

REPORT FROM GUILD MASTER MARY HOMER
BC GUILD OF WINE JUDGES
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The report contains new and updated information since our last report of March 18, 2018:

MONTHLY TASTINGS:

We completed our tasting year with our AGM in June 2018 which took place in Victoria BC. Members from each of the 3 Chapters were in attendance. After a summer hiatus in July and August, we commenced our new tasting year in September. We continue to have trainees or newly certified Judges prepare the presentations with the support and mentorship of senior Judges. This has provided an improved learning opportunity for the Presenters and has been of benefit to all members (and guests) that attend the tastings.

We have increased our monthly budget to allow for some increased spending for monthly tastings and further increased spending for specialized wine tastings.

This year, we welcome Roger Ford as the new Chapter Steward for the Mainland. As well, a new Chapter Steward will be voted in this week for the Nanaimo Chapter. Our thanks to Sam Hauck and to James Waring for their past leadership as Chapter Stewards.

WEBSITE:

Our thanks to Sam Hauck as our webmaster for his continued work in keeping the website updated as materials are made available.

WINE JUDGE CERTIFICATION COURSE:

Rick Homer and Axel Kroitzsch are taking a much deserved reprieve from teaching the Accelerated Wine Judge Certification course during this current tasting year. They will review and consider whether or not a need exists for another one to take place in 2020. Anyone interested in taking this course should count the Guild Educator: Rick Homer at RickinVictoria@shaw.ca to register their interest.

GROWTH IN THE BC GUILD OF WINE JUDGES:

In support of the newly-certified wine Judges from Chilliwack, the location of the monthly tastings for the Mainland Chapter has changed to Surrey. This makes attending the monthly tastings more accessible for these newly-certified Judges, granting them the opportunity to build on their tasting portfolio.

BCAWA MEMBER CLUBS:

The BC Guild of Wine Judges was originally created to support the BC Amateur Winemakers' Association and we, as an organization, continue in this pursuit.

We welcome members from BCAWA wine clubs to participate in our monthly tastings, as members or as guests. Your participation and support is appreciated! As well, we are happy to welcome any such members that wish to begin their journey to becoming certified wine judges.

IN CLOSING:

Our current focus is in ensuring each of our three Chapters has a healthy membership of active members and look forward to supporting wine competitions hosted by BCAWA wine clubs and judging other wines as our schedules permit.

In closing, I wish each BCAWA member a successful year of winemaking!

Cheers,

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