

January 2010

**PCWGA**

**General Meeting  
Wed. Feb 10  
Secret Ravine**



**Placer Hills  
Winery Tour  
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Weekend  
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**PLACER COUNTY  
WINE & GRAPE  
ASSOCIATION**

**Message From the President:**

Hello fellow wine lovers. OK, I understand not everyone loves wine as much as I do. Perhaps you are involved in the industry as a viticulturist. Perhaps you are a winemaker, or maybe work on the fringe of the wine industry. Perhaps you are an experienced wine aficionado, or just appreciate wine. Maybe you have been involved in, or appreciating wine for some time, or maybe you are new to the world of wine. It really doesn't matter where you

fit, it's for certain you fit in here at Placer County Wine and Grape Association.

Some of you are "Old Timers" with PCWGA and some of you are new. Whether old or new, this association belongs to all of us, and everyone is welcome. I hope everyone understands that I and the rest of the Board of Directors are here to do our best to carry out the stated objectives of the association and, of equal importance,

we are here to serve you.

To best serve you it helps if you are involved and give us feedback. As I begin my year as president of PCWGA I acknowledge I will need a lot of help. One of our objectives is to ensure that the association remains a vibrant important force relating to enology and viticulture in Placer County. Please join us!

Wayne Weeks

**PCWGA GENERAL MEETING**

**Wed. February 10**

**7:00pm Social / 7:30pm Meeting**

**Secret Ravine Vineyard & Winery**

**4390 Gold Trail Way in Loomis / 916-652-6015**

**Wine and Appetizers are always appreciated!**

Learn the basics of pruning wine grapes and the relationship of good pruning practices, vine training, and canopy management to developing excellent quality grapes.

Many say, "Good wine is made in the vineyard." Come and learn about pruning and its role in the quest for good wine grapes.

Our speaker is Ron Morris, Vineyard Manager, Owner and Winemaker at Secret Ravine. Ron teaches Viticulture and has been a consultant for several vineyard installations in Placer County.

# PCWGA 2009

## RECAP OF THE YEAR

- We support the wineries with \$6,350 in advertising in the Sacramento Bee Ticket timed with the Placer County Wine Tours, Valentine's Day/President's Day, Mothers Day, August Harvest, Art, Verse & Vine, Holiday in the Hills. This also included, advertising dollars spent on the; Placer County Fair Guide, Placer County Winery Map, Placer County AG Guide, and Perspectives.

- The annual **Wine Bus Trip** traveled to Fair Play this year. It was a full bus with 47 people. It was a beautiful sunny spring day with temperatures in the mid 80's. We visited Oakstone, Perry Creek, Latchum and Windwalker wineries.

- The **Home Winemakers Competition** was another success this year with thanks Doug Geiger and Zane Dobson for coordinating the event. A huge thanks also to the Geiger Family for volunteering their home for this fun-filled day and thanks to all of the members and board members who helped judge, record, set up & clean up, and Randy Urby of Randy's Creative Catering.

- Our second annual PCWGA **Golf Tournament** was held at the Ridge in Auburn. We had **56** golfers followed by a delicious lunch

at the Ridge. We are grateful to the following wineries that donated Placer county wines for this event; Lone Buffalo, Cristaldi, Secret Ravine and Michael Duarte. Many thanks to **Doug Geiger** for coordinating the tournament and to Zane Dobson, Lisa Mann and Cathy Mikles for their many hours of hard work.

- The **Auburn Wine Festival** in October earned the association \$710.

- Thanks to **Vicky Morris** for organizing the Wine Garden at the Loomis **Eggplant Festival**. PCWGA earned a net total of \$658.32 in the wine tasting booth. Vicky also deserves special recognition for always going above the call of duty, being involved and ready to help with any project.

- Thanks to all of the **volunteers** that worked in the fair booths and also at the Home Winemakers Competition. **It is not possible to offer these events without your participation and you are greatly appreciated.**

- Thanks to **Art Mallo** for his continued involvement and coordination of the wine booths at both the Placer County and Gold Country fairs. It is a tremendous effort and takes many long hours

to manage the wine sales and volunteers for these fairs. Special thanks goes to **Michael Duarte** for stepping in for Art while he was traveling and to the many volunteers that sold our Placer wines.

- Thanks to the following **wineries** who generously invited us to their wineries for our association meetings. **Secret Ravine** in April & **Pescatore** in August.

- Thank you to **Marijke Melman** from Moonbeam Design for creating our **new colorful and updated website**.

- **Scholarship Awards:** We elected to offer two \$750 scholarships to two UC Davis students. Requirements for the award were: Students must be a junior majoring in Viticulture & Enology and must have a 3.2 or better GPA. Placer County residents were given priority.

- For the **Holiday Gala**, thanks goes to; **Linda Smith** who graciously and creatively created the **table decorations**, Randy Urby from **Randy's Creative Catering** for our Delicious **Gala Dinner**, and Philip **Dudley and the Do-rights** for the **ROCKIN' MUSIC**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy Mikles, Past President

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE at [www.pcwga.org](http://www.pcwga.org)**

To access the Member List - The user ID is "**member**" and the password is "**enter**"

## THANK YOU TO THE 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A huge thanks to our very busy and active board members who did a stellar job promoting our wine community. Plus, in addition to the requirements of their board position, volunteered many long hours to bring you the informative meetings and fun activities that our members enjoyed.

**Doug Gieger / Vice President:** Coordination and hosting the Home Winemakers and Golf Tournament.

Noble creator of the aroma wheel, for presenting a very interesting program on sensory evaluation.

**Zane Dobson / Treasurer:** Keeping us on financial task with monthly and year end reports, plus long hours helping coordinate the Home Winemakers and Golf Tournament.

**Lisa Mann / Community Involvement:** Providing fabulous raffle prizes and assistance at all events, volunteering everywhere and being an impartial voice.

**Rena Messamore / Secretary:** Keeping meeting minutes, publishing newsletters, keeping member database, sending info to members..... just to name a few.

**Michael Duarte / Web Coordinator:** Working to create a new website for PCWGA and keeping the site current, plus putting in many long hours managing the Placer County Fair Booth.

**Dave Wegner / Past President:** Supporting advertising for wineries and tours and stepping up to offer assistance when needed.

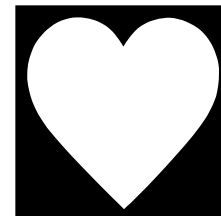
**George Smith / Scholarship Awards:** Working with the UC, Davis Viticulture & Enology Department to establish scholarships.

**Dave Brockman / Education & Programs;** coordinating our interesting and informative meetings. Our guest speakers were; Frank Alfieri testing sulfite levels, "Pooch" Pucilowski, from the "University of Wine" and chief judge at the CA State Fair for answering over "101 wine questions", and Ann

**Cathy Mikles / President:** In addition to the Presidents duties such as managing meetings, writing newsletters, creating flyers, assisting with all activities and working the fair booths, I also coordinated events such as the Wine Bus Tour and Holiday Gala. It has been a pleasure!

In Appreciation,  
Cathy Mikles, Past President

*Volunteers are  
the heart of our  
organization.  
Thank you for  
getting involved!*



### FREE ADVERTISING

If you would like to advertise any wine or grape related information, programs, classes or items for sale, In our newsletter, email that information to [clmikles@gmail.com](mailto:clmikles@gmail.com)

### 2010 DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid  
your dues yet,  
please do so!  
You can download  
an application at  
[www.pcwga.org](http://www.pcwga.org)



## ***Placer Hills Winery Tour***

***Valentines Weekend  
February 13 & 14***

***Call your family & friends and spend a beautiful day in the Placer County foothills.***

[www.placerhillswinetour.com](http://www.placerhillswinetour.com)

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**Membership Renewal  
Due**