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Saturday, March 31 <i>Perfect Harmony</i>
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Perfect Harmony – Wine & Art Auction
Dolly Ammann
 Member, Perfect Harmony Steering Committee
 Member, TCWS Board of Directors

Award-Winning Washington Cabernet Franc: Taste and Learn
Ken Kramer
 Member, TCWS Program Committee



Join us for Perfect Harmony at **Meadow Springs Country Club, Saturday, March 31** – an elegant evening of fine wine, art, music and gourmet dining. Perfect Harmony, sponsored by the Tri-Cities Wine Society, is the principal fundraiser for the Mid-Columbia Symphony and is **one of the best wine events in the Tri-Cities.**

Meadow Springs Country Club, the site for this event, is a great venue well known for fine dining and outstanding service. **Meadow Springs Executive Chef Michael Hannah** has planned a fabulous menu we know you are going to love! To wet your appetite, here are some of the highlights: Poached Lobster Parfait; Duck Consommé en Croûte; Moscato & Strawberry Sorbet; Coffee-Rubbed Aged Rib Eye with Portabella Mushroom Sauce, Cipolini &

OK, red wine lovers, here's your chance to taste some of Washington State's award-winning Cabernet Francs! Join us **Friday, April 20, Canyon Lakes Clubhouse at the Villas, Kennewick, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** We will be offering Cab Francs from the Columbia Valley, Red Mountain, Wahluke Slope, Walla Walla Valley and Yakima Valley appellations, including some from the Boushey, Ciel du Cheval, Cordon Grove, Dwelley, Sagemoor, Spring Valley and Weinbau vineyards.

Now, pair these top Cabernet Franc wines with Cougar Gold and Camembert with mushroom cheeses, Italian cold cuts, lamb meatballs and pizza. Then, finish off with a dark chocolate raspberry delight. All this and an informative speaker – Gordy Venneri, Walla Walla Vintners' winemaker – will make this a memorable event. To note, Walla Walla Vintners was one of the first in the state to produce a Cab Franc.

Don't wait to sign up. Seating is limited – the first 34 reservations; and, as this *EVOE* was going to press, reservations were already coming in!

As background information, according to Wikipedia, in Washington State Cabernet Franc was first planted in 1985 in Red Willow Vineyard. Then, in 1991 Columbia Winery released Washington's first Cab Franc varietal, followed by Chateau Ste Michelle in 1992 with grapes from its Cold Creek Vineyard. Chinook Winery introduced the state to its first Cab Franc Rosé.

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President's Message

Ted Davis, TCWS President



Charities/Charitable Activities

The Wine Society is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. With Board of Directors' approval, the Society, at times, supports other such local nonprofit organizations with wine, volunteers or money. Requests come through a Board member and must be approved by the Board. Preference for wine donations is to organizations that support individuals in the Tri-Cities. At this time, financial donations are limited to scholarships for students studying enology and/or viticulture in the Pacific Northwest. For example, all profits from December's monthly event, held at the Allied Arts Center & Gallery, were dedicated to our scholarship goals. More than \$1,700 was raised, with all the wine, food and many gifts baskets donated by the Society or its Board members. A special thank you to the Board members who contributed and to all the attendees.

Perfect Harmony

Perfect Harmony will be 12 years old this year. It was started by a small team of Wine Society and Symphony Board members, and is another way the Society supports the local community. Perfect Harmony is the Mid-Columbia Symphony's major fundraiser. Like the Wine Society, it is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All event proceeds help fund the Symphony's operating budget. This year's event will be March 31 at Meadow Springs Country Club. It is a fabulous evening, supporting a great community asset, and I urge you to join me in attending. See the article, page 1, for more details.

Society Administration

The Wine Society's Board voted several years ago to begin calling our organization the Tri-Cities Wine Society. Previously, we did business as the Tri-Cities Chapter, Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest. While the change has been used informally for several years, the Board is now recommending it become the Society's official name. Therefore, please see the name change and special meeting information, page 3. The proposed change will be presented to the membership for a vote prior to the start of the Society's April 20 event. Note: This brief meeting is open to all Society members. You can attend the meeting without coming to the April event.

Celebrating St. Urho's Day?

