



The Wine Press



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President's Message

We are finally back and in the middle of the 2021 OC Fair! Can I hear a big **YAY** from the peanut gallery? It's been a long two years, and although the Fair isn't back to full capacity, we are hoping for a strong showing at The Courtyard. In addition to being the major annual fundraiser for the OCWS, this is a time where our members have a chance to meet and get to know other members, and some customers, which has often led to lifetime friendships. I hope we all have a lot of fun volunteering and pouring wines, and I look forward to seeing most of you there.

The past year and a half has been trying on all of us. We will never know how this isolation has impacted each and every one of us, and we all look forward to things getting back to, dare I say, "normal?" Since we have not generated income during this time, the OCWS Board of Directors has had to significantly cut back on our expenditures. I want to personally thank every one of you for hanging in there with us. We are now able to re-emerge and resume activities. And, I want to thank all of the former Board

members for having the foresight to create a strong financial position in the event of an earthquake, fire, and other disaster; but who would have predicted the pandemic? Many similar organizations have folded because of their financial collapse over the past months, but the OC Wine Society continues to be strong, thanks to the sacrifice of all of us!

In the coming months, we look forward to many events in September, including our Annual Business Meeting over Zoom, and we start the on-site events with the Gold Medal Mini-Tastings at several homes throughout Orange County, and our long-delayed Wine Auction. In the planning stages is a large social event to be held in The Courtyard in October. These events have been long delayed, and we all look forward to actually **seeing** our friends, and not just **Zeeing** them on a computer screen!

Cheers to you all, and see you at The Courtyard!

- Kevin Donnelly, President

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Membership Update



The Orange County Wine Society extends an extremely warm welcome to its newest members! Membership for the following new members was approved by the Board of Directors in July 2021:

Cindy Parks & Sara Verdoorn, Kyla & Richard Connell, David Williams, Joyce Soroka, Alana Westerdale, Charles Kalina, and Shannon & Jose Diaz.

As of June 1, the OCWS had 1,107 members.

- Mel Jay, Membership Chair



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OCWS's Best Kept Secret . . .

But Not Any Longer! Why are we all members of the OCWS? For me, it's for friendship and the love of wine. But, if you're like me, after tasting thousands of wines over the years, I am still baffled about what to look for to buy at any given time. For some reason, our best wine resource, in my opinion, has been under wraps for way too long. If you don't know about WineCompetition.com already, or have not taken the time to check out the website, now is the time!



WineCompetition.com highlights the award-winning wines from the 2021 Commercial Wine Competition. You can search wines by medals, wineries, wine varietals, price levels, and sugar levels, as well as have the ability to link directly to the individual wineries for more information. Besides using the site to elevate my wine knowledge, or lack thereof, I personally use the site as a marketing tool for the OCWS. I open my phone every time I visit a winery and share the site. I have also been known, on more than one (many, in fact) occasion to share the site with some unsuspecting and baffled wine purchasers in a store, always with great results and appreciation.

If you do nothing else after reading this article, I urge you to spend a few minutes checking out this year's award-winning wines on WineCompetition.com. If you love wine, it will be the best few minutes you spend right now!

You can also access this site through the OCWS website under Competitions, OC Fair Commercial Wine tab.

- Fran Gitsham, Contributing Writer & Wine Lover

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Summer Wine Tasting . . . Finally!

After a year and a half of not doing a lot, my wife, Manuela, and I got on the road for a 12-day road trip along the California coastline spending time in various favored and small-scale wine spots, and at just flat out beautiful locations that make California the place to be. Before reaching our goal of a timeshare retreat in Point Arena, just south of Mendocino, we stayed in Paso Robles and San Ramon. On the return, we spent three days in the Santa Cruz area.

All told, we stopped at some 20 wineries, at least that's what the receipts say. Some of you may know that Manuela and I, and occasionally with family or friends, have spent hours enjoying the wines and the people that made them or served them at nearly every one.

What caught my attention, however, was at the very first winery we hit, I overheard a server mention to a table of guests



that they had just won a gold medal “down south” for the wine he was serving. Curious, I asked him about it. Turns out they had entered our own OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition and had just received the results—a few gold medals for their efforts. The winery is **Cass Winery** of Paso Robles located out of town to the east. I inquired further and found out that among their

medals, Cass Winery had received a double gold for its 2020 Roussanne, which was, in fact, outstanding! I was introduced to the winemaker by the name of Sterling Kragten, who told me more about the wines. I also learned that they were helping one of their young servers, Cole Stilson, and his family get started with their own wines!

