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**** OREGON BREWER WITH DEEP HOMEBREWING ROOTS NAMED RECIPIENT OF
FALCONER FOUNDATION AMERICAN BREWERS GUILD SCHOLARSHIP ****

From an outstanding group of talented applicants, Brett Thomas of Silver Moon Brewing (Bend, OR) has been named recipient of the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation American Brewers Guild scholarship. This scholarship attracted a very strong group of highly qualified applicants from throughout the Pacific Northwest region.

Brett will be attending the American Brewers Guild's Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering course which runs from January through July 2011. The Intensive Brewing Science & Engineering course is a 22-week distance education program with a final week of residential instruction. The course is designed for brewers and homebrewers who lack formal training in brewing science and covers all the fundamentals of beer production and quality assurance.

The brewing scholarship is a full-tuition grant along with travel stipend that is offered with the generous co-sponsorship of the American Brewers Guild. The American Brewers Guild is a premier school for the craft brewing industry dedicated to providing a comprehensive learning experience that focuses on the technical, scientific, and operational matters and issues that brewers face in a craft brewing environment.

The Selection Committee, consisting of Christian Ettinger, Brewmaster-Owner of Hopworks Urban Brewing, Alan Moen, Editor of Northwest Brewing News, Lisa Morrison, Beer Writer and host of "Beer O'Clock!" radio show and podcast, Steve Parkes, Owner and Lead Instructor of American Brewers Guild, and Shaun O'Sullivan, Brewmaster and Co-Founder of 21st Amendment Brewery, were given the difficult task of selecting a single recipient from a deep and talented group of deserving candidates.

In making its final decision, the Selection Committee members were impressed by Brett's deep roots as a homebrewer, demonstrated accomplishment and dedication to furthering his brewing skills. In the words of committee members, Brett's "has skills, passion, intelligence, and commitment to the homebrewing and professional craft brewing communities" that sets him apart in a group of applicants that was "packed with talent, accomplishment and devotion to the art of brewing."

The Foundation extends congratulations to Brett and its sincere appreciation to all the applicants for their interest and enthusiasm for the Falconer Foundation American Brewers Guild scholarship. The Foundation also thanks the Selection Committee for its dedication and energy and wishes to express its gratitude to the American Brewers Guild for its co-sponsorship and support for the Foundation's brewing scholarship program.

For more information on the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation, visit www.glenfalconerfoundation.org. For information on the American Brewers Guild, visit www.abgbrew.com.

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