March 16 – yes, the day before that minor Irish saint's day, the one who supposedly drove snakes from Ireland and has been celebrated since the 1950s – yes, March 16. It

recognizes the legend of St. Urho when he chased the grasshoppers from Finland, thus saving the **grape crop** and the Finnish wine industry. His chant was, "Heinäsiirkka, heinäsiirkka, mene täältä hiiteen," which roughly translated means, "Grasshopper, grasshopper, go to hell!" His feast is celebrated by wearing the colors Royal Purple and Nile Green. The daylong celebration is for the entire family. St. Urho is nearly always pictured with grapes and a grasshopper. There are numerous books and songs documenting his exploits. Want to know more? Start with the web site: <http://sainturho.com>. While there explore the links to the old and new historical versions of this day. Celebrate and enjoy!



Wine Facts and Trivia

- Our Constitution celebration: The bill for the party for the U.S. Constitution's 55 drafters was for: 54 bottles of Madeira; 60 bottles of Claret; 8 bottles of Whiskey; 22 bottles of Port; 8 bottles of hard cider; 12 beers; and, 7 bowls of alcohol punch large enough that "ducks could swim in them." (800.wine.com) It is obvious they liked wine and that must have been one heck of a party. Wonder how long it lasted?
- The world's oldest "wine cellar" is in the wreck of the "Titanic." Despite the depth and wreckage, the bottles are still intact. (www.rackwine.com)

Wine Quotations for March

- Wine makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized. (*Andrea Simon, "Commonsense of Wine."*)
- If all be true that I think, there are 5 reasons we should drink: good wine – a friend – or being dry – or lest we should be by and by – or any other reason why. (*Henry Aldrich [1614-1710], dean, Christ Church, Oxford*) ♦



RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS OF TRI-CITIES CHAPTER, ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

A majority of the Directors of the TRI-CITIES CHAPTER, ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, (the "Society"), then in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society ("Board") on February 2, 2012, approved the following resolution:

PREMISES,

WHEREAS, the Board has previously determined that it was desirable to change the name of the Society for the following reasons:

When originally organized, the Society was one local chapter in a larger, regional "umbrella" organization, known as the ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, which organization no longer exists;

In the local community the Society is more commonly known as the Wine Society or Tri-Cities Wine Society; and

For future growth and development of the Society and to avoid confusion, it is better to use the more readily understood, approachable, name, which is in common use.

WHEREAS, the Board is advised by its attorney that Washington law, RCW 24.03.165(1) requires the members of a "not for profit corporation" to approve any amendment of its Articles of Incorporation, including any name change; and

WHEREAS, since the next regular meeting of the members would not take place until May, 2012, and it is beneficial to the Society to formally change the Society's name before then, the Board calls a special meeting of the Membership to consider the proposed amendment(s) to the Society's Articles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Special Meeting of the membership of the Society shall take place at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012, at the Canyon Lakes Clubhouse at the Villas, 3701 W. 36th Street, Kennewick, Washington, for the purpose of voting on the following amendments to the Society's Articles of Incorporation:

The Title shall be amended to read:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(*deleted* — **TRI-CITIES CHAPTER of the ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**)
TRI-CITIES WINE SOCIETY

Article I shall be amended to read:

I. Name. The name of the corporation shall be the (*deleted* — **Tri-Cities Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest**) Wine Society.

The special meeting shall take place immediately before the Society's tasting event presently scheduled for that time and place and shall be open to all Society members, who are then current in their membership dues, whether or not they have paid to attend the then scheduled Society event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon a favorable vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Society Members then present and voting, the President and Secretary shall promptly cause the Society's attorney to prepare and file appropriately amended Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State.

BE IT FURTHER and FINALLY RESOLVED, that as provided in the Society's Bylaws, notice of the Board's resolution and this special meeting of the members shall be published in all issues of the Society's newsletter, EVOE, between now and said special meeting of the members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have set our hands this 27th day of February, 2012.

/s/ Ted Davis

/s/ Sue McCarger

Ted Davis, President and Director
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Sue McCarger, Secretary and Director

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Perfect Harmony – Wine and Art Auction

Fig, Boulangère Potatoes and Roasted Asparagus; Hazelnut Dacquoise with Hazelnut Meringue, Espresso Cream and Gianduja Ganache.

