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Tri-Cities Wine Society



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Friday & Saturday, November 5 & 6
Tri-Cities Wine Festival

Sunday, December 5
Giving & Gifting — The Spirit of the Holidays

Sunday, January 22
Around the Globe with Merlot

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32nd Tri-Cities Wine Festival

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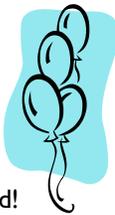
Co-Chairman, TCWS Wine Festival

If you have not yet purchased your tickets to the Tri-Cities Wine Festival, now is the time to do so as this year's Festival is just a few days away! With so many great activities, this is the best wine and food event in the Tri-Cities. Come with your friends and join in the fun.

The 32nd Wine Festival begins Friday evening, November 5, with a gala 5-course wine dinner.

During the opening reception, along with some tasty hors d'oeuvres, guests can try some of the wines that won medals in the Festival's judged wine competition, which takes place earlier during Festival week. However, we won't announce what the awards were. If you want to know, you will just have to wait for Saturday night when the balloons and medals are handed out.

Check out the menu for Friday night's dinner seminar on page 3. Three Rivers Convention Center Executive Chef Rob Chapin has designed a scrumptious meal with wonderful wine and food pairings. We are confident you will love this one — our tasting panel certainly did! Remember, tickets must be purchased in advance and attendance is limited to the first 96 reservations.



Then **Saturday during the day, 3 educational seminars are scheduled.** This year the schedule has been arranged so you can choose to attend 1, 2 or all 3 of them! All seminars include wine tasting. Again, as with the Friday dinner seminar, tickets must be purchased in advance.

Giving & Gifting — The Spirit of the Holidays

Les Domingos and Ken Potter
Members, TCWS Board of Directors



As announced in October's EVOE, this is an invitation to spend a pleasant Sunday afternoon with the Tri-Cities Wine Society viewing a world of watercolor art! Yes, this will be a singular opportunity. You'll be able to view world-class art, support the arts in your community, enjoy award-winning wine and maybe even find a gift for that impossible-to-shop-for-person on your holiday list!

Repeating details: **Sunday, December 5, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.,** you will have this opportunity at the **Allied Arts Center & Gallery, Richland.** Come and view the 2010 American Watercolor Society's traveling exhibit — its only stop in the Pacific Northwest.

According to the Society's web site, the American Watercolor Society is a nonprofit membership organization that began in 1866 to promote the art of watercolor painting in America. It is the oldest watercolor society in the U.S. Each year the Society holds a juried exhibition of watercolors from artists throughout the world. This is a premier watercolor collection that was first shown in New York. The traveling exhibit is a selection of 40 works that will be viewed in only 6 locations throughout the U.S. Again, Richland is its only stop in the Northwest. While the exhibit works are not for sale, the Allied Arts Center & Gallery does have other artworks that are for sale.

Besides the artwork, the Society will provide a tasting of

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President's Message

Ted Davis, TCWS President



Wine Factoids

Expo Vino Americas along with *Wine Spectator* magazine did a survey about wine consumption in U.S. restaurants and found the following regarding wine drinkers who consume twice a week while eating out:

- 82.4 % “often” or “always” drink wine
- 65.1 % choose wine they never had
- 45.4 % ask the sommelier for advice (*Wine Lover's Calendar*)

Last year China produced 1.02 billion bottles of wine, double the number in 2004. China is soon expected to pass Australia as the world's No. 6 producer. (*Fortune magazine, April 12, 2010*)

What is important to note about a bottle labeled “British Wine” – it means the wine was made from a grape concentrate or “must” – grape juice that may contain seeds, pulp and skins. “English Wine” refers to wine made from grapes grown in England. (*What Do You Know About WINE? by Jeff Burkart*)

Upcoming Events

November 5 and 6, the 32nd Tri-Cities Wine Festival returns to the Three Rivers Convention Center. If you attended last year, we hope you'll return again this year. If you missed last year or haven't been for a few years, come this year to see what is new! The venue is spacious – more wineries and their wines to sample and compare, along with numerous food exhibitors, music, a select group of vendors and a great silent auction, all at **Saturday evening's gala wine tasting.** Festival events also include a fabulous wine dinner seminar Friday evening and 3 separate wine seminars during the day Saturday. **Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster, their outlets or at the Toyota Center box office in the Toyota Center.** (Note: you can save an extra service charge by going to the box office vs. the online Ticketmaster site.) All tickets must be purchased in advance except for Saturday evening's gala tasting.

