box 271, Santa Maria, CA 93456, Attention: Nomination Committee.

Please Note: You may also enclose your dues for 2022 with your ballot. Dues remains \$40 for the upcoming year.

_____ Justin Redmond

_____ Carmen Smyth

_____ Vern Veglia

_____ Write in: _____



Please Note: One ballot per household membership.

The following 2021 Board Members will complete their terms in office and roll off the Board at year end:

Mary Michael

Linda Rickett

The third position was vacant

Attendance at our monthly Board Meetings is encouraged by anyone who might be interested in serving sometime in the future. Please contact any of the Board Members for details.