For reservations, send in the coupon on page 6, or call the **Mid-Columbia Symphony, 509-943-6602.** We suggest coming with a group of friends and reserving a table together.

This is an event you don't want to miss. It is a fun evening to enjoy great food and wine, and bring home some wonderful pieces of art and hard-to-find rare wines. We guarantee you it will be a fun night with **everything at this event done with a touch of class** – from the reception at the beginning to the evening's conclusion with the exciting live wine auction after dinner. The price is \$125 per person, \$65 of which is tax deductible.

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with the artists' reception. This is the time when you will meet the artists whose works are on display while you browse through the art and silent auctions, enjoying a **special selection of Champagne, wines and passed hors d'oeuvres.** The artists participating include well-known local artists whose work is recognized on a national basis. The artists are offering their auction items at prices below their normal sales price. This is your opportunity to purchase some excellent art pieces for your home or office.

Silent Auction items have been generously donated by local businesses. You will find wine and wine-related items tucked into the Silent Auction baskets.

Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. You will sit down to an elegant table set with gleaming **Riedel crystal stemware** to enhance your enjoyment of the wines served. Each course will be paired with just the right Washington wine to complement this very special menu. We do not have the complete list of dinner wines for you at this time as we are still selecting them; but, all the wines for the dinner are being donated by the participating wineries. So, remember to thank these generous sponsors with your future and continuing support.

The wine auction at the end of dinner adds an element of excitement to the evening. You are going to be delighted and excited about bidding on some of the many vertical selections and large-format bottles. This is the opportunity for you wine enthusiasts to bring home some rare, much-sought-after and difficult-to-find wines. Don't forget to bring your checkbook or credit card.

For wine lovers, this is MUST event. Hope to see there! ♦

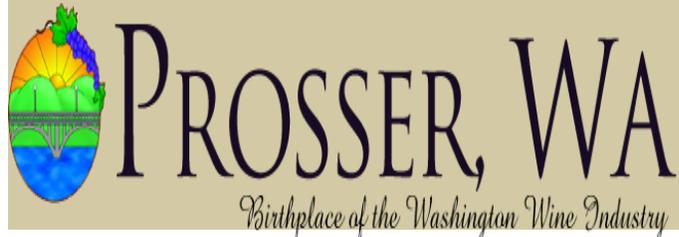
Annual Meeting and Taste of Prosser May 20, 2012

Yes, yes and yes! Those are the enthusiastic responses we have been receiving from a number of Prosser-area wineries invited to participate in the Society's "A Taste of Prosser" mini wine festival event Sunday, May 20, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., at The Country Gentleman, Kennewick. This will be a great opportunity to sample and learn more about several wineries and their wines, all just a short distance from the Tri-Cities.

But before the tasting, Tri-Cities Wine Society President Ted Davis will conduct a short Society annual meeting. There will be a recap of 2011 Society activities, an update on current activities and a look ahead. The meeting is open to all Society members and there is no cost to attend.

Then, immediately following the meeting – "A Taste of Prosser." Similar to the Society's annual wine festival, there will be winery representatives pouring a variety of wines. This format will allow attendees and winery reps time to interact – time for attendees to ask questions; time for reps to answer questions, and to provide information about their wines and winery. For food, The Country Gentleman will provide two Tri-Tip carving stations along with an assortment of appetizers to enjoy with the wines. Cost to attend the "A Taste of Prosser" is \$40 for members, \$45 for guests.

Watch for more details in the April and May EVOEs, but meanwhile, ensure you have marked your calendars. And, why not invite a friend or two to join you and the Society at "A Taste of Prosser" right here in the Tri-Cities! ♦



Annual Meeting & Taste of Prosser

Chairmen: Lois McGuire and Ken Kramer

- Date:** Sunday, May 20
- Time:** 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Location:** The Country Gentleman
9221 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick
- Price:** Members, \$40; guests, \$45
- Limit:** **No limit for the annual meeting**
- Type:** Educational: meeting (sit own); learn about Prosser-area wines (stand up)
- Bring:** Desire to learn
- Cutoff date:** **Monday, May 14**
- Cancellation Policy:** For a full refund, cancellation must be made by phone to **Judy Stewart, 627-6579,** on or before **Tuesday, May 15.** ♦



