



## Governor Schwarzenegger Proclaims September 2009 California Wine Month

2009 is the fifth consecutive year that California Wine Month will be celebrated in September. California wine is important to California's economy, as the state is the fourth largest wine producer in the world, produces 90 percent of American wine and is responsible for \$18.5 billion in retail wine sales in the U.S.

## 2009/2010 Officers elected

Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the August Board of Directors meeting. Congratulations to **Jim Lincoln** who will serve as President, **Dana Estensen** as Vice President and **Dan McQueeney** as Treasurer. Peter Nissen did an outstanding job leading the Farm Bureau for the last two years and will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as immediate Past President. We thank outgoing Executive Committee members Bob Biale and Ron Taddei for their contributions and dedicated commitment to Napa County agricultural community.

## New expiration date for I-9 Form: August 31, 2012

Employers may use the Form I-9 with the revision date of either Aug. 7, 2009 or Feb. 2, 2009. The revision dates are located on the bottom right-hand portion of the form. The I-9 form is available in English and Spanish at the [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), or employers may call USCIS at 1-800-870-3676.

## Comments on St. Regis Hotel & Winery proposal in Carneros

Farm Bureau seeks your input to help us review & comment on the proposed St. Regis Hotel & Winery proposal. Napa City released the draft EIR for this 95 acre project at the intersection of Stanley Lane & Hwy 121. The resort would provide 150 guest units, 95 vacation home units, recreation and event space, restaurants, a spa, and operations and support facilities. The 25,000-case winery would be located within the resort grounds. In addition, a wastewater pipeline and recycled water pipeline would be installed between the Napa Sanitation District Soscol Water Recycling Facility and the resort site. The Draft EIR is available electronically at [www.cityofnapa.org](http://www.cityofnapa.org) and comments are due by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Electric Fencing Clinic

presented by **Napa County Farm Bureau, UC Cooperative Extension, Napa County USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Gallagher USA** | Hosted by **Mary Pettis-Sarley**  
**September 12, 2009** | 8:30 am – noon, lunch to follow, **Fisher Ranch, Napa, CA.**

The workshop will be presented by Gallagher USA and is co-sponsored by Napa County Farm Bureau's Livestock Commodity Group, Napa County USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and UC Cooperative Extension. A brief discussion on the Napa River TMDL and a program being developed through the FB Livestock Commodity Group for grazers to participate in a group waiver process will follow the electric fencing portion of the workshop.

Please RSVP by **September 10, 2009** to [info@napafarmbureau.org](mailto:info@napafarmbureau.org) or 707.224.5403

## Volunteer needed for Napa County Weed Management Area

Want to help minimize the harmful effects of invasive non-native species on agricultural lands and natural resources and ensure the economic and environmental well being of Napa County? If so, Farm Bureau is seeking a member to serve on the Napa County Weed Management Area. The group meets several times a year to work on efforts to exclude, detect, eradicate and control the spread of harmful invasive species in Napa County. Contact the FB office to volunteer or for more info.

## Livestock Commodity Group meeting ideas

We are seeking suggestions and topics for future Livestock Commodity Group meetings. Farm Bureau launched a Livestock Commodity Group in 2005 to better serve the livestock producers in Napa County. The group meets as needed to address pertinent local and national issues affecting today's livestock industry. These forums offer you an excellent opportunity to network with other livestock producers. Please call the FB office at 224-5403 or send your suggested topics to [info@napafarmbureau.org](mailto:info@napafarmbureau.org).



**Add some spice to your tasting room with the Napa Uncovered 2010 Calendar**

Do not miss an opportunity to entertain your visitors, increase your retail sales and traffic with the **2010 Napa Uncovered Calendar**. Stop by the Farm Bureau Office, or call 224.5403.

**Bits and Blurb**

- Ag in the Classroom (AITC) has received a \$1,500 grant from the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce.
- **Join us on Facebook**, it's easy! Go to [www.napafarmbureau.org](http://www.napafarmbureau.org) and click on the Facebook logo to become a fan.
- AITC is kicking off the school year with their first meeting September 22, 2009 from 4-5 p.m.
- AITC is asking for a donation of 4-5 cases of Napa Valley wine for use at the State AITC Conference in Rohnert Park in October where they will be showcasing Napa Valley wines at the Friday night BBQ . Any and all donations will be gladly accepted.
- Office help: there are occasional needs for volunteers to help prepare mailings and help with other office work. Please contact NCFB at 224.5403 if you would like to help and make a difference.
- AITC is looking for a facility to host their annual teacher appreciation event in February 2010. Please contact Jennifer Roberts at 224.5403 x 104

**NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS**

Visit [napafarmbureau.org](http://napafarmbureau.org) for a complete list and more information

**September is California Wine Month!**

- 2 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 2 Biocontrol Research Project, 9-11 am at Napa Library
- 8 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 8 California Environmental Protection Agency In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation Training, Sacramento, (916) 323-1681
- 14 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 16 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 22 AITC meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403

**October**

- 7 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 12 Tax, Land Use meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 19 Ag Container Chemical Recycling, Yountville 9am-3pm, 253-4357
- 21 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403

**Save the date!**

- Nov. 13** – Sexual Harassment Training
- Nov. 14** –3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Barn Dance
- Dec. 3** – Holiday Party at Trefethen Winery
- Dec. 8** – Accident Investigation Workshop

**UC Berkeley Biocontrol Research Project, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

The Laboratory of Agroecology at UC Berkeley will be hosting a meeting at the Napa Main Library on **Wed. Sept. 2nd (9-11am)** to review and discuss new grower participation in the ongoing bio-control research project. The meeting will include an overview of the 2009 study and opportunities to discuss the project with growers currently involved in the research and new growers that have expressed interest in joining the project. Napa Main Library, 580 Coombs Street. Napa, Ca.

**Harassment prevention training for Agricultural Supervisors on November 13th**

Employers with 50 or more employees are required to provide their supervisors with sexual harassment training every 2 years. A workshop presented by FELS and Napa County Farm Bureau is designed to meet the state mandate for harassment prevention. A certificate of completion is included in the course fee. \$50 for NCFB members and \$75 for non-members.

Flyers will be mailed soon. Call 707.224.5403 for more information

**November 13, 2009, Napa Valley Library**

9:15 a.m. –11:30 a.m. Spanish | 12:45 p.m.—3:00 p.m. English