So, I hope you've marked your calendars for this year's Wine Festival, **November 5 and 6.** Read more in this month's *EVOE*, keep checking the Festival web site, www.tcwinefest.com, for updates, look for us on Facebook and Twitter, and let your **friends, family and co-workers** know about the Society's annual public event. Yes, all events are open to Society members and the **general public** – to anyone at least 21 years of age and with a valid ID. Bring someone and introduce them to the **Tri-Cities Wine Festival!** See **page 1** for more details. ♦

December 5, Allied Arts Center, Richland – the Society will have its 2nd annual scholarship fundraiser with all event proceeds going to support area students enrolled in enology or viticulture programs. While at this event you will be able to view the American Watercolor Society's traveling show of 40 top watercolors from its national competition in New York City. The Allied Arts Center is one of only 6 U.S. cities selected to view this show. Attendees will have the opportunity to taste **gold medal award-winning wines** from Tri-Cities wine festivals! More details on **page 1.**

January 23, is the date for the Society's **Around the Globe with Merlot** event. This event will be at Kestrel Vintners winery in Prosser. A selection of great Merlots has been chosen to enable attendees to compare and contrast wine styles from Europe, South America, New Zealand and the United States, by way of examples. So mark your calendars and look for more information on **page 5.**

As always, recommend signing up early so you are not closed out or miss the deadlines! Also, share your pleasure for wine tasting. Consider bringing a friend or friends to a Wine Society event.

Wine Quotes

- “Drunkenness increases the anger of a fool to his own heart, reducing his strength and adding wounds.” (*Sirach 31:27 – 30*)
- “Wine to me is passion. It's family and friends. It's warmth of heart and generosity of spirit. Wine is art. It is culture. It is the essence of civilization and the art of living.” (*Robert Mondavi – Harvest of Joy*)

Think Green for Wine?

One of the most frequent words used to describe aroma and flavor of Sauvignon Blanc is “green.” But, green is a fairly broad term. Here's how it can be broken down:

Green Term

Green fruits
Bitter green
Exotic green
Citrusy green
Green vegetables

Green herbs
Green outdoors

What You Might Smell, Taste

Green fig, honeydew melon
Arugula, green tea
Lemon grass, lime leaf
Lime
Pea pods, green beans,
green bell peppers
Sage, thyme
Newly mown grass

(*Wine Lover's Calendar*) ♦



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Tri-Cities Wine Festival

The seminars are:

- 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Developments in the Washington Wine Industry presented by Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling, Viticulture & Enology Program director, WSU.
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Red Mountain — From the Beginning presented by a panel of Red Mountain vintners, growers and winemakers who will discuss what makes the wines from this appellation so unique.
- 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Around the World with Sparkling Wines and Champagne presented by Eric Manz, the winemaker at Mountain Dome — pioneers in making sparkling wine in Washington.

Then, the Festival's main event — the 32nd Tri-Cities Wine Festival's gala wine tasting, Saturday evening, Nov 6. Here are some highlights:

- 95 Pacific Northwest wineries representing an amazing range of wines have entered about 425 wines for the judged competition. They'll be available for tasting at Saturday evening's gala tasting.
 - P.F. Chang's, The Country Gentleman, O'Henry's, and Picazo 7Seventeen restaurants will be there to delight you with samples of their signature appetizers.
 - The Three Rivers Convention Center is serving chef-carved Roast Baron of Beef, Blackened Seared Ahi Tuna and an International Cheese Board.
 - Convention Center doors open at 6:00 p.m. for ticket holders and those wanting to buy tickets. This is also a time when attendees can register for the silent auction, view and start bidding on some auction items, check coats, get programs and wine glasses, and just enjoy the music and ambiance ... plus not have to stand outside!
- Note: the doors to the Great Hall wine-tasting area open at 7:00 p.m.**
- Yu-Heng Dade, the artist for the series of artwork the Festival will be showcasing the next few years, will be available Saturday evening to personally sign posters from this year's Festival for those wanting to purchase them. She also has some unique cards for sale.