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Award-Winning Washington Cabernet Franc: Taste and Learn

Cab Franc is one of Cabernet Sauvignon's genetic parents, the other being Sauvignon Blanc. It also has been found to be the common ancestor among other Bordeaux grapes, including Carménère, Malbec and Merlot. (www.winepros.org/wine101/grape_profiles/cab-franc.htm)

Today, Cabernet Franc is the 4th most widely planted viniferous grape in Washington behind Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Washington Cab Franc is distinctive for its fruit-forward style with notes of blueberry and raspberry fruit. The characteristic vegetal notes are toned down in Washington with the wines tending to show more notes of ground coffee and olives.

It is lighter in pigment and tannins than the Cabernet Sauvignon, and produces wines with the same level of intensity and richness. It has slightly less tannins than the Cabernet Sauvignon and tends to produce a wine with a smoother mouth feel. "New World" examples tend to emphasize the fruit more and winemakers may delay harvesting the grapes to try to minimize the green leafy notes. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cabernet_Franc)

Further event details will be in the April EVOE, but again, don't wait to sign up as space is limited. ♦



Coming in June Explore the Wines of Tuscany

Tuscany is one of the world's greatest and most important wine regions. The beauty of its scenic countryside has been immortalized in paintings by great Italian artists. Great wines have been made in this region from antiquity, as early as the days of the Etruscans prior to the founding of the Roman Empire.

At our June event, we will taste and explore some of these magnificent wines from Tuscany, including the Super Tuscan Tiganello, paired with traditional foods from the region. Watch for more details in next month's EVOE. ♦



TCWS Event Policy

Attendance Confirmation

No tickets will be issued. In case the event is full when your reservation is received, you will be notified and put on the waiting list.

Courtesy

Event attendees are reminded that strong smells deter from an enjoyable tasting experience. Please be considerate and do not wear perfume or after-shave when coming to an event.

Guest Policy

With our banquet permit, events are open only to members and their guests. Guests must be sponsored by a TCWS member.

Liquor Consumption

Only wine served by the Society may be consumed during our events.

Minimum Age 21 At All Events

The Washington Liquor Control Board regulations tied to our banquet permit prohibit any minors from attending our events. Only persons minimum 21 years of age are allowed at monthly program events or at the Tri-Cities Wine Festival.

Non-drinker Policy

Requests to attend an event as a "non-drinker" will be approved or disapproved on a case-by-case basis by the event's committee. Decisions will be based on the type of event. ♦

Award-Winning Washington Cabernet Franc: Taste and Learn

Chairmen: Lois McGuire and Ken Kramer

- Date:** Friday, April 20
- Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Location:** Canyon Lakes Clubhouse at The Villas
3701 West 36th Street, Kennewick
- Price:** Members, \$35; guests, \$40
- Limit:** 34
- Type:** Sit-down seminar with speaker
- Bring:** 4 wine glasses per person
(2 flights, 4 wines each)

Cutoff date: Tuesday, April 17

Cancellation Policy: For a full refund, cancellation must be made by phone to **Judy Stewart, 627-6579**, on or before **Tuesday, April 17**. ♦



Perfect
HARMONY
Art & Wine

March 31, 2012

You Are
Cordially Invited...

Photo by: John Clement



Perfect
HARMONY

Please make _____ reservations at
\$125 per person for:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Phone: _____

\$_____ Table of eight \$1,000

\$_____ Individual seating \$125 each

\$_____ Total enclosed

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____,
made payable to the Mid-Columbia
Symphony.

