

Queso Diego July 2016 newsletter with July meeting RSVP link inside

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Message from the President Thank you Queso Diego Officers!

I'm so proud of the Queso Diego Officers for putting on 6 successful Queso Diego meetings so far this year - Way to go!

This month, when you see them at our monthly meeting, **could you take a moment to thank them?**

Why do they deserve thanks? After a hard day's work at their real jobs, they're working on Queso Diego to make sure we have a meeting space, they replenish our meeting supplies, they keep track of membership dues and sponsorships, they keep our social media accounts active and relevant, they



Thanks to our amazing club Officers:

President
Alyssa Humbert
president@quesodiego.org

Vice President
Earl Itrich

Treasurer
Chuck West
treasurer@quesodiego.org

Secretary
Don Rutherford

Membership Chair

cheese events and classes.

I know this club isn't perfect, it's still a work in progress and the Queso Diego Officers work really hard to make it better every month. Everyone has had to accommodate adjustments to the club this year and I've heard the complaints:

- For every person who finds this location too far, I've had an equal number tell me they're grateful now that we meet closer to them.
- For everyone who's upset that we can't have outside alcohol, I've had some who appreciate the focus on cheese rather than drinking.
- For those who find the cheese making lacking in our meetings, I've had members who've stepped in to give presentations focused on the cheesemaking process.
- The list goes on.

- 1 - We can't please everyone all of the time
- 2 - If you would like to see a change, come to our Officers meetings (always open to members and the next one is on Thursday, July 7) and help us make that change happen

The Queso Diego Board of Officers work hard and we make our decisions based on careful deliberation. If you are unhappy, please know that we have listened. We're working on making improvements and could use your help!

July 7 @ 7:00PM

Queso Diego Officers meeting - free, open to all members

RSVP and location details:

president@quesodiego.org

IT Chair

Chris Banker

cbanker@quesodiego.org

Historian

Curt Wittenberg

historian@quesodiego.org

To contact all of us with questions, concerns, suggestions, email us at:

officers@quesodiego.org



Upcoming Events

July 6, 6:00PM - 7:30PM
 Amazing Americans - \$50
 Venissimo Del Mar
 2650 Via de la Valle
 Del Mar, CA 92014

Tickets here:

<https://venissimo.vendecommerce.com/class-schedule/products/07-06-amazing-americans-del-mar>

July 7, 7:00PM

Queso Diego Officers Meeting
 - free, all members welcome
 Bring something tasty to share!

RSVP here to obtain address:

president@quesodiego.org

July 10, 1:00PM

Class 3: Brie - \$30

Ascension Lutheran Church
 5106 Zion Ave.

San Diego, CA 92120

POSTPONED

July 12, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Tuesday in New England - \$30

Venissimo North Park (in Bottlecraft)

3007 University Ave

highly encourage everyone bring something tasty to share and join as a member for only \$20/year.

If you have any ideas for our meetings, social events, or concerns, [I'm here to listen!](#)

Alyssa Humbert

(pron: [uh-LEE-shah](#))

2016 Queso Diego President

Queso Diego Newsletter Editor-In-Chief

Time to pay dues!

Please renew your Queso Diego membership with Sandy at our next meeting (Tuesday, July 19) via cash or check.

Remember, it's only \$20/year for an individual or \$30/year for a household membership. NEW members receive a Queso Diego tasting glass! Your dues help us pay for tasty cheeses at every meeting and membership gains you discounts at our [sponsor locations!](#)

Renew anytime via

PayPal: payments@quesodiego.org

Next meeting: July 19

The July meeting of Queso Diego will include a presentation on the Cheeses of Israel, by Curt Wittenberg, who recently completed a trip through the region. We will also be honoring the winners of the SD Fair homemade cheese competition and discussing the winning cheeses.

Queso Diego July Meeting

Tuesday, July 19 @ 6:30PM

<https://venissimo.vendecommence.com/class-schedule/products/07-12-tuesday-in-new-england-north-park>

July 13, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Beer & Cheese Pairing

Principles by Smallgoods

Cheese & Provisions

Council Brewing

7705 Convoy Court

San Diego, CA 92111

RSVP here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1722107751372043>

July 14, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Bastille Bash - \$50

Venissimo Downtown SD

789 West Harbor Drive

San Diego, CA 92101

Tickets here:

<https://venissimo.vendecommence.com/class-schedule/products/07-14-bastille-bash-san-diego>

July 16, 1:00PM

Spain: Wine & Cheese

Pairing by Smallgoods

Cheese & Provisions

The Flight Path

1202 Kettner Blvd.

San Diego, CA 92101

RSVP here: 619-709-1202 or

tammy@theflightpathsd.com

July 18, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Get to Know Cheese

Venissimo Liberty Station

2820 Historic Decatur Road

San Diego, CA 92106

Tickets here:

<https://venissimo.vendecommence.com/class-schedule/products/07-18-get-to-know-cheese-liberty-station>

July 19, 6:30PM

Queso Diego July meeting - membership is \$20/year

San Diego, CA 92126

We'll be in a room off to the side of the Tasting Room - you can enter through an exterior door on the left of the main entrance. Meetings are free, but we highly recommend bringing something tasty to share and joining as a member for \$20/year. **Please bring a chair to sit on. Outside alcohol is not permitted.**

Please RSVP using this form as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate head count:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1o7UU3XvSMckDFiN7NAYk5tLQ6-LPgp1edlQVWQWGnBs/viewform>

June meeting recap: Sweet & Savory Cheesecakes

June was a delicious event! Who knew one could get sick of cheesecake?!

Members got creative with their cheesecake creations, bringing both sweet and savory cheesecakes!