I particularly liked the 2020 Viognier that had earned a silver medal. I left with a bottle of that wine and a photo for my memories. My only regret: this was winery one on day one of our 12-day trip, and I could not purchase more for the road, but I will be back!

That's Sterling and Cole in the photo above. All told, Cass Winery received 17 medals at the OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition – four double golds that includes one best-of-class, six golds and seven silvers! Nice work Sterling!

Day two, still in Paso before heading north, we stopped at one of my favorites, **Eberle Winery**. In the past, we have taken the tour of its extensive cave system where its wines are kept perfectly. I'm a fan of their reds, but the 2018 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was the top of the line. Our server knew it to be an award winner but was uncertain of what awards were received from various competitions. We discovered this Cab won the

double gold – no surprise there. Just from OC Fair Wine Competition, Eberle Winery had earned a total of 12 medals.

Working our way up the coast, we continued to find some great wineries, including another OC Fair Wine Competition competitor and medal winner, Pear Valley Vineyards in Paso Robles.

Day four, along our route up the coast, we had made it to Santa Rosa, known for excellent wines but having suffered from prior years' wildfires. Manuela found a winery that was just off our path. **Carol Shelton Wines**, located at the end spot of a business complex, was all charm once you walked in the door. And what did we see – two walls filled with medals and awards that Carol had received over the years at various wine competitions. Of course, I was drawn to the numerous awards she had received for her wines from the OC Fair Competition. We tasted several of these award-winning wines and got the chance to talk to Carol. Turns out, she also happens to be one of our tasting judges!



It was a great afternoon with Carol and her tasting room manager which ended with this photo of Carol and me in front of her many OC Wine Competition and other competition awards.

Four out of the first five wineries we had encountered were all successful award-winning ventures, and we had yet to reach our northernmost destination in Mendocino County! It couldn't have been better. I will save the remainder of our fantastic wine adventure for a second article.

Here is a summary of the great California wineries that we visited that won medals at this year's OC Fair Wine Competition:

- Cass Winery, Paso Robles, 17 medals, including four double golds and a best-of-class
- Eberle Winery, Paso Robles, 12 medals including one double gold
- Pear Valley Vineyards, Paso Robles, 11 medals including one double gold
- Carol Shelton Winery, Santa Rosa, 16 medals including two double golds
- Husch Vineyards, Philo, 12 medals including one double gold that was a best-of-class

Manuela and I look forward to sharing a second installment of our road trip experience which will be featured in the September issue of *The Wine Press*.

- **Scott Harral, Contributing Writer**

OCWS Varietal Hour—Bi-weekly Happy Hours!

We are pleased to continue the Monday Varietal Hours every other week. The OC Wine Society's version of a Zoom Happy



Hour has provided us with an opportunity to try wines that we might not otherwise have tried, and with the convenience of

staying at home and enjoying wine with family and close friends.

Please join us for this casual event hosted as a Zoom meeting, with all participants on the screen, featuring a different wine varietal or varietals and different hosts each week! Members share details on the wine(s) they are enjoying, how they acquired the bottle, and any fun facts about the wine.

Below is a schedule for the next few months (more dates and themes will be listed in future newsletters). We would love to see you at a future Varietal Hour. All sign-ups are done through the OCWS website, and the event is **free!**

If you have an idea for a future theme or are interested in hosting, please contact Carolyn at Carolyn@ocws.org or George Cravens at George@ocws.org. Cheers!

- Carolyn Christian & George Cravens, Directors

DATE & TIME	VARIETAL	HOSTS
8/9/2021 @ 7 pm	Summer Wines	Dawn Bergen
8/23/2021 @ 7 pm	Wines 10 Years and Older	Don & Elee Phillips
9/6/2021 @ 7 pm	Chilean Wines	Sam & Kim Clark
9/20/2021 @ 7 pm	Wines from Islands	Your Name Here
10/4/2021 @ 7 pm	New Zealand Wines	Your Name Here
10/18/2021 @ 7 pm	GSM (Grenache, Syrah & Mourvèdre)	Sara Yeoman

The OC Fair is Coming to an End, Time to Tear Down The Courtyard

It's not just about the set up team making The Courtyard **the** place to be during the Fair and "Time For Fun." Volunteers are needed to tear down The Courtyard the day after the Fair concludes from 9 am to 3 pm on Monday, August 16.

