

TEXAS POND HONKER

December 2020

Character, Charity, Fellowship



How to Build the Ultimate **HOLIDAY** Charcuterie Board



At our December Blue Goose meeting, the Texas Pond will host a Virtual Charcuterie event, and 10% of the proceeds will be dedicated to North Texas Food Bank. These boards will be a Christmas theme.

Please join us for a VIRTUAL meeting benefitting North Texas Food Bank on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6 p.m. CST. One can attend even if they are not a Blue Goose member, so pass the word.

Learn and actively participate via zoom in making your own beautiful board with various meats, fruits, cheeses

and crackers perfect for your upcoming Christmas Holiday entertaining!

Lane Tunstall from Board + Brie will facilitate the class. Three options are available:

- 1) Purchase a list of ingredients to buy and shop on your own (for those of you not local to Roanoke, TX).
- 2) Purchase a box to be picked up in Roanoke with all your ingredients for the class and use your own board!
- 3) Purchase a box with all your ingredients and a custom board to be picked up in Roanoke, Texas.

Each option will include an emailed copy of the full instructions, ingredient list and link to the zoom call!

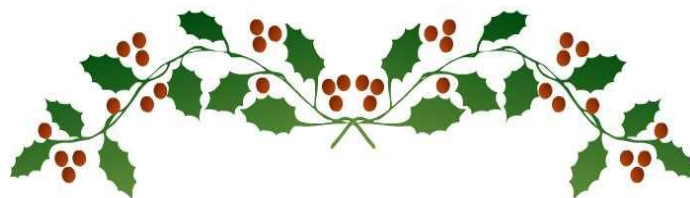
10% of all proceeds from this event will be donated by the Texas Pond of Blue Goose for North Texas Food Bank.

You will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions if you would like or stay muted and just enjoy the class! And after you have a great board to eat that night! We will not have a regular business meeting, so anyone can join whether they are in the insurance industry or not!

Register on the Board + Brie website:

<https://boardbrie.com/classes/p/1214-6-pm-virtual-christmas-class-fundraiser>

What a great way to kick off the Holiday Season!





Community Partners has sent Thanks for our past involvement in their Holiday Toy Drive—this year, they hope we will join in again (in a new way!) for their first-ever virtual Holiday Toy Drive! Our support will help bring smiles and holiday joy to several of abused and neglected children in Dallas County this holiday season.

Community Partners has set up a special Toy Wish list just for the Texas Pond of Blue Goose. The link for this wish list will be announced at our November meeting and listed on the Texas Pond website <https://bluegoosetx.org>.

A Texas Tradition - Tamales during Christmas



“Texas is made up of vibrant cultures, but none more so than the Mexican culture. There’s various ways in which the Mexican culture has cemented itself in Texas culture, such as with food. Tamales, made of masa and meat or veggies wrapped in a corn husk, are a Texas food favorite. While Texans enjoy tamales year-round, it’s an unspoken requirement that you have them during Christmas. Don’t be surprised if folks are searching frantically for places to order tamales, asking their friends if they have a good tamale maker, or driving around different neighborhoods looking for a tamalera, selling them in packages of 12, wrapped in aluminum foil, on a street corner. If visiting Texas during Christmas and you want to try tamales, take the corn husks off first or risk everyone knowing you’re from out-of-state.” By Alex Temblador, Culture Trip 2018



Southern Region Convention Fund Raiser

Blue Goose Face Mask

Non-medical and reusable cotton face mask – 2 layers of soft fabric with built-in pocket for filter; 95% Cotton. 5% Spandex; machine washable

Adjustable ear loops up to a 4-inch range.

Middle seam design allows more room for talking & breathing

Size: 7 inches wide; 6 inches long; and 0.2 inches thick

Mask Cost \$15.00 each. No tax or cost for shipping.

Make checks payable to: “Southern Region Convention Fund”; mail to Linda Meik, 4032 Knighterrant Drive, Roanoke, Texas 76262.

