

Welcome Tara Nurin, PBS Historian



Woman Hop Pruner

Could the history of women's contribution to the early years of craft brewing slip away from us?

Pink Boots Society was born at the CBC in 2008, where the members of a list I posted online voted to become an organization for all women beer professionals with a focus on education to help us advance our careers. A lot has happened since then.

This CBC meeting will be PBS's 9th national meeting. Additionally there have been many regional PBS meetings held in the USA and internationally. It would be a shame to lose the facts of either the early days of women in craft beer, or the early PBS meetings. Thus several weeks ago I sent out a call for a PBS member to volunteer as Pink Boots Society Historian. My hope was that this person would also take on the calling to become a Women in Beer Historian as well.

Our wishes were answered when freelance beer journalist Tara Nurin answered the call(s!)

Tara is a Philadelphia/South Jersey-based writer and TV host who's been writing about craft beer since 2006. She reports on women in beer in her regular "Athena's Fermentables" column in *Ale Street News*, and in her recurring segment on the Internet/cable show "Still Crazy After All these Beers." Her beer articles have appeared in dozens of publications, including *All About Beer*, *Draft*, *USAirways* magazine and *Philly Beer Scene*. In addition to her journalism, Tara is the founder of Beer for Babes, New Jersey's only women-in-beer club (with three chapters and growing), and a frequent judge, presenter and moderator at beer events. She also appears in the upcoming feature documentary "Beeradelphia," in which she speaks about Pink Boots Society and the growing influence of women in the beer industry.

I am very excited to have a passionate beer writer like Tara take on the role of Women Beer Historian. There is a lot of history already waiting to be recorded.

Did you know my role model and inspiration to become a brewer was a woman named Mellie Pullman? She was a brewer at Schirf Brewing (Wasatch Ales) in 1988, and I have never met her. She's a university professor now. She doesn't even know she inspired me. Almost nobody remembers her (but I do). And when I am gone nobody will know she made an impact on the craft beer industry, or even that she was a brewer! With any luck Tara will interview these early female beer pioneers from breweries both small and large.

We all stand on each others shoulders, each beer generation taking inspiration from, and going farther than, the previous generation of women beer professionals. Just imagine where women in beer could be in 100 years! Tara will help us preserve our very own beer her-story (history).

It takes a TEAM to make Pink Boots Society great!
Please help me in welcoming Tara Nurin: tara@eyesontheworld.us.

Sincerely,

Teri Fahrendorf, President & Founder
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