Reversing the set up, decorations will be taken down, the artwork on the walls and supplies, equipment, and tools will be removed and stored. We can use some extra help taking an inventory and sorting to make it smoother for next year and for years to come.

Please let me know if you have a pickup truck for transporting across the busy Fairgrounds to the storage containers. Parking is designated in Lot F outside Gate 4 for those not offering use of their pickups. Remember to wear your OCWS name-tags and/or ID's. Also, please be respectful of neighbors as there will be a great deal of activity around us, and that's part of the excitement!

Lunch will be provided, but anyone who has helped during prior tear downs knows that there may still be a few favorite

Fair food places around for us to enjoy! Let me know if you are interested in joining the tear down team by contacting me at Les@ocws.org.

THE 2021 COURTYARD SET UP TEAM. Thank you to the 2021 set up team for their spirit and attitude, especially their noted feedback and suggestions for next year. There is quite a large collection of photos on the OCWS website. Take a minute to scroll through.

A highlight of being on the Fairgrounds prior to opening day was our ability to see the grazing animals and the Fair take shape, delighting vintage and new volunteers.

It was messy, we got gritty and it needed TLC after two years. Everyone adopted to the changing guidelines, passing inspections and making The Courtyard an inviting and appealing place to be for all upcoming OCWS events!

A truly heartfelt thank you to everyone!

- Leslie Hodowanec, Director

Winemakers Newsroom

It is mid-July already as I pen this article for the August newsletter; how time flies! Our winemaker activities will now begin to be focused on our 2021 grape and juice purchases.

Ed Reyes developed and conducted a Zoom seminar July 10 on “How to plan for your 2021 grapes and juices.” This will be reviewable soon—we will provide a link to access this recorded seminar (there is no fee). Ed covered the type and size of equipment you would need to successfully process your fruit, whether it is 100 lbs. or 2,000 lbs. Thanks as always to Ed, one of our always interesting and dependable home wine supporters, and a pretty good winemaker, too!

Also, in past years for our new winemakers, we have provided an outline for exactly what to do, how to do it, and when to do it for the wine making process. We expect that we will continue that support this year.

The amount and types of additives to utilize in the wine making can also seem daunting. Last year we provided **all** of the fermentation additives for our grape and juice purchasers. That program was received “extremely” well, and we expect that we will continue with that support this year.

And finally, we love to “re-purpose or re-home” equipment. Many of our older winemakers have graciously donated their used equipment to our group, and we want to provide that equipment to new winemakers, as there remains years and years of life left in that equipment!

We also conduct wine testing – to keep those wines “on track,” “press” equipment to process those grapes, and bottling equipment to finally bottle those wines. And of course, our annual bottle and cork purchase programs allow great value to com-

2021 Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10 at 7 pm. In order to continue our practice of being fiscally responsible and to reach the most members possible, this year’s meeting will be presented over Zoom.

During this meeting, viewers will hear updated information about the current state of the Wine Society, including our financial condition following a year and a half of no income. We will highlight what has been accomplished during the past year, including a recap of our two wine competitions and the OC Fair, and discuss the upcoming events we have planned for the remainder of the year, including in-person activities starting with our Gold Medal Mini-Tasting, our long delayed Wine Auction, and a large social event in The Courtyard.

Our Annual Election of three members for the Board of Directors is coming up, and we will be introduced to the candidates

plete the process for cellaring.

There is no better time than this fall to start making your first wines. Mentor support, available equipment, how to instruction, exact proven additives supply with a “road map to success” and out of this world grape and juice quality. This is a fun, life-long hobby that provides tremendous personal satisfaction!

Traditionally, we have provided options for our home winemakers that allow them to pick and choose from many different varieties of grapes and pre-pressed juices. Typically, our offerings include the standards – Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Chardonnay juice. Often we will vary our choices year to year for some variation to include Pinot Noir, Petit Sirah, Syrah, Nebbiolo, Sangeovese, and Dolcetto grapes and Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc, and some Rose pressed juice options. This is an exciting time for our group.