So, gather your friends and neighbors, aunts and uncles, co-workers and enjoy the broadest array of wines in one place in the Tri-Cities. For ticket information, see the box below. Go to www.tcwinefest.com for more Festival information. Finally, don't forget your picture ID – you'll need it when entering the Convention Center and need to carry it with you. All attendees must be at least 21 years of age. Hope to see you at our 32nd Tri-Cities Wine Festival! ♦

Ticket Purchasing Information

Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster,
www.ticketmaster.com,

Ticketmaster outlets, or at the Toyota Center
Ticket Office, Kennewick.

Tickets for the Friday/Saturday seminars must be
purchased in advance.

Tickets for the Gala Wine Tasting
may be purchased in advance or at the door. ♦

Tri-Cities Wine Festival Gala Wine Dinner Seminar Friday, November 5, 2010 Three Rivers Convention Center

The Reception

Blue Cheese Polenta Cakes
Canapé of Smoked Salmon
Coriander Crusted Ahi Tuna
Wild Mushroom Chaussons

Wine Bar Featuring Selected Festival Wines

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The Dinner Menu

Arugula Fennel Salad with Polenta Croutons,
Goat Cheese Éclair &
Roasted Red Pepper Vinaigrette
Barrister 2009 Sauvignon Blanc

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Cognac Spiked Lobster Bisque
with Tarragon Crème Fraîche
Columbia Crest 2008 Reserve Chardonnay

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Sanguinello Orange Sorbet

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MIXED GRILL

Porcini Seared Tenderloin of Beef
Spice Crusted Breast of Duckling &
Herb Rubbed Loin of Lamb
Truffled-Leek Risotto Cake & Haricot Verts
St. Laurent 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon
Russell Creek 2005 Syrah
Anelare 2006 Nonna Viola

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Grand Marnier Panna Cotta on
Pumpkin Spiced Cake
Vanilla Poached Quince &
Lemon Thyme Syrup
Okanogan Estate & Vineyards
2007 Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc

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Giving & Gifting – The Spirit of the Holidays

special wines and food. Featured wines will be **gold medal winners from Tri-Cities wine festivals** and some special dessert wines guests may find good for the holidays.

But, best of all, event proceeds will support the arts in our community through the Allied Arts Center & Gallery and the Society's scholarship endeavors through the Washington Wine Industry Foundation for students in area viticulture and enology programs. So, there will be a variety of door prizes, including gift baskets and wine! Upon arrival, each person will receive a ticket for a door prize; additional tickets can be purchased for a donation.

So, we hope you can join the Society **Sunday, December 5, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m., Allied Arts Center & Gallery, Richland**, for a late afternoon of special artwork, shopping opportunities, wine, food and pre-holiday enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere – **all to help benefit the local arts community and the Society's scholarship endeavors.** ♦

Exhibit Samples



HIGH WINDS MEDAL with \$1,750
Patricia Herlihy
Galena, MD
Waiting Area
10" x 14"



DONG KINGMAN AWARD with \$500
Edwin C. Shuttleworth
Boynton Beach, FL
Snowball Fight #8
21-1/2" x 29-1/2"

Giving & Gifting–

The Spirit of the Holidays

Event Chairmen: Les Domingos & Ken Potter

Date: Sunday, December 5

Time: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Allied Arts Center & Gallery
89 Lee Blvd., Richland

Price: Members, \$25; guests \$30

Limit: 50

Type: Casual, stand-up; limited seating

Bring: 1 wine glass per person

Cutoff date: Wednesday, December 1

Cancellation Policy: For a full refund, cancellation must be made **by phone to Judy Stewart, 627-6579**, on or before **Wednesday, December 1.** ♦

Around the Globe with Merlot

Sandy Birdlebough

Member, TCWS Board of Directors



Around the Globe with Merlot! Start your year and warm up your January with Merlot wines from different parts of the world. Experience wines from North and South America, Western and Central Europe, and other Northern and Southern hemisphere countries. The event will be at **Kestrel Vintners, Prosser, Sunday, January 23, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** **Kestrel Vintners marketing director J.J. Compeau will be the featured speaker.** Not only is he highly knowledgeable about the wine industry, but he is also a master at wine and food pairings.

