



COMING EVENTS

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Best of the Festival Wine Dinner

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37th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival

Dolly Ammann
 TCWS Board of Directors
 Festival Committee

BUY TICKETS NOW at the Toyota Center Box Office for the 37th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival, Saturday, November 14, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ticket price is only \$55, an excellent value, if you purchase them at the box office ahead of time. Tickets at the door the night of the event are \$60 per person. You can also buy tickets online from Ticketmaster