To order masks send an email to lindameik9@gmail.com or call 682-715-5341

Some Blue Goose History



On August 13, 1979 the 73rd Grand Nest Convention was called to order by MLGG Charles (Chuck) Palmerton in Seattle, Washington.

To raise funds for this convention, the convention committee contacted the Jim Beam alcohol distributor and worked with them to create these decanters.

On the bottom of the decanters is an imprint of 1971 with some additional inscriptions, therefore, we believe that these decanters came off the assembly line in 1971.

Ganders purchased these decanters, and now over time one will find the decanters displayed in various bars or restaurants. Also, several members today, have these decanters on display in their homes.



Some things to Think About

“Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you.” Madeine Bridge

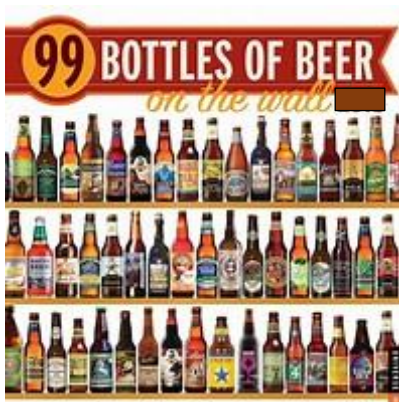
“It is your duty to use your talents. Remember if you do not use you will lose.” Zellars

“If anything is sacred, the human body is sacred.” Walt Whitman

“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” Theodore Roosevelt

“A man wrapped up in himself makes a small package.” Anonymous

Last Month



99 bottles of beer on the wall, 99 bottles of beer. Take **one** down, pass it around, **98 bottles of beer** on the wall...

At our November Texas Pond meeting, Amie Savona, Certified Cicerone® with over 15 years' experience

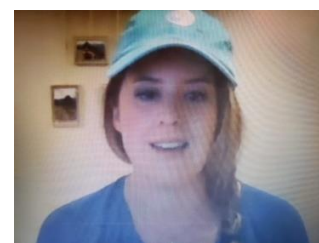
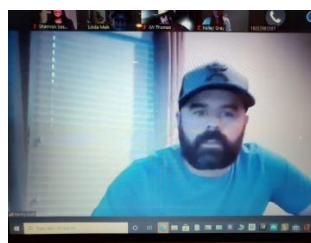
working in beer, taught us about beer. She went over a brief history of beer, ingredients, styles, how beer is made and then took us through the fun part of tasting 4 different beers: Peroni, Heineken Newcastle Brown, Paulaner Hefeweizen and Lagunitas IPA.

A Gander from the far North (Michigan) even joined us for this fun event. Hope you enjoyed it Dick Chenard!



WELCOME NEW GANDERS

The Texas Pond welcomes three new Ganders to the banks of the Texas Pond. These three Ganders were part of a group of 14 new Ganders to the Southern Region and made Blue Goose history by being the first group to be initiated virtually on November 17, 2020.



Taylor Jones, Kenny Lusk & Rachel Scott we can hardly wait to meet up with you in person and give you the official Texas Pond welcome.



See what's cooking for the

DECEMBER MEETING - DALLAS
5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS
SECOND MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2020
ZOOM MEETING

GOODBYE 2020 - NEW YEAR BEGINS!

HELLO 2021!

JANUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY JANUARY 11, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON

FEBRUARY MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON

MARCH MEETING - DALLAS

5:30 PM GANDERS & GOSLINGS & GUESTS

SECOND MONDAY MARCH 8, 2021

ZOOM MEETING OR IN-PERSON



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2020 – 2021**

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ALERT NOTIFICATION

“During any of the Texas Pond events, photos and videos may be taken for the benefit of HOBGI – Texas Pond. By attending, you consent to the taking of these images and to the use of your likeness within the images for HOBGI’s use, including but not limited to promotional, charitable, and commercial, among other uses.”

Last Laugh