The soft, round and fruitful Merlot grape has a flavor that ranges from purple plums to red cherries. The grape is lower in tannin than Cabernet Sauvignon and is often used to soften up Cabernet in Bordeaux blends. Merlot grows best where it is both sunny and chilly. (www.merlotwine.net)

Even though Merlot was given a bad name in the movie *Sideways*, it has continued to grow in popularity. It is used both as a single varietal and a popular blending wine.

So, mark those calendars for **Sunday, January 23**, and watch for more details in the December and January **EVOEs**, including the event sign-up coupons. ♦

Taste Back – A Bit of Portugal – in Prosser

John Monk and Linda Bascom

Members, TCWS

Lois McGuire and Ken Kramer hosted the Society's Portuguese wine tasting with tapas at **Picazo 7 Seventeen** restaurant in Prosser, Sunday, October 17. They visited Portugal and had shared with us that they were impressed with some of the wines they tasted. Their primary goal for this Society event was to locate some of the wines they sampled while in Portugal and pair them with a multi-course dinner. They succeeded! We can't keep our enthusiasm for this event "bottled up!"

The entry wine, something to sip on while waiting for dinner to start, was the **2009 Casal Garcia Vinho Rosé**. This light, slightly sparkling Rosé was a good substitute for a Champagne or bubbly toast, as its soft flavor and effervescence went down well with light conversation. And, it's only \$8.00 a bottle!



Pete and Jane Hedges were event guests, and Pete shared his knowledge and experience with Portuguese wines as he, too, has visited Portugal. He informed us that Portugal is the world's fourth largest wine-producing nation, and that the country doesn't focus on a few varieties – it makes more than 200 different wines.

We also tasted two Ports, one from Portugal and one from Pete that was still in the barrel. If our tasting was an accurate indication, Pete's Port is going to be a good one!

**"Portugal is
the world's fourth largest
wine-producing region!"**

Another goal for the evening was to have tapas – small servings that were meant to be shared – and pair them with a variety of Portuguese wines. We believe the wines and tapas chosen to pair went well together.

In fact, the whole event was very well organized, and the evening flowed very smoothly. Most people seemed to choose the **2005 Quinta de Cabriz Reserva** as their favorite wine of the evening. Personally, our favorite was the **2005 Quinta Vale D. Maria**. We thought it was deep and rich, with strong but balanced tannins. It reminded us of the red wines we tried when we were in Portugal.

Yes, we've heard through the grapevine that Portugal is making some excellent wines. So, when it comes to Portuguese wines, the cork's out of the bottle – the country is producing quality wines, and at an affordable price.

Special invitation: To those Portuguese event tasting attendees – Picazo 7 Seventeen owner/chef, Frank Magaña has invited you to dine at the restaurant at a 10% discount from now through December 31.



(Editor's note: Just after this event, Pete Hedges sustained injuries in an accident at his winery. We wish him a speedy and full recovery.) ♦



Coming in February: Open that Bottle Night 12

Mary Binder

Member, TCWS Board of Directors

In last month's *EVOE*, we wrote that **Sunday, February 13**, the Wine Society would again participate in an event that was started 12 years ago by former *Wall Street Journal* wine writers John Brecher and Dorothy Gaiter – **Open that Bottle Night**. Did you mark your calendars? As we also wrote last month, after the February 2010 event there was much positive feedback and numerous requests to "do it again." So, we are.

Location, time and other details are still in the works, but the concept remains the same, and is different from other Society events – participants bring a bottle of wine to share with others! Along with the wines, there will be food that can complement a variety of wines. **This is designed to be an interactive event**, a time not only to share some special wines, but learn why and when they were purchased, how they were stored, and more. So, now is a great time to start thinking about the special bottle of wine you want to bring!

What is a "special bottle" and why the event? Again, as background information – 12 years ago, John and Dorothy started this event that now has a worldwide following. It is "a celebration of friends, family and memories during which all of us finally drink that wine that is otherwise simply too special to open." You know, the bottle you may have forgotten you have or the one you've had tucked away for a number of years and saving for that special occasion.

Don't think you have a "special bottle" to bring and share? As John and Dorothy have written, that's OK! Their recommendation is to "pick up a bottle of wine that means something to you, a wine that will bring back memories." Does it have to be an expensive wine? No. Does it need to be something you believe others would enjoy, and that you want and would be pleased to share? Yes. Another idea, how about a special medal winner from this year's 32nd Tri-Cities Wine Festival? You'll be able to find the Festival judging results after the Festival at: www.tcwinefest.com.

