

CULINARY AWARD: Austin, Texas

HOST: Dame Carol Huntsberger, owner, Quality Seafood Market

TIME FRAME: TBD June through September 2019

This award from the Austin Chapter centers on the operation of an established and exceptional-quality wholesale seafood company: the sourcing, procuring, receiving, selling and filleting of fish. Quality Seafood has served the Austin area for 80 years, and the business includes wholesale, retail, and restaurant and food truck businesses. A trip to the Texas coast will be included to visit Philly Seafood, a family-owned business of Gulf Coast shrimpers. That night will be spent in the guesthouse of Philly Seafood. A visit to an oyster farm may also be scheduled.

Dame Stacy Franklin will host the winner for lunch at the famous Franklin BBQ; Dame Kendal Antonelli will include a cheese tasting at her famous Antonelli's Cheese; Dame Susan Auler, owner of Fall Creek Vineyards, and her sommelier Dame Ame Brewster, will share a fun afternoon of winetasting in Texas Hill Country, paired with some fabulous seafood appetizers.

The exciting city of Austin will be explored with members of the LDEI Austin chapter. The winner will stay at the home of Carol Huntsberger and most meals will be provided during the visit. *This award is particularly well suited for someone interested in wholesale food operations or restaurants.*