



2021 GRAPE CAMP & EXPO

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Letter from the President

Dear Grape Camp Attendees, Speakers, Exhibitors and Sponsors

Welcome to our first in-person event since February 2020! We are so excited you are here. We have an exceptional two-day event planned which reflects the positivity of Texas' roots in the vineyard, and how that history (with some very smart PhD's from California!) has propelled us forward to today. We believe our future is bright, and the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association (TWGGA) is determined to spur and promote this growth for the next generation of growers and winemakers.

First, our Educational Sessions have been thoughtfully planned with the focus on advances in vineyard management, but with a twist on how our past vineyard pioneers shaped the Texas Wine industry, and saved France!

Secondly, we expanded our Expo Hall to have twice as many Exhibitors who support the Texas Wine industry. Without these suppliers, our success would be...well...in question! Please take the time to visit our Expo Hall to meet the suppliers and learn something new.

Thirdly, Grape Camp would not be possible without our Sponsors' support, many of whom have booths in the Expo Hall. Please stop by and say 'thank you' for their continued support of the Texas Wine industry.

In closing, TWGGA is proud to present our 2021 Grape Camp & Expo. Enjoy yourselves and put all the past uncertainty behind you. Let TWGGA help you put down roots, make history (including quality wines!) and grow with passion and determination.

CHEERS!



Roxanne Myers
President, TWGGA



Monday, November 8, 2021

2021 Grap Camp & Expo

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Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center

1042 Event Center Dr.

Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

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Board of Director's Meeting

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

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Open to the Public

(Agenda and ZOOM Information Here)

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

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7:00 am – Registration Opens

8:00 am – Exhibit Hall Opens

8:30 am – Welcome

Roxanne Myers, President

Sabrina Houser Amaya, Director of Operations

9:00 am – The History of T.V. Munson

Grape Man of Texas is the first biography of Thomas Volney Munson (1843-1913), the internationally recognized horticulturist who developed over 300 new varieties of grapes, some of which are still grown today on almost every continent. The second edition introduces new insights into the phylloxera period, Munson's many papers and publications, and his far-sighted grasp of the needs of twentieth century agriculture and transportation. It details the continuing influence of both his research and his hybrid grapes on modern viticulture and new varieties of vitis that have been bred from them around the world.

Presenter: Sherrie S. McLeroy

9:35 am – From Munson to Modernization

With over 700 active winery permits and vineyards located across the state, the Texas wine industry has come a long way since the days when legendary T.V. Munson helped saved the wine industry for France. This panel will discuss the rich history of Texas wine and highlight some of the pioneers that contributed to its many advances and successes.

Panel Discussion

Andy Allen, Professor of Viticulture and Enology, Grayson College

Jim Evans, Winemaker at Lost Oak Vineyards

Sherrie S. McLeroy, Author, "T.V. Munson: The Grape Man of Texas"

10:30 am – Break with Exhibitors

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11:00 am – Pierce's Disease: Research and The Future

Andy Walker may not be a household name in the world of wine consumers, but his impact on wine is legendary. Dr. Andrew Walker, Louise Rossi Endowed Chair and professor in Viticulture and Enology, is without a doubt one of the most respected geneticists in the nation. He has made significant impacts in the industry, developing new grape varieties resistant to Pierce disease, which costs the industry upwards of \$100 million a year.

Presenter: Andy Walker, PhD

12:00 pm – Lunch with Exhibitors

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1:00 pm – Man Versus Machine: Deciding What to Mechanize When Labor is Scarce

With a dwindling supply of affordable labor, mechanization becomes increasingly important to vineyards. This panel will offer a grower's perspective on mechanization options for small vineyards that range in size from just a few acres up to vineyards hundreds of acres of vines.

Panel Discussion

Michael Cook, Texas A & M AgriLife Extension – Moderator
Krista & Scott Hartman, Owners, Hartman Vineyards
Dan & Maura Sharp, Owners, Vineyard at Blue Mountain
Neal Newsom, Owner, Newsom Family Vineyards
Todd Webster, Winemaker, Brennan Vineyards

2:00 pm – Break with Exhibitors

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2:30 pm – Texas Sized Vineyard Mistakes to Avoid

Grape growing in Texas does not come without its challenges, but many mistakes and pitfalls can be avoided. This presentation will highlight the most common and most costly mistakes of establishing and managing a vineyard in Texas.