So, hopefully you've marked your calendar! Continue to watch for more details in future *EVOEs*. Meanwhile ... think about that "special bottle" to bring and share! ♦

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Wine Festival

November 5 & 6

Three Rivers
Convention Center

Kennewick, Washington

For details: <http://www.tcwinefest.com>



Judged Wine Competition

Seminars

Gala Wine Tasting

Food

Silent Auction

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Artwork by Yu-Heng Dade

Membership Application/Renewal and Event Sign-Up

Single: \$ 20.00 **Couple: \$ 30.00**
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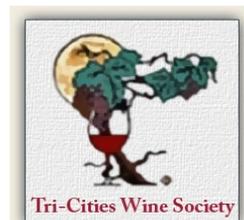
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 Both E-mail and U.S. mail

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Members **\$25**
Guests **\$30**
 Number of members attending _____
 Number of guests attending _____
 Limit : 50
 Would like to help at the event

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

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Tri-Cities Wine Society
P.O. Box 1142
Richland, WA 99352



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 About Wine*

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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 WA 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. ♦

Membership Renewal

Tri-Cities Wine Society memberships are for one year. Please remember to renew your membership so you can continue to enjoy the great wine events the Society offers. If you do not remember when your membership is up:

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

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

2010 November Wine Events Around The Pacific Northwest

Savor the Flavor, Nov. 13-14, Pasco, WA. An annual event, Savor the Flavor is Eastern Washington's premier food, wine and cooking event. This world-class 2-day affair, when you can sample 'bites' from local restaurants and 'sips' of local wines, brews and spirits, also offers shopping opportunities and culinary entertainment for every palate. Event highlights include: celebrity chefs, Iron Chef-style competitions, live music, tastings, cooking and mixology seminars, and even Kids Cook Too! New in 2010, Saturday evening is the VIP Celebrity Banquet and Auction benefiting Modern Living Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing services and independent housing for adults living with developmental disabilities. A night of prestige and pampering, the gourmet menu will be prepared and presented by Chef Dave Martin, featured on Bravo's Top Chef. Location: TRAC in Pasco. Cost: \$17, general admission; \$12, seniors; \$6 children; and \$100, VIP Celebrity Banquet. For more information, contact Becky Ferguson, 509-554-2587, e-mail info@tastetricities.com, or go to www.savortricities.com.

Holiday Wine Walk in Downtown Wenatchee, Nov. 13, Wenatchee, WA. Wenatchee Wine Country welcomes wine enthusiasts to downtown Wenatchee for its 2nd Annual Holiday Wine Walk. Sip, shop and get ideas for what to serve during the holidays. There will be wines paired with appetizer ideas for holiday entertaining. Start at noon at Davis Furniture,

125 S. Wenatchee Ave., where guests can pick up a complimentary glass and 15 tokens for \$25. Then, stroll the downtown merchants for wine tasting and other special events in many of the stores. For information, contact Lutz, 509-669-5808, e-mail jan@wenatcheewines.com, or go to www.wenatcheewines.com.

Lake Chelan Fall Barrel Tasting Extravaganza, Lake Chelan, WA. Thanksgiving weekend, November 26-28, join the Lake Chelan Wine Growers Association's boutique wineries as they host their annual Fall Barrel Tasting. This is the time when guests taste new wines right out of the barrel. So, come learn about the intricate process used to create the region's award-winning wines. For more information, contact Lake Chelan Wine Growers Association, 509-682-3503, info@lakechelan.com, or go to www.lakechelanwinevalley.com.

Thanksgiving in Wine Country, Nov. 26-27, Yakima Valley, WA. Join more than 50 Yakima Valley wineries Thanksgiving weekend and sample fine wines and selected culinary pairings. Purchase your "Premier Pass" and receive exclusive benefits. Pass holders will enjoy a variety of specialty food and wine pairings, library tastings, waived tasting fees and tours not available to the public. Pass includes a 15 oz. commemorative Yakima Valley wine glass. Premier Pass cost: \$30 on-line or \$35 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.wineyakimavalley.org. ♦

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