

**2008 Professional Soil Scientists  
Association of California  
Annual Meeting  
March 27—29, 2008  
Paso Robles, California**



**ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**WHEN:** March 27—29, 2008

**WHERE:** Paso Robles, California (Courtyard by Marriott)

**THEMES:** Terroir: Where Soil Quality Meets Wine Quality, Soil and Olive Oil Production, and Mercury Mine Remediation in the Tablas Creek Watershed

**DEADLINES:** Registration is due by March 6, 2008

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:** Tom Rice, Ron Taskey, Terry Cook, Edd Russell, Kerry Arroues, and Mary Reed

**Objectives**

The objectives of this meeting are threefold: 1) introduce successful mercury mine systems, and previous mining operation remediation, 2) successful soil-grape relationships and sustainable vineyard management, and 3) soil-olive relationships and management practices.

**General Logistics**

The 2008 annual meeting of PSSAC will begin Thursday evening with a PSSAC Board Meeting from 4:30—6:30 p.m. An agenda will be distributed to the board members prior to the meeting.

The field tour will depart from the parking lot of the Paso Robles Courtyard by Marriott at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 5:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, 2008.

PSSAC's Annual Meeting and Dinner Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28th at the Courtyard by Marriott.

A registration desk for the 2008 Annual Meeting of PSSAC will be available in the lobby of the Paso Robles Courtyard Marriot from 6:30—8:00 p.m. Late-arriving participants who have pre-registered may pick up their name badges and other materials at the bus between 7:30—8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 28th.



## **FIELD TOUR INFORMATION**

Friday, March 28. The field tour will leave the parking lot of the Paso Robles Courtyard by Marriott at 8:00 a.m. and will travel to the Buena Vista and Klau mercury mine sites. Tour participants will hike to view road cuts, mine reclamation sites and associated soils and geology. An EPA and/or California Regional Water Quality Board representative will discuss the recent reclamation efforts at this site.

The lunch stop will take place at Carmody McKnight Estate Wines and Vineyard. Discuss vineyard and regional earth science conditions.

In the afternoon field tour participants will hike throughout the vineyard to view three soil pits (Entisols, Mollisols and Vertisols) and related vineyard practices. Continuing discussions at each pit of soil and wine quality relationships will be conducted based on the results of a three-year research study. Greg Cropper (winemaker and vineyard manager) and Gary Conway (proprietor) will be guest speakers.

Return to the Paso Robles Courtyard by Marriott at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 29. The field tour will leave the parking lot of the Paso Robles Courtyard Marriott at 8:00 a.m. and will travel to the Pasolivo Olive Ranch. Tour participants will hike and view the olive groves with its 12 varieties and discuss the associated soils and geology. The olive ranch owner will discuss his agricultural practices (irrigation, fertilization, etc.). A tour of the olive oil processing facility and olive oil tasting will be available.

The lunch stop will be held at Halter Ranch Vineyard and Winery. A discussion of sustainable vineyard practices will be conducted by Mitch Wyss (vineyard manager).

In the afternoon field tour participants will hike throughout the vineyard to view four soil pits (Entisols, Inceptisols, Mollisols and Vertisols), the associated geology (calcareous Monterey Formation, Sandholdt member) and related vineyard practices. At each pit discussions of soil formation and sustainable vineyard practices will continue. Mitch Wyss (vineyard manager) will be the guest speaker. Wine tastings will be available for those interested.

Return to the Paso Robles Courtyard by Marriott at approximately 5:00 p.m.

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The PSSAC Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Paso Robles Courtyard by Marriott. A short business meeting will be held Friday evening at the banquet. Committee chairs and officers please be prepared to give a brief report at the board meeting. Please notify Edd Russell at (559) 252-2191 ext. 104 (edd.russell@ca.usda.gov) if you need further information.

## **LODGING**

Participants will need to make their own lodging reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, March 27, 28, and 29 at the Paso Robles Courtyard by Marriott. The facility offers spacious guestrooms with a blend comfort and

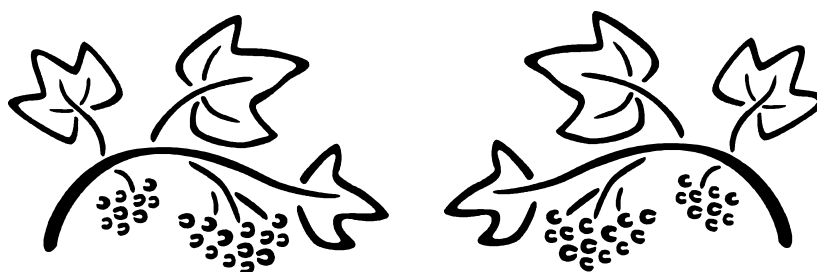


function. This smoke-free facility offers free Wi-Fi and a reasonably-priced breakfast buffet is available each morning. A heated pool and spa are available.

Special PSSAC Annual Meeting Rates (including taxes) are \$149/night for their rooms, offering a choice of a king bed or two queen beds.

These discounted rates are guaranteed to PSSAC members only through February 28, 2008.

The Paso Robles Courtyard by Marriott is located at 120 South Vine Street in Paso Robles. Please make your reservation no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> by calling 1-805-329-9700. Be sure to mention that you are with the "PSSAC Annual Meeting."



## 2008 PSSAC Annual Meeting Registration Form

Paso Robles, California — March 27-29, 2008

Please join us for this interesting and informative annual meeting based in the Paso Robles area. Complete this form and return it, along with your check, to Mary Reed, PSSAC Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 5972, Vacaville, CA 95696-5972 by March 6, 2008. Seating on the tour bus will be limited to 45 participants. Registration is on a first-paid basis.

**Registration Fee includes:** Friday and Saturday bus transportation and box lunches, and Friday evening dinner banquet.

<b>Registration Fee:</b>	<i>Before February 28, 2008</i> <b>Fee: \$230.00</b>	<i>After February 28, 2008</i> <b>Fee: \$250.00</b>
<b>PSSAC 2008 Member \$15 Discount</b>	_____	_____
<b>Banquet Guest (\$46)</b>	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:</b> (Make check payable to "PSSAC")	_____	_____

**Note:** Dinner banquet will be the "Santa Maria BBQ Buffet"

Please Print: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C)  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Wine Tasting (over 170 wineries)
2. Hospitality
3. Music
4. Agricultural Adventures
5. Farmer's Markets
6. Food
7. Lake Nacimiento
8. The Ravine Water Park
9. Zinfandel Festival
10. Hospice du Rhone
11. Paso Robles Wine Festival
12. Natural Beauty
13. Hot Sprints
14. Golf
15. Basil Festival
16. Firestone Walker Brewery
17. Paso Robles Event Center
18. Olive Festival
19. Pasolivo / Willow Creek Olive Ranch
20. Oaktobfest
21. The Winery Music Awards
22. Children's Museum



Mission San Miguel, San Miguel, California  
 Mission San Antonio, Jolon, California  
 Hearst Castle, San Simeon, California  
 Morro Bay State Park, Morro Bay, California  
 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California  
 Cayucos by the Sea, Cayucos, California

Other things to see in the area:

23. Harvest Wine Tour
24. Paso Gathering
25. Vine Street Victorian Showcase

(From <http://www.prcity.com/visit/index.asp>)

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