If you would like to “help,” which can take many forms, we enjoy volunteers to assist during our grape and juice delivery days. It is a good way to see how we manage our distribution. Please contact either me at BillForsch@ocws.org or Rob Romano at RobRomano@ocws.org.

We expect that our first varieties may be as early as mid-September and run as late as mid-November – so it is a long season for us. If you have any questions, feel free to phone at 949.981.5087 or email me at BillForsch@ocws.org.



Best to all, cheers!

- Bill Forsch, Winemakers' Group Chair

who will present their qualifications and interests as potential Board members live. There will be time set aside for questions and answers and Committee Chairs available to provide more insight.

Sign-up for attendance will be open August 1 through our OCWS website under the Events tab. Reminder announcements will also be pushed out to the membership during August. There is no cost to attend this Zoom meeting.

The 2020/21 OCWS Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you as we review our past year and look forward to the 2021/22 calendar year. The meeting will be concluded in accordance with OCWS Bylaws and government regulations for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

We look forward to “Zeeing” you all there!

- Kevin Donnelly, President

Gold Medal Mini-Tasting—Sign-Ups Now Open

Saturday, September 11, 2021

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Various Host Sites

This event is always a sell-out! If you would like to request a specific host site or to carpool with another member, please add a comment on your sign-up. To keep everyone safe and comfortable, we plan to have smaller groups for this first event, with ten guests and two hosts per site. When possible, the event will be held outside. This means that we will be needing a large number of 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. The cost to attend the tasting is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

Dish: Each person/couple attending will sign up with their host to bring a potluck dish (appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert) to serve a small portion to 12 people. There will be a special bottle of wine awarded that evening as a prize for Chef of the Evening. Our winning Chefs of the Evening can have their recipe published on the OCWS website.

We are planning a maximum of 15 sites for this Mini-Tasting. **Sign-ups will open on Monday, August 2.** Due to the high attendance at our Mini-Tasting Programs, we encourage you to sign up early as sites tend to fill quickly. Once sign-ups fill up, please call the OCWS office to be added to the waiting list.

The **cut-off date for online sign-up is Friday, August 27.** After this date, please contact the OCWS office to determine availability. Due to the advance purchase of wines, you will not receive a refund if you cancel after the **cancellation deadline-Friday, September 3, 2021.** Bon Appetit!

- George Cravens, Mini-Tasting Chair

2021 OCWS Wine Auction

Saturday, October 16, 2021

11 am - 5 pm

OC Fair & Event Center

Costa Mesa Building (next to the Parade of Products)

Please plan to stay for the entire event

No early checkout is available



Mark your calendars! We will be having our annual Wine Auction at a special time this year, on Saturday, October 16 from 11 am to 5 pm in the **Costa Mesa Building** of the OC Fair & Event Center. Don't miss this

great opportunity to fill up your wine cellar at some great prices! This event replaces the 2020 Wine Auction which was scheduled for April 2020 and had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. The Auction will feature the wines from the 2019 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition, which have been stored in a temperature and humidity controlled cellar since June 2019.

The Wine Auction features both silent and verbal auction lots from some of the best wines submitted for the Commercial Wine Competition. Enjoy an afternoon of delicious food and wine with your OC Wine Society friends as you bid on your favorite varietals and wineries. Special lots will also be available for purchase without having to bid.

This is your annual opportunity to purchase these wines at a fraction of their retail value. Tickets are only \$20 per member for this **members-only** event! We recommend that you bring your own wine glass and pens and wear comfortable shoes. Please plan to stay for the entire event, as we cannot accommodate early checkouts! We will be adding a new type of checkout through online payment this year to help speed up the process (the standard check and credit card checkout will still be available). Interested in volunteering for this event? Watch the weekly reminders for upcoming volunteer opportunities for the Wine Auction.

- Carolyn Christian, OCWS Director/Wine Auction Chair

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Roadrunner Ridge Winery Donation



I want to personally thank long-time members Jim and Judi Brady for their donation to the OCWS of 218 cases of wine from their Roadrunner Ridge Winery. These wines will be served at the OC Fair and sold at the Wine Auction.

