



**April 2026 Newsletter**

**To:** Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society  
**From:** Becky Wilson, former Chair, and Dean Wilson, Webmaster.

Greetings vino enthusiasts!

The weather is finally looking reasonable again, I’m glad to say. But to quote Yogi Berra “it ain’t over ‘til it’s over”. So I’m still waiting on May. But April will no doubt, have some pleasant days. That said, the reservoir isn’t too happy, so I’ll just be quiet now. But I think it must have a leak, just sayin’.

**Tasting Schedule**

We are always looking for future events. If you are interested in serving as a house or wine host, please reach out to Bill at [the **Chairperson** link on [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net)] and we can set that up!

		<b>2026</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January 1/18/2026	X	X	X
February 2/15/2026	T. Mangan	D. Wilson	Beaujolais
March 3/15/2026	D. Reppe	Slick	<del>World</del> Wines Annual Meeting @ 1:15PM
April 4/19/2026	D. Piper	Reppe	Rioja
May 5/17/2026	D. Reppe	Loew’s	Loew’s Vineyards
June 6/21/2026	Breeding	Sadler	National Tasting Project
July 7/19/2026	Grillon	BYOB	PICNIC
August 8/16/2026	?	?	?
September 9/20/2026	D. Reppe	Caymus	Caymus Wines
October 10/18/2026	Horrocks	?	?
November 11/22/2026	?	?	?
December 12/13/2026	Courpas	?	Bubbly!

## March Review

A big thank-you to Dan-the-man for house-hosting our Annual Business Meeting and the March Wine tasting hosted by our lovely secretary, Nan Slick, who now presents the minutes of our Annual Business Meeting:

### *Annual Business Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2026*

*The website secret password is now 47*

#### *Officers:*

- *Chairperson - Bill Sadler until January 1, 2027 then Dean Wilson will take over*
- *Treasurer - John Landon with John Pardoe as back up*
- *Secretary - Nancy Slick*

#### *Amendments/Changes to By-laws*

- *These changes to the By-laws will be sent to members by email and approved/disapproved by the majority*
- *Article II Officers*
- *Create a Vice Chair position . This position will be held by the individual for 2 years then the individual will be the upcoming Chair/Chair Elect. At this time, Dorothy Hampton has volunteered for this position.*
- *Article VII Costs and Food*
  - *The Chapter Chair, House Hosts (one member only) and Wine Hosts (one member only) will not be required to pay for their particular tasting*
  - *The Treasurer and Secretary are now responsible for the monthly tasting fees.*

*Whew! All this only took one glass of wine to get her done!*

*Cheers!*

*Nancy*

Double thanks to Nancy, who came with two hats, taking meeting notes and delivering a splendid tasting called

### Weird Wines

Weird Wine	Retail Price \$	Wine Votes
Garibaldi Vero Brut White Blend	\$14.99	10 votes tie
Les Fumees Blanches Rose by Lurton Sauvignon Gris	\$17.99	10 votes tie
Pago del Vicario 2024 Blanco deTempranillo	\$14.99	1 vote
Bononia Estate 2022 Gamza	\$29.99	2 votes
Hin Areni Vineyards 2019 Areni Noir	\$15.99	11 votes winner Red
Dugladze Ranina Mukuzani, NV Saperavi	\$14.99	6 votes

Yes, weird they indeed were, but still quite splendid. The favorite (mine as well) Hin Areni 2019 Areni Noir was very nice and soon very gone, but all the others fared very well, as the voting shows – nearly a 3-way tie! My vote took Areni over the top, though! 😊

We didn't expect a normal tasting, and Nan made good on her promise!

Thanks again to Nan and Dan!

(Sounds a bit like a 60's folk duo. 😊)

## April Preview

SPEAKING OF DAN, guess who's wine-hosting for April? Yes, it's Dan Reppe. Our location will be the fine home of Dotty and Dale Piper. Contact them at [the RSVP links at [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net)]

Dan's topic is:

# Rioja

Dan asked if we had done a Rioja tasting recently, and while our history goes back a long way, the last one was back in 2020, hosted by Janine Wilson just a bit before the pandemic hit. So yeah, that renders it as ancient history in my book, the statute of limitations is over! 😊

So contact the Pipers to RSVP, or use the website, [CCAWS.net](http://CCAWS.net)

## Pep Team

Robert Horrocks is rallying a task team of members to “review and submit a strategy to increase and maintain membership, participation and thus continue the mission of CCAWS into the future and submit those ideas at a future meeting for implementation. If you would like to participate, please contact Robert at [redacted].

## Chapter and AWS Dues

Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at the tasting or mail it to him at: [the address found on the [Membership Brochure at ccaws.net](#)].

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$59 (for 1 year); \$159 (for 3 years)

For two people at the same address - \$89 (for 1 year); \$239 (for 3 years).

Other options are available, too.

To pay national AWS dues online, go to <http://americanwinesociety.org/join-now/> to join or renew your membership.

**Please keep in mind AWS requires that everyone who participates in AWS activities, which includes local chapter tastings, must be AWS members. Non-members and guests can only attend two times per year.**

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## Member Wine Discounts

**NEW:** Both [Paradiso](#) and [Fiamata](#) restaurants in Carroll County offer “*Half Price Wine Bottle Wednesdays*”

(Fiamata has **Tuesdays** half-price bottles posted too, but recently posted on Facebook “...[on certain selections](#)” )

The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members (don’t forget to show your card):

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
- Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
- Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
- Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
- The Wine Post, Glyndon
- Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg

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