Please charge \$ _____ to my:

Visa Mastercard Other

Account # _____

Expiration date _____

Reservations Information

Cut out the form above and mail to:

Mid-Columbia Symphony
1177 Jadwin, Suite 103
Richland, WA 99352

Or, call the Mid-Columbia Symphony Office, 509-943-6602.
For more information, contact Sandra Stanley, TCWS Board
Member and Perfect Harmony Chairman, 509-627-1374, or
e-mail, sandstan@aol.com. ♦

Membership Application/Renewal and Event Sign-Up

Single: \$ 25.00 **Couple: \$ 35.00**
 New **Renewal**
 Referred by: _____

Name 1 _____
 Name 2 _____
 Address _____

 City, State, ZIP _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-mail 1* _____
 E-mail 2* _____

How would you like to receive the *EVOE* newsletter?
 E-mail (current E-mail address requested*)
 U.S. mail
 Both E-mail and U.S. mail

Award-Winning Washington Cabernet Franc: Taste and Learn – Friday, April 20

Members **\$35**
Guests **\$40**
 Number of members attending ____
 Number of guests attending ____
 Limit: 34
 Would like to help at the event

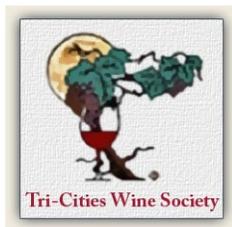
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 Guest 1 _____
 Guest 2 _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-mail _____

Annual Meeting and Taste of Prosser – Sunday, May 20

Members **\$40**
Guests **\$45**
 Number of members attending ____
 Number of guests attending ____
 Limit: No limit for the annual meeting
 Would like to help at the event

Member _____
 Member _____
 Guest 1 _____
 Guest 2 _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-mail _____

Mail Payment with Coupon to:
Tri-Cities Wine Society
P.O. Box 1142
Richland, WA 99352



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 Did you recently change your e-mail address?
 If yes, or if you haven't seen an e-mail or
EVOE newsletter for awhile,
 contact Scott Abernethy at 509-783-8801 or
 by e-mail at: tcwinesocietymembership@gmail.com.

You can also check our web site at:
<http://tricitiewinesociety.org/web/>
 to access the latest *EVOE*.

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www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2_allversions.html.

NEW!

Membership Renewal Invoices

Effective in February,
the Tri-Cities Wine Society implemented a
membership renewal invoice system.
The goal is for members to receive
an invoice in the month prior
to their annual renewal date.
Society memberships
are for one year

Forgot when your membership expires?

- Members who receive the newsletter by mail can find their renewal date on the mailing label; or
- Contact the Tri-Cities Wine Society membership chairman, Scott Abernethy, 509-783-8801, or by e-mail at: tcwinesocietymembership@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help in keeping
 your membership record current. ♦



2012 March Wine Events Around The Pacific Northwest

Tagaris Third Annual Winemaker Dinner, March 11, Richland. This event features a 7-course dinner of select fresh, organic Northwest fare paired with Winemaker Frank Roth's handcrafted wines. Dinner will be presented by Chef Frank Chullino and Winemaker Frank Roth. The evening starts with a reception at 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$95 per person. Each guest will receive a commemorative bottle of wine. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Location: Tagaris Winery, Tulip Lane. For more details, contact Jeff Spoelgatti at 509-628-0020, or e-mail jeff@tagariswines.com or go to www.tagariswines.com.

Blues & BBQ at Charles Smith Wines, March 15, Walla Walla. Have a fun evening of wine and music at the Charles Smith Downtown Tasting Room. Location: 35 S. Spokane St. Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Coyote Kings and Kenny "Blue" Ray kick off the Walla Walla Guitar Festival with a special blues show. West of the Blues BBQ makes its delicious BBQ with Charles Smith Wines and K Vintner's current releases and library wines available for purchase by the bottle and glass. For more details, contact Christin Fish

at 509-526-5230, or charles@charlessmithwines.com, or go to <http://www.charlessmithwines.com>.

Taste Washington, March 31- April 1, Seattle. Taste Washington has been expanded to 2 days this year. This means twice the time to taste your favorite wines from over 200 Washington wineries, meet winemakers and sample fare from the state's premier restaurants and caterers. Location: Century Link Event Center. Time: VIP 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. General Admission 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cost: Weekend tickets for both Saturday and Sunday are VIP \$150 and General Admission \$99. One-day only tickets are VIP \$125 and General Admission \$75. Taste Washington weekend also features fun and educational wine seminars on both Saturday and Sunday. These seminars are led by top national wine personalities and sommeliers. Topics for the seminars showcase various aspects of Washington wine, as well as wine and food pairing demonstrations by renowned national and local chefs. Location: Century Link Field Event Center. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days. For more details, go to <http://www.tastewashington.org>. ♦

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Contact us!

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