Thanks, Jim and Judi, and I hope to see you soon at our events.

And a special thanks to George Cravens,

Fred Heinecke, and Carolyn and Damian Christian for their hard work in transporting the wines to Building 15!



- Kevin Donnelly, President

Chris Cunningham Memorial Bar—aka The Express Bar



With the opening of the Fair and The Courtyard last month, many members and patrons visiting The Wine Courtyard noticed a change to the Express Bar.

During his 40 years as a member of the Wine Society, Chris Cunningham held various positions ranging from President, Vice President and Director. He had a tremendous passion for wine, wine education and, quite frankly, meeting both wine novices and connoisseurs who visited The Courtyard to enjoy a glass of wine or two. The Courtyard was his domain, and Chris never hesitated to share his vast knowledge of California wine regions, winemakers, wineries or varietals. His wine seminars were enjoyed by many over the years and sold out on numerous occasions.

Chris proposed the highly successful Express Bar at The Courtyard during the OC Fair, offering patrons an alternative option to purchase one of four popular varietals—Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir or Cabernet Sauvignon. The design of the bar was proposed by Express Bar Committee members Betty Jo and Jay Newall. Brian McDonald, Liz and Lloyd Corbett, Fran Gitsham, Irene and Ken Scott, along with the Newalls envisioned many other options to utilize the bar. Liz and Lloyd Corbett saw a unique opportunity to utilize this

space by creating the very popular Featured Winery Program, always a sell out for wineries wanting to showcase their wines in this unique space and introduce their winery. The Express Bar Committee worked diligently and collaboratively to present a unique and functional Express Bar.



Chris passed away in March of 2018, however his legacy continues with the beautifully designed and very functional wine bar. The bar frame is made of steel and is on casters to

make it easily movable. It was designed in three separate modules, each module latch connected. Separately, each segment is 6' wide and 28" deep. A solid wood countertop provides easy cleaning, and the internal shelves allow for cases of wine to be stored on shelves as well as large trays for ice with wine for easy access. Outside of The Courtyard, this bar has multi-functional purposes.

This would not have been possible without the generous donation by the Cunningham family with funds earmarked for a new Express Bar. Cheers to Chris and to the Cunningham family.

- OCWS Board of Directors

OC Wine & Spirit Fest—August 21, 2021

The OCWS is proud to announce that we will be participating in the OC Wine & Spirit Fest this year to be held on August 21 at the A Stone's Throw Winery in San Juan Capistrano. The Summer Evening Festival is from 6 pm to 10 pm, VIP attendance opens at 5 pm. The OCWS participated in this event two years ago, and it's a fun festival for wine, craft brews, spirits tasting, and food.

This event supports charitable organizations JDRF Diabetes Research and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County. More information and tickets can be obtained at OCwineandspiritfest.com.

- Kevin Donnelly, President

OCWS History—Stories of our Vintage Members

The OC Wine Society was founded nearly half a century ago by a group of home winemakers looking to form an organization that supported their winemaking interests. The organization grew to encompass wine education and appreciation in addition to wine making. Over the years, we have had hundreds of longtime members (including myself). My purpose with this ongoing series is to celebrate our longtime members, which I prefer to call “Vintage Members,” as we are all young at heart! Please join me in a journey back through the history of the OCWS with stories from some of our amazing members!

This month, to get us started, I will tell you a little about my three and a half decades with the OCWS and then introduce you to longtime members Walt and Dolorie Thurner. If you would like to nominate one of our “Vintage Members” to be featured in a future article, please drop me an email at Carolyn@ocws.org.

Carolyn Christian. I was just a few years old when the Wine Society was founded, and I probably walked by the OCWS booth at the OC Fair hundreds of times as a child. I did not think very much about wine back then, although my parents occasionally allowed us a small glass of wine with Italian dinners. It was not until I attended Fresno State in 1984 that my wine journey really began. While attending college as an anthropology major, I joined the Enology Society and helped the club raise money by making grapevine wreaths from the prunings of the local vineyards. On some weekends, we would often travel to the wine regions like the Alexander Valley, where we stayed at the wineries owned by the parents of the Fresno State enology students. We enjoyed the hospitality of many wineries and some of their finest wines, as they sought to recruit new winemakers from the students there. I knew a few of our wine competition judges in their younger years, when they were pursuing their enology degrees at Fresno

State. That was an amazing introduction to the wine industry.

