



Fellows Named for the 2017 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers

Renowned wine educator and author Kevin Zraly will give keynote address



December 8, 2016 – St. Helena, CA – Fellowship award winners have been announced for the 2017 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers at Meadowood Napa Valley. Qualified wine, wine-food and wine-travel writers were selected by a panel of leading wine editors based on their professional editorial status, the quality and originality of their work and their influence in the world of wine writing.

The 2017 Fellows are:

- Andrew Adams, San Rafael, CA
- Cynthia Adams, Greensboro, NC
- L.M. Archer, Kirkland, WA
- Amanda Barnes, Hampshire, UK
- Ari Bendersky, Chicago, IL
- Tracy Byrnes, Franklin Lakes, NJ
- Amy C. Collins, New Orleans, LA
- Tricia Conover, McKinney, TX
- Mary Cressler, Portland, OR
- Christie Dufault, San Francisco, CA
- Amber Gibson, Naperville, IL
- Julie Glenn, Estero, FL
- Marcy Gordon, Sebastopol, CA
- Morgan Harris, Brooklyn, NY
- Pete Holland, Nashville, TN
- William Kelley, London, UK
- Geoff Last, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- Susan Manfull, Portsmouth, NY
- Irene Moore, Miami Beach, FL
- Marie Oskarsson, Göteborg, Sweden
- David Ransom, Gardiner, NY
- Patricia Savoie, New York, NY
- Martin Skegg, Portland, OR
- Joanna Snawder, Marina, CA
- Cathrine Todd, New York, NY
- Margaret Waterbury, Portland, OR

Meadowood and the Napa Valley Vintners trade association, the Symposium's founders, are underwriting this year's fellowships.

Wine, wine-food and wine-travel publications were also invited to sponsor their own qualified editorial staff members and contributors to participate as Editor's Choice attendees.

The 2017 Editor's Choice attendees are:

- Christine Havens, Portland, OR and Meg Houston Maker, Lyme, NH, sponsored by Meridith May, The SOMM Journal, The Tasting Panel and The Clever Root
- Erin Kirschenmann, Sonoma, CA, sponsored by Eric Jorgensen, Wine Business Monthly

Keynote speaker Kevin Zraly joins a robust faculty of writers, editors and coaches on the 2017 faculty, including Richard Bradley, editor-in-chief, Worth Magazine; Evan Goldstein, Master Sommelier and author; Jim Gordon, editor, Wines & Vines; Paul Gregutt, contributing editor, Wine Enthusiast; Dianne Jacob, writing coach, author, freelance editor; Chris Macias, critic-at-large, The Sacramento Bee; Meridith May, owner, The SOMM Journal and co-founder, The Tasting Panel and The Clever Root; Madeline Puckette, co-founder and content director, Wine Folly; Leslie Sbrocco, author, speaker, consultant, television host; Julia Cosgrove, vice president and editor-in-chief, AFAR; Esther Mobley, wine, beer and spirits writer, San Francisco Chronicle; Michael Shapiro, journalism professor, founder of The Big Roundtable; and Chris Knutsen, executive editor, Wall Street Journal Magazine.

Symposium sessions will take place at both Meadowood Napa Valley and The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in St. Helena, California February 21-24, 2017.

[About the Symposium for Professional Wine Writers](#)

The Symposium for Professional Wine Writers, founded by Meadowood Napa Valley and the Napa Valley

Vintners trade association and supported by The Culinary Institute of America, draws top wine book authors and editors, wine magazine writers and critics, newspaper wine columnists, bloggers and other editorial wine content creators to Napa Valley to speak, listen, debate, explore themes prevalent in contemporary wine writing and network with their peers for four days. A combination of lectures, panel discussions, group and individual writing sessions, wine tasting and fine dining make the Symposium an unmatched career enrichment opportunity for editorial wine, wine-food, and wine-travel writers.

Learn more at www.winewriterssymposium.org.

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