

Wine Country

CHAPTER NEWS

Happenings & Events

NOVEMBER MEETING

Save the date and bring a guest to our November 21, 2006, meeting at Fountaingrove Inn! We will have a networking wine social at 6:30pm with a sit-down dinner at 7:00pm.

Our speaker this month is new member **Irene Turner**, of Irene Turner at Home interior design, who will talk about psychology and trends for color in the home. Irene is an international interior designer with 26 years of experience, 15 of which have been in growing her own design business. The majority of her work is in residential design, though she often works with offices and restaurants. This will be a perfect beginning to the holiday season. You won't want to miss it!

Remember to RSVP at www.wineabwa.org before noon on November 17, 2006, to avoid paying a late fee.

CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party is always a high point of our chapter's year. Make sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 6:30pm. Our own longstanding member, **Pam**

Heath, has made arrangements for us to have our gathering at **Simi Winery**. Be sure to bring an ornament for the ornament exchange. Cost will be announced at the November meeting. Take the opportunity to dress for the occasion!

WINE RAFFLE

Our **Wine Raffle Spectacular** is the chapter's most important event of the year. It is the time when we raise money to help women further their educations and their careers. Our **Scholarship Committee** is devoted to reviewing applications and making difficult decisions such as who are the most deserving applicants and how much money can we give them.

In order to make this event the biggest and best yet, donate wine for our wine library. You can either ask your friends and family in the wine business to donate wine, or purchase a few bottles (or even a case) and donate yourself! Bring wine to our next meeting so we can begin to amass our collection. Also, don't hesitate to sign up for the **Wine Raffle Event Committee** and help **Kim Dow**, **Carlisle Yuill-Thornton** and **Christee Styles** plan a truly spectacular event.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our goals for the year are to promote loyalty and to sell each other's businesses as well as our own. Continuing in this spirit of support, here is another idea: give discounts or benefits to other ABWA members. If you would like to be a part of beginning this new tradition, please sign up on November 21, 2006 at our meeting, or email me (rachael@hintoncochran.com) with your discount or idea.
—**Rachael Erickson**



Chapter Business

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Our member spotlights have been a great success. Last month, we heard from new member **Maureen Weinstein** about her business as a CPA and a little about her security services. **Lucy Lewand** showed us what is new at Weekenders. We also had many testimonials, highlighting some of our wonderful members and what good services they were able to provide to other members.

These spotlights are up for raffle each month, so purchase raffle tickets, win a member spotlight, and support the Wine Country Chapter as well as your own business. At our November meeting, **Alicia Mutch of Healdsburg Healing Arts** and **Anna Smith of The Shelford House** will take on our member spotlights.

Our networking table is available for use by all members at chapter events. Bring your business cards, brochures or materials for display at our monthly meetings.

CHAPTER DUES

Don't forget to pay your dues, if you have not already. It is ABWA Wine Country Chapter's policy to allow visitors to be a guest twice. After that, in order to attend our meetings, joining and paying dues is required.

MEMBER ROSTER

Alicia Mutch and **Kim Dow** have been working feverishly to get the member roster ready for distribution at our November meeting. Make sure to pick one up and familiarize yourself with other members' businesses so we can continue to support each other.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following ABWA members who have really stepped up and contributed to making our chapter a huge success so far this year:

Judith Light for entertaining and educating us last month on disaster preparedness;

Alicia Mutch and **Kim Dow** for taking on the Herculean task of updating the member roster.

SAVE THE DATES

November 21, 6:30pm
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Fountaingrove Inn
Speaker: Irene Turner

December 12, 6:30pm
Holiday Party
Simi Winery

January 16, 6:30pm
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Fountaingrove Inn
Speaker: Herb Lieberman

February 20, 6:30pm
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Fountaingrove Inn
Speaker: Judie Coleman

March 20
Wine Raffle Spectacular
Location TBA

April 17, 6:30pm
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Fountaingrove Inn
Member Mentors

May 15, 6:30pm
Chapter Dinner Meeting
Fountaingrove Inn
New Board Election

June 19, 6:30pm
Scholarship Awards,
Woman of the Year,
& Officer Installation Gala
Location TBA

Member News



Mary Lynn Archibald celebrates the release of her new book, "Briarhopper: A History."

This is her mother's story, a personal odyssey that leads the reader from the Southeast Kentucky coal country, through Florida and Texas and finally to California during the Great Depression and afterward, sharing her life experience throughout WWII. Available

now as an e-book on her website and as a paperback at www.booklocker.com/books/2669.html. You can also visit Mary Lynn's website at www.winecountrywriter.com.

If you would like to submit an announcement or event for our next bimonthly newsletter, email **Rachael Erickson** at rachael@hintoncochran.com, by January 5, 2007.



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