When I transferred back to Cal State Fullerton, I discovered the existence of the Orange County Wine Society and learned that they had a booth at the OC Fair. I joined the organization just a few days after my 21st birthday. Despite living in New Mexico and Mexico for several years, I have always maintained my membership. Whether it was working at the OC Fair, the Wine Classic or Extraordinaire, or a host of other events, much of my time was spent volunteering for the organization. I joined the Board in the 1990s (for 2 terms) and again in the 2000s. Just this past year, I joined the Board again.

Over my years with the OCWS, I have served on the Board as Secretary and Vice President, chaired nearly every event from the Wine Classic and Wine Extraordinaire, to the Membership BBQ, Holiday Dinner Dance, and even served as liaison for the Commercial Wine Competition. By far, my best memories are of our incredible Wine Extraordinaires and Wine Classics that filled the Anaheim Hilton ballroom to capacity with wineries, restaurants, and wine enthusiasts. Some of you may remember these events as well.

Every year, I look forward to the Commercial Wine Competition and catching up with a few winemakers who attended Fresno State with me, and dozens more that I have met over the years as part of the OCWS. To say that I have grown up with the OCWS is an understatement. So many of my life-long friendships have been formed here. This organization has been an integral part of my adulthood, and I am honored to be able to still serve this organization after so many years. I look forward to many new adventures that lie ahead on my journey with the OCWS!

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OCWS Board of Directors Election—Last Call

A graphic with the text "Call for Candidates" in a stylized, teal, cursive font.

Just a reminder, to declare your candidacy for a position on the Board, the candidate must present their Declaration of Candidacy in writing,

by mail or via electronic media to the Election Chair no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled Annual Business Meeting which is **Friday, August 27, 2021**.

During the Annual Business Meeting, you will have the opportunity to speak to the membership and present your qualifica-

tions. A written Statement of Qualifications must be presented to the Election Committee no later than five (5) calendar days after your Declaration of Candidacy.

If being an OCWS leader interests you, feel free to contact Greg Hagadorn with any questions related to Director Responsibilities, the election process or anything related to the election. I can be reached at 714.388.8803 or at Greg@ocws.org.

- **Greg Hagadorn, 2021 Election Chair**
- **Leslie Brown 2021 Election Committee Member**
- **Jolen Zeroski 2021 Election Committee Member**

OCWS History—Stories of our Vintage Members

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Walt & Dolorie Thurner. We were members of Les Amis Du Van. It is an international wine tasting group headquartered in Paris, France. I (Walt) was the Executive Director of the Long Beach Chapter. We held our tastings at the Long Beach Convention Center. Normally we would attract 600 to 800 people. Our sponsor was a popular liquor store on Naples Island. Our last tasting was an international tasting with wines from all over the world. At the time, I was a management employee of the 1984 Olympic Committee. We held the tasting about three weeks before Opening Ceremonies. We had almost 1,000 people attend. After that, our liquor store sponsor felt that we were in competition with his business, and he stopped being our sponsor. That ended our organization.

After about two years Dolorie and I heard about the OCWS. I believe it was while we were at the Fair. Starting in 1986 or 1987, Dolorie and I worked the Fair every year until two or three years ago. Just getting too old.

Through OCWS we had a great time, and we met some wonderful people, many of whom are still friends today. We traveled with OCWS on several occasions. Dolorie and I ran the

logo merchandise operation for five years until about 1999. I was a member of the Board of Directors for one term until I retired in 2005. I retired both from the Board and professionally that year. I was a judge for the Home Wine Competition for about 10 years. I had to stop being a judge when I was asked to start a BBQ group to serve lunch for the judges, and it expanded to many other events. We have truly enjoyed our experience with the OCWS.

Carolyn Christian, OCWS Board Member/Historian



OCWS Save the Date Calendar

OCWS Varietal Hour @ 7 pm:

August 9	Summer Wines
August 23	Wines 10 Years and Older
September 6	Chilean Wines
September 20	Wines from Islands
October 4	New Zealand Wines
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