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Next Meeting: Looking forward to it

Wine under Covid 19

Still tastes the same. Overindulging still has the same effect. Life isn't that bad after all.

It is permissible to desire things to go back to where they were, just don't be upset if it takes a long time. Meetings are looking like being a while off, perhaps after September. Keep reading the Newsletter, or get on to "Samepage" and join in the conversation. Samepage is really starting to show some activity, discussing winemaking in real time.

If you can't remember how to join "Samepage" send Rod Beaumont a message, and get a refreshed invite back.



50th Anniversary Wine and Glasses

It's just about done. The glasses have been made, along with last years "Gold" medal wine glasses. The labels for the wine have been made. We just need an opportunity to hand out the glasses, and bottle the wine. Those who will be helping will be advised when.



FAWG Web Page

Don't forget the FAWG website:

<http://www.fawg.org.au>

Or the "Facebook" page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheFAWG>

Parking at the new Clubrooms

Do not drive on the grass. You will be stuck in the mud and there are no facilities to get you out. You will also upset our new landlord. Please drive slowly.

Cordon Corner

Before we all get stuck in to the annual pruning of the vines it's good practice to have a bit of a clean-up by cutting grass and removing or spraying weeds before you begin dropping all that wood in the rows. Then there is the question of what to do with the prunings?

If your vineyard is only small and easily managed, prunings can be raked up and removed from the site completely to reduce the risk of disease in the next season. However, if you have not experienced any fungal issues last season there is no hard evidence to suggest that mulching the leaf litter and prunings has any detrimental effect on spore numbers in the following season. No matter what action you take there will always be fungal spores lurking in your vineyard waiting to jump in to action when the weather conditions are right.

As per usual at this time Cordon Corner takes a winter break for pruning but should anything interesting arise that may be worth a mention or maybe just a few tips along the way, I will stick it in the newsletter.

Mike Payne

Wineshow

After much consideration, hard work and consultation it has been decided that the Wineshow for 2020 will be cancelled. This is regretful, but the safety of all concerned cannot be guaranteed and so it is thought that the best action is to take a break for this year.

All of the good fun should return in 2021. We look forward to that time.



Membership fees

Just in case you thought everything had stopped, NO it hasn't. The annual subscriptions are still in the pipeline.

Letters will be mailed out soon so that you can continue to be full, financial members of the Guild. Keep an eye on that letter box.

Christine Corbidge

Christine recently spent 15 days in hospital, she is now on the mend. I am sure that everyone in the Guild would like to send their best wishes to Christine, and we all hope that she recovers quickly.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. Whenever that may be.



Noel and Jo Legg, Happy 40th

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Noel and Jo on reaching their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary on April 12th, forgot to include this last month. A wonderful celebration was had, although a little quiet with Covid-19.



‘Wine fairies’ are spreading random acts of kindness around the region

A kindness campaign north of the city now has more than 3,000 members.



Wine

prepped by Cicely Sullivan and ready for delivery. –Cicely Sullivan

<https://www.boston.com/culture/lifestyle/2020/05/16/wine-fairies-coronavirus-pandemic>

By [Kristi Palma](#), Boston.com Staff

May 16, 2020

This weekend, Ginny Bevington will secretly deliver wine to several strangers in her Massachusetts town.

It's a practice that has gained traction during the [coronavirus pandemic](#) over the past two weeks in at least three communities north of Boston. The "Billerica, Tewksbury, and Wilmington Wine Fairies" private Facebook group, which Bevington launched April 30, has ballooned from 40 to more than 3,400 members.

"It's crazy," said Bevington, a Tewksbury mother of three who works part-time as a property manager. Bevington got the idea from her cousin in Maryland who shared information about a similar group.

"I said, 'That sounds absolutely amazing,'" Bevington said. "I know tons of ladies who would love to receive a bottle of wine and just know someone is actually thinking about them, especially as we're not able to spend time together physically."

Here's how it works: Members must be 21 years old, live in Billerica, Tewksbury, or Wilmington, and agree to the page's rules. Once a member, they post their address and wine preferences. After that, another member acts as "wine fairy" and delivers a bottle to their doorstep. All members are expected to take a turn as a fairy. As Bevington wrote on the rules page: "This group is not about receiving free wine. If you're here only to be gifted, you aren't getting the point."

Bevington initially invited 40 local friends to the group. Then the friends invited more friends, and so on. As the group grew, she realized that members were happily gifting strangers as well as friends.

“The fact that they are going out there and just really putting themselves out there for other people, that just makes me so happy,” Bevington said. “That’s exactly what the group was meant for: to spread happiness and joy.”



Wine bottles prepped for delivery by Janice Craig Kelleher. —Janice Craig Kelleher

The “fairies” often post photos of their deliveries. Some dress up the bottles with tissue paper, ribbon, poems, and even include little gifts such as face masks or candy, Bevington said.

One of the page’s moderators, Brianna Greenwood, of Tewksbury, makes dozens of deliveries at a time, buying the wine with money raised from creating and selling wine glasses, shirts, and stickers.

The recipients “getting wined” range from nurses to teachers to moms working from home while caring for their kids, Bevington said. Many post heartfelt thank-yous. Some share stories about how the uplifting group has helped them cope with the pandemic, the death of loved ones, illnesses, and more.

Some post that giving to others is the true gift.

“One woman recently posted that she has been making deliveries with her 17-year-old adopted daughter,” Bevington said. “And that it has brought her and her adopted daughter together.”

A man known as “Big Daddy Fairy” has become a popular fixture on the site.

“I believe he said at one point that he works 12-hour shifts and then he’s coming home and delivering three to four bottles to people who haven’t received any wine yet,” Bevington said. “He’s dressing up as a fairy. His daughter loves it.”

Then there are the “unicorn fairies” who make their deliveries to music while dancing and wearing unicorn heads — and share it all in video posts, she said.

“There’s a lot of people who are feeling really lonely right now,” Bevington said. “To receive something — even from a stranger — is saying, ‘Hey, I’m thinking about you even though I don’t know you. It’s making people feel closer to each other.’”

Monthly Activity Calendar

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
9 June 2020		Sheila Lee Liqueur and CANCELLED
14 July 2020	AGM No. 49 Mid Year Luncheon - date and	Home Made Night CANCELLED
11 August 2020	Old, crabs and mackerel wine night CANCELLED	Frankston & South Eastern Wineshow Old, crabs and mackerel wine CANCELLED
8 September 2020	Chris Myers talk re specific wine for John Lee Trophy	Wine show de-brief demonstration & discussion of wine faults from show
13 October 2020		Chris Myers Red Wine Mini Comp.
10 November 2020	Talk on Phylloxera	Eltham Wine Show Mansfield Wine Show
December 2020	No formal meeting Christmas party instead	

Social Events and links

[16-19 October: National Cool Climate Wine Show](#)

[Sunday 11 November: Eltham District Wine Guild Show](#)

[Friday 17 November: Mansfield Wine Show](#)

[March: Red Hill Cider Show](#)

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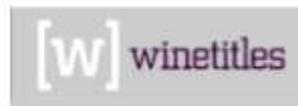
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