Presenters

·Justin Scheiner, Ph. D., Assistant Professor and Extension Viticulture Specialist
·Michael Cook, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

3:30 pm – TWGGA Meeting – Open to Public

State of the Union for TWGGA – Roxanne Myers, President
Legislative/TABC Update – Kyle Frazier, Lobbyist for TWGGA

4:15 pm – Regional Breakout Meetings

5:00 pm – Wine & Cheese Reception – Exhibit Hall

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6:30 pm – Wine & Dinner at Fall Creek Vineyards @ Driftwood**

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*All Educational Sessions are held at the Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center, Main Hall

**Wine and Dinner is a ticketed event. Be sure to pre-purchase your spot at the time of registration.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Programming Proudly Sponsored by Inland Desert Nursery.

7:00 am – Registration Open

8:00 am – Exhibit Hall Opens

8:30 am – Welcome

Roxanne Myers, President

Pam Owens, President/CEO of Dripping Springs Visitor Bureau

9:00 am – Aftermath & Moving Forward: Report of Damage Across Texas

The 2021 growing season started off with bang when February temperatures reached record lows in many areas of the state. Damage from Winter Storm Uri ranged from trunk injury and total crop loss to no injury at all. This presentation will review observations and survey results of winter injury reported by region and by grape variety.

Presenter

Justin Scheiner, Ph. D., Associate Professor and Extension Viticulture Specialist

10:00 am – Break with Exhibitors

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10:30 am – Replant, Retrain, or Let it Remain: The Economics of Vineyard Renewal

Damage from winter injury, trunk disease, and other causes of grapevine decline can leave a grower wondering if it's time to replant, retrain, or just ride it out. This presentation will discuss vineyard renewal from an economic perspective with examples from regions where winter injury is a common occurrence

Presenter(s) – TBD

**11:30 am – Public Water Systems and Dealing with TCEQ:
What Wineries and Vineyards Need to Know**

If you're going to grow grapes, you're going to need water. Everybody knows that, but one of the often-overlooked aspects of owning a winery is taking into account the need for a public water system. If your venue has at least 25 people on-site 60 days out of the year or more and you aren't already serviced by a public utility, you are a public water system. Does this affect my business? Do I need another permit? Will I have to drill a new well? How much will this cost? All of these questions and many others will be addressed.

Presenter: Jason Ferguson, Project Manager, Searchers Surveying & Engineering LLC

12:00 pm – Lunch with Exhibitors

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Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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1:00 pm - Business Solutions in the Vineyard. Moss Adams.

Presenter: TBD

2:00 pm - Break with Exhibitors

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2:30 - 3:30 pm - Move Over, Cabernet:

Winery Tries Out New, Disease-Resistant Grapes!

Wine Tasting of Whitehall Lane's 2019 Pasaente Noir & 2019 Camminare Noir

Whitehall Lane Winery in Napa Valley, CA, planted some of the Pierce's Disease resistant grape varieties developed by Professor Andy Walker at UC-Davis. A representative of Whitehall Lane will join the Wine Tasting presentation via ZOOM to discuss these Pierce's Disease resistant grape varieties and lead a tasting of two of their commercial bottlings.

***Moderator:** Carl Hudson, CSW*

3:35 pm - Variety & Trend Surveys of the Texas Vineyard Industry

Texas growers produce over 60 different varieties of grapes and over the last decade, many lesser-known and even obscure varieties have been planted. This grower panel will review the latest trends in grape acreage and discuss the merits and shortcomings of varieties that have recently become popular.

Presenters

Justin Scheiner, Ph. D., Assistant Professor and Extension Viticulture Specialist

Michael Cook, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

4:15 pm - AgriLife Q&A

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension viticulture team works with new and experienced grape growers across the state. This Q&A panel will give audience members an opportunity to ask questions about grape growing in the Lone Star State.

Panelists

Bri Crowley - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Hill Country

Michael Cook, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - North Texas

Fran Pontasch - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Gulf Coast

Danny Hillin - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - High Plains and West Texas

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