

Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group

Mission Statement

The mission of the Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group is to identify and promote winegrowing practices that are economically viable, socially responsible, and environmentally sound. Specifically, the Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group promotes viticultural land stewardship through educational outreach to:

- ~ optimize ecological stability and winegrape productivity and quality by understanding and emulating natural processes such as biodiversity, carbon and nutrient cycling, and plant-soil interactions.
- ~ reduce pesticide inputs through cultural practices, biological control, and use of alternative materials.
- ~ promote soil health through erosion control, reduced tillage, soil analysis, and amending soils with cover crops and compost.
- ~ promote the value-added nature of sustainable winegrapes along with terroir and increased vineyard longevity.



About NSWG

Since 1995, NSWG continues to be an apolitical organization that educates grape growers on sustainable farming practices. NSWG is a program of the Napa County Resource Conservation District.

Membership Benefits

Nine monthly meetings (no meetings August through October)
Monthly 1 hour education on sustainable grape growing issues and research
Monthly grower forum/discussion on sustainable farming practices
Receive NSWG notifications and industry news via email
Membership recognition on web site and seminar material
Marketing opportunities at fairs, tours and upon request from outside companies

Our Members

NSWG is open to any student, individual, industry professional, and company interested in joining. The level of participation is up to the individual. The group's success will depend upon member participation in seeking interested sponsors for monthly meetings, annual seminars, and online information. Opportunities for participation include: assisting with workshop planning, identifying speakers for monthly meeting, participating in grower forums, hosting an NSWG table at local events, and assisting with fundraising.

Monthly Meetings

NSWG meets on the second Tuesday of each month, November through July, from 9-11AM. The meetings include a one hour educational presentation and a grower forum for information exchange.

Recognition

NSWG received the IPM Innovator Award from the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation in 2004.

Contact us

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Membership Form

Name: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Company: _____ Address: _____

Please tell us more about you (not required):

- How many acres do you farm? _____
- How many acres do you manage or own that are NOT farmed _____
- What sustainable topics would you like to see discussed at our monthly meetings or workshops?

- Do you plan to attend monthly meetings? _____
- Are you interested in assisting with NSWG workshops?
 - Planning _____
 - Moderating or giving presentations _____
 - Donating wine for speakers _____
 - Donating coffee or refreshments _____

- Are you interested in representing NSWG at community events (e.g. Earth Day)? _____

Membership dues:

Dues are payable by credit card or check. To pay by credit card, visit

www.naparcd.org/membershipNSWG.html

Membership begins at the start of the calendar year. **Submit membership dues by February 15, 2010.**

Add a late fee of 10% to dues paid after February 15, 2010.

Membership type	Dues	
Student/Individual/Non-Profit	\$50	<i>Note: NSWG invites everyone to join and participate, regardless of ability to pay the suggested dues in full. State and federal agencies are exempt from annual contributions.</i>
Industry Individual		
1- 10 acres	\$100	
11-100 acres	\$150	
100+ acres	\$250	
Industry Group		
1 to 3 individuals	\$500	
Corporate Member		
any company	\$1000	

Please mail this form and your contribution to:

NSWG

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