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Among the numerous positive comments noted in the conference evaluations included "Excellent Data" (Steiner), "great speaker" (Ellis), "budbreak and winter hardiness information is extremely valuable", "Schild's interactive presentation 'best ever'", "Steve's talk excellent", "enjoyed the introductory sessions on Thursday" and "liked the new growers session on Thursday". The latter comments refer to the "Fundamentals of Viticulture" and "Winery Challenges and Opportunities" workshops held on Thursday afternoon preceding the Forum. These quotes are representative of the numerous positive comments from participants in those workshops. Consensus of the workshop evaluations was "Thanks for having these" and to "keep them coming".

The annual business meeting of the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association, along with the

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In Memoriam—Clare Wunderlich .June 21, 1949—March 16, 2008.

Several years ago I was looking over the list of attendees for our Nebraska Winery and GrapeGrowers Forum, when I noticed one from Texas. Although we often get folks from our neighboring states, Texas was a surprise. Clare Wunderlich was preparing to come back to the family property near Roca, where Clare and his wife, Linda, established the WunderRosa winery on his family's homestead in 2003. They worked hard to get the vineyard and winery ready, and Linda plans to carry the dream forward — she has indicated that nearly all of the paperwork and logistics are completed, so we hope one day soon to visit the WunderRosa Winery and enjoy a WunderRosa wine in Clare's memory.

Plan to Attend Field Days

Although details for each of the Field Days noted below are not complete as this issue goes to press, be sure to put these events on your calendar.

May 31, 2008—Eastern Nebraska Field Day—Kimmel Education and Research Center, Nebraska City. Bloom/Post-Bloom Management. 8:30 registration, vineyard education to follow.

June 28, 2008—Western Nebraska Vineyard Management Field Day— 17 Ranch Vineyard, Lewellen, Nebraska. Tentative schedule; 8:30 am—register; 9-12 Noon—canopy management, trellis systems and more; noon– 1:30 travel to 127 Ranch Winery in Lewellen for lunch. 1:30-3:30—tour winery, discuss challenges for new wineries

July 28, 2008—Multi-state Field Day, Northwest Missouri area. Tentative schedule: 8:30 am registration; 9-noon — New Vineyard Establishment (Linwood Lawn Winery, Lexington, MO, for morning program and lunch); Afternoon location—Baltimore Bend Winery, Waverly MO Topic: Canopy Management This will be the fifth in the series of Multi-state Field Days (the first and second were hosted by the University of Nebraska, the third by Iowa State University and the fourth by South Dakota State University). These field days pool the resources of the several states involved, thus providing excellence in programming for growers from NE, KS, MO, IA and SD.

August 16, tentative date - South-Central Nebraska Field Day; Details TBA. Location: Superior Estates Winery, Superior, NE.

The Nebraska Vineyard Mapping Project

Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, via the Nebraska Department of Agriculture has allowed development of the Nebraska Vineyard Mapping Project. The overall goal of the activity is to create a web-based pesticide sensitive crop locator in order to increase compliance with pesticide laws and regulations. Compliance should be facilitated by making useful, location-specific information, such as maps and aerial views, available to applicators by means of Internet delivery. Project objectives are to: 1) construct a database of Nebraska vineyards, including pertinent information such as the geographic location of each vineyard; and 2) create a web-based Internet mapping capability to provide the spatial distribution of vineyards in the state along with a tool for growers to input new information. Once the prototype system for vineyards is operational, project leaders will seek input from growers of other pesticide-sensitive crops.

The vineyard mapping project is being conducted under the joint aegis of the Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (CALMIT), a unit of the School of Natural Resources, and the Viticulture Program of the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture. Both groups are part of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL. The project team includes Mr. Craig Romary (Nebraska Department of Agriculture), Dr. Don Rundquist (CALMIT), Dr. Paul Read (Agronomy and Horticulture), Ms. Ting Chen (CALMIT), and Dr. Russ Souchek (Doane College and CALMIT Visiting Scientist).

Information Requested

If you are a grower of grapevines, or if you know someone who is a vineyard owner, please provide the following information:

1) Name of vineyard owner _____

2) Contact information (phone or email)
_____

3) Location of vineyard (legal, street, other)
_____

4) Mailing address (if different than location of vines)
_____

5) Number of acres or number of vines_____

6) Year of first planting_____

7) Years of subsequent plantings_____

8) Primary cultivars planted
_____
_____

Thank you for your assistance with this important project.

When completed, please return the form at left to:

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Note: all information will be verified and approved by vineyard owners prior to web implementation.

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