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Since February, we have been extremely busy! Mike, John, Tim (Mike's son) and I added new rows of trellis wire to our posts. This is to support the new growth of the vines. Wait until you see how our vines have taken off! Now we spend a lot of our time pruning the vines, cutting the grass and keeping the property looking nice.

Karen has made a valiant effort at landscaping. She has planted tulips around our

sign, stargazer lilies along the front fence on the small vineyard side and "four o'clocks" around the winery building. Sadly, her efforts may have been for naught, since someone sprayed roundup on the four o'clocks (not me), someone ran over the lilies with the lawn mower (not me), and someone



pulled some of the bulbs out of the ground to play keep away (okay that was me)!

We have put lights under the pavilion and they are really cool at night. We are putting in ceiling fans as well. We have had some fun activities going on at the winery too - well not more fun that playing keep away with the flower bulbs! There have been rehearsal dinners, wedding receptions, birthday parties, family reunions and free concerts. Of course, I always knew BHW was the place for fun - I just had to convince Mike to build that pavilion!



Butch has been busy as well, making wine and coming up with ideas for new BHW wines. Butch & Mike made a <u>Lili's White</u> wine for me. Mike has developed a new label for my white wine and I think you are really going to like it. We have just received our juice for the next vintage of <u>Winter White</u>, and we are going to make a **Strawberry Wine** so keep an eye

on the webpage for bottling dates for those wines.

Trina continues to do her usual great job making everyone feel like family in our tasting room – we just love her. Diana is new to the tasting room and is doing a great job and hopefully having some fun too!

Anyway I hope that you will come to Brooks Hill Winery to see me real soon! I love meeting new humans and seeing familiar ones as well. I will meet you when you come in the door and maybe while you are enjoying a bottle of our wine you will pause to take a walk in our beautiful vineyard. I have some new pictures for you to look at below.

