IPF announces US Lavender Essential Oil Winners

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International Perfume Foundation (IPF) announced the Winners of IPF Natural Perfumery Teacher's Academy **Lavender Sommelier™ Essential Oil Judging** hosted by Mesha Munyan. The following Essential Oil Producers won awards for their 2016 Oils: **Zion Hilliker**, B&B Family Farm of Sequim, Washington. **Joseph Browne**, Tin Can Distilling of Palisade, Colorado, **Sarah Richards** of Lavender Wind, Coupeville, Washington, **Justin Claibourn**, Cowlitz Falls Lavender Co, Randle, Washington and **Ed Mulder**, Barn Owl Nursery, Wilsonville, Oregon. These essential oil producers represent the best distillation techniques and highest quality lavender essential oils. Mesha Munyan explains: "There is a growing desire for high quality, unadulterated lavender essential oils. Educated consumers want to know the source of these pure and precious essential oils." **Lavender Sommelier™ Essential Oil Judging** events are being planned for the future.

Note for the editor
About the International Perfume Foundation (IPF)
A lot of cultures worldwide have a long history of use for perfume and its heritage is deeply rooted. And perfume used to be good for you – people used to call it "the soul of flowers". It is the International Perfume Foundation's mission to protect and promote the history and culture related to fragrances and scents while contributing to maintaining the cultural heritage of natural perfume.   www.perfumefoundation.org

About Mesha Munyan:
Mesha Munyan has been actively researching this evaluation process in many countries over the last 20 years. She has become an established authority on lavender essential oils, an award winning distiller, member of the Teacher's Academy and a recognized nose in the natural fragrance world. She employed her Master's degree in the development of the Lavender Sommelier™ educational training system to apply to many other essential oils used in natural perfumery.

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