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The Trellis Wire

Welcome to the Sierra Wine and Grape Growers Association

Here in our monthly newsletter, we keep our members up to date on SWGGA activity, and provide links to our [website](#), where you can read more.

Next Meeting - 6 pm

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 19th, at the home of Bill and Cory Betts, 17700 Crother Hills Rd., Meadow Vista. We will start at 6 pm, and try to finish before it gets too dark or too cold. Bill is one of our more successful winemakers and we will have the opportunity to visit his vineyard and his home winery, as well as to taste some wine.

*** Please bring chairs, and a small table if you wish.**

* Bring glasses as usual, and a bottle of wine to share.

* If you feel especially generous, bring a tray of appetizers to share.

Bill offers the following directions on getting to his place from the Grass Valley area.

“We always take 174 to Colfax and then west on I80 to the Applegate Exit. We are at [17700 Crother Hills Rd., Meadow Vista](#). When you turn onto Crother Hills Rd., sometimes GPS will tell you to take an immediate right onto Apple Lane - do not take that turn as you can't get to our house from there. If you follow Crother Hills Rd. to the end we are at the end of a private lane from there (just to the right on the "end" sign).”

Parking is tight at his place so we urge carpooling. If you don't arrange to carpool beforehand, we suggest that people meet at the Chicago Park post office, 17748 Lower Colfax Rd., corner of 174, before 5:30 and work out carpooling arrangements there.



Last Meeting

The SWGGA Group Zinfandel Project – You be the judge! The meeting was a huge success. To read more, click [here](#).

Recap of Board Meeting

From the President:

This is a recap of the September 28 Board of Directors meeting.

Dave Elliott, the program coordinator, was complimented on September's communal Zinfandel tasting. The Board favors repeating such a tasting program in the future.

We have \$3875 in the bank, of which \$1842 is in the general fund and \$2033 in the scholarship fund.

The 2018 picnic will occur on June 10, 2018 at Gary Glaze's residence. It will be a potluck format. We will need volunteers to help with the set up, food and clean up.

Members Randy and Blair Newsome have offered to host a Bordeaux tasting at their home next year.

The board approved a slate of officers and directors to be proposed to the membership and it will be circulated shortly.

In view of increasing expenses, the board voted to raise the annual dues to \$55 beginning 2018 and to charge \$60 for the holiday party.

Wine Exchange

We will hold our first Wine Exchange at the October 19 meeting, during the social hour.

Here's the plan:

1. Bring your wine, 4-12 bottles, and 2. Put it on the table provided, and 3. Exchange: Take equal amounts of others' wine. 4. Leave with the same number of bottles you brought.

BUT:

•All bottles must be labeled. •Take only ONE bottle from another (unless out of wine).

Comments? Suggestions? Contact Peter Willcox 530-273-7146
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Riesling Group Buy

Riesling Grapes Available for a Group Buy.

This may be your last chance to sign up to participate in the 2017 Riesling Group Buy. SWGGA members have an opportunity this year to purchase locally grown Riesling grapes. Much like the Zinfandel buy in 2014, we can preorder any amount that suits our needs and for \$.50 per pound, we pick.

We will all meet at the vineyard, near Nevada City, and pick together on Sunday, October 22nd. Help from experienced members comes as a bonus.

If you wish to participate, give me a call, or email me asap.

Jim Garrett 415-450-1450 or jim@relateddata.com

Wine in the News

How Can You Tell if a Young Wine Will Age?

Find out how the “second-day test” can give you a clue into whether a vintage of a wine is worthy of the cellar or best enjoyed at your next dinner party.

By Paul Gregutt [WineEnthusiast](#) - 9/25/2017

SWGGA Swag available at monthly meetings

Shirts, hats, glasses and aprons are available for order.

The Outreach Coordinator, Dave Blitstein handles sales. Get in touch with Dave if you want to place an order or have questions: dbeffx@aol.com.

To view photos, click [here](#),

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