Colleen's curry lemon cheesecake with mango ginger chutney topping was a HIT, even though it was her first ever homemade cheesecake!

Cheese winners

Cheeses of Israel by Curt Wittenberg

AleSmith Brewing Company
9990 AleSmith Court
San Diego, CA 92126

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July 20, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Whisky & Cheese by

Venissimo - \$60

Edgewater Grill

861 West Harbor Blvd.

San Diego, CA 92101

Tickets here:

<https://venissimo.vendecommerce.com/class-schedule/products/07-20-whisky-cheese-san-diego>

July 28, 2:00PM

French Cheese Concierge by

Venissimo - \$25

Warwick's Books

7812 Girard Avenue

La Jolla, CA 92037

Tickets here:

<https://venissimo.vendecommerce.com/class-schedule/products/07-28-cheese-concierge-la-jolla>

July 28, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Wine World Wonderlust - \$60

Venissimo Del Mar

2650 Via de la Valle

Del Mar, CA 92014

Tickets here:

<https://venissimo.vendecommerce.com/class-schedule/products/07-28-wine-world-wonderlust-del-mar>

August 16, 6:30PM

Queso Diego August meeting
- free, membership is \$20/year
Presentation by Celyne



Chris Banker made a Banana Cheesecake that was so delicious and refreshing on the first day of Summer!



Laura Henschen's ricotta cheesecake was every

[Cheese Company](#)

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 9990 AleSmith Court
 San Diego, CA 92126
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here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11tHLzx5bYvxH4a0oW/S8mQp3OhFphaAs88NqLaVF4Eh4/viewform>

September 20, 6:30PM
 Queso Diego September meeting - free, membership is \$20/year

Homemade Cheese Show & Tell

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 9990 AleSmith Court
 San Diego, CA 92126
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here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gGZmLN2JeiQBCfJeTaOqiNcxvzWuWWoyZa3aVix6lGQ/viewform>



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Smallgoods Cheese & Provisions
 La Jolla Open Aire Market
 7335 Girard Ave.
 La Jolla, CA 92037



Jenne's mini green pea and mint cheesecakes were both unique AND tasty!



GREEN PEA + MINT
(it's very subtle)

Alyssa's Savory Carrot Cheesecake was proof that cheesecake CAN be served as a main course!



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Curds and Wine
7194 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92111



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Venissimo
Locations throughout San Diego County



Get 10% off your purchase with your Queso Diego membership

Brothers Provisions
16451 Bernardo Center Road.
San Diego, CA 92127



Curt's Baked Blue Cheesecake came from the challenging NOPI Restaurant Cookbook and served alongside pickled beets was well worth Curt's efforts!



Don't be fooled by the tiny size of these savory cheesecakes that Lesley brought - they were BIG on flavor and so delicious!

Bottles & Wood

Get 10% off your purchase with your Queso Diego membership
Custom orders available!

Bottles & Wood
5039 Shawline Street
San Diego, CA 92117



Get 10% off your purchase with your Queso Diego membership

The Cheese Store
1980 Kettner Blvd.
#30
San Diego, CA 92101



Get 10% off your purchase with your Queso Diego membership (15% off food during happy hour)

Bice Ristorante
425 Island Ave.



Jenne's Apricot Habanero mini cheesecakes were popular! The base was a plain cheesecake that she modified and the heat can be adjusted to your taste!



Congratulations to the 2016 San Diego County Fair Homemade Cheese Competition Winners!

On Friday, June 24, the San Diego County Fair had



Thank you to Peter Zien, the owner of AleSmith, and his amazing employees for generously letting us use their space for our meetings!



Your ad here!
Become a Queso Diego sponsor!

Cost: Discount at your business for Queso Diego members (usually 10%)

Benefits:

- Listing on the Queso Diego website
- Free ad in our monthly newsletter
- Mention at every monthly Queso Diego meeting
- Special posts on Facebook
- Opportunity to present at Queso Diego meetings
- Featured articles in Queso Diego newsletter

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cheeses into the ring to be judged and several walked away with multiple ribbons!



Here are the results:

Firm Cheeses

1st - Heather Hughes

2nd - Tony Edwards

3rd - Tony Edwards

4th - Chris Kassick

Soft Cheeses

1st - Jessica Voyteck

2nd - Christina Ng

3rd - Clifford Slatten

4th - Clifford Slatten

5th - Jessica Voyteck

Feta Cheeses

1st - Samuel Manis

2nd - Samuel Manis

3rd - tie: Tony Edwards and Heather Hughes

Blue Cheeses

1st - Tony Edwards

2nd - Tony Edwards

Flavored

3rd - Alyssa Humbert

4th - M. Hudson

5th - Samuel Manis

Other category:

Tony Edwards

Samuel Manis

Meet the winners at July's Queso Diego meeting where they might disclose some of their award-winning tips!

September Homemade Cheese Show & Tell

For our September meeting, we invite everyone to bring a homemade cheese! It's time to show off what you've learned from attending meetings and classes by Queso Diego, and get feedback on your cheeses! Whether quick and simple (ricotta, mozzarella, chevre), or complex cheeses aged for a long time (get started now!), we're a cheese-MAKING club, so show us what you've got!

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San Diego, CA 92126

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Fire up the grill for this Summery [Cherry Tomato, Corn, and Goat Cheese Pizza](#)! Fresh corn gives you the sweet taste of Summer, and it uses 2 types of cheese, what are you waiting for?!



Writers needed

We're looking for writers to contribute a one-time or monthly article to the new Queso Diego newsletter. If you would like to submit an article or idea for future articles, please send your suggestion to: newsletter@quesodiego.org



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