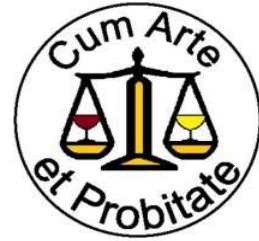


REPORT OF GUILD MASTER
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I will start this report by stating that *I cannot believe how quickly a year has gone by.*

When I was first elected Guild Master, I began working with the Chilliwack Wine Club in July of last year with a view to potentially starting a fourth Chapter for our Guild. We did not achieve this goal this year due to insufficient number of participants from Chilliwack to support a fourth Chapter.

However, in working towards that future potential, I am pleased to report that a number of Chilliwack members took the Accelerated Wine Judge Certification course and have become certified as wine judges. This now gives them the opportunity to work towards building their tasting portfolios and hopefully encourage additional Chilliwack members to work towards becoming wine judges as well.

Time and energy were expended in discussions at several Executive Meetings with the Past Guild Master regarding our Guild potentially hosting and supporting a commercial wine competition; specifically for the BC fruit wine makers. After a number of discussions between the past Guild Master and contacts in the fruit wine industry, it was determined that the fruit growers in BC were not sufficiently organized to participate in such a competition. For the time being, this issue has been put to rest.

My other energies were put towards ensuring we had a well-balanced tasting schedule. Working with Bill Wyngaards, our statistician, I discovered there were several varietals that had not been included in tasting flights for some time. Having a balanced tasting schedule each year gives *all* of our members the opportunity to either develop or increase their tasting portfolios.

In accordance with our guidelines, I also made myself available to each of the monthly presenters to support their efforts in ensuring our monthly tastings were not just of interest but had educational value as well. Hopefully each of you has enjoyed the tasting year presented and learned from the presentation notes provided. I take this opportunity to thank all of the presenters for their efforts and each of the Chapter Stewards for their support.

This past year, we also incorporated monthly mini-education sessions at the monthly tastings this year. This was done in response to our members requesting additional education at the monthly tastings. My thanks to Rick Homer, our elected Guild Educator, for his efforts in putting together a line-up of mini-education sessions for the year. And thank you to the Education Liaisons in each Chapter for ensuring the monthly education sessions are conducted in their Chapter.

My sincere thanks to John Matkovich, our Treasurer, for continuing to maintain our finances responsibly and for keeping us in the black. Also, thanks to Bill Huva for doing a great job in recording our meetings (the Executive meetings as well as the AGM). Thank you to Bill Wyngaards for diligently keeping track of our monthly statistics and to Sam Hauck for being the keeper of our website.

Special thanks to Rick Homer, as our Guild Educator, for donating hundreds of hours to develop our new Accelerated Wine Judge Certification course. This was done with significant input from Axel Kroitzsch. My thanks to both of these gentlemen for donating their time and energy in conducting the classes offered earlier this year. Clearly, they both have a passion for teaching and enjoy offering the course, however the amount of time and energy donated by both these members does not go unnoticed. Thank you, gentlemen.

In order to avoid duplication of information to be given by others at this meeting today I will end this report at this time and call upon your other Executive members for their reports.

Mary Homer
Guild Master June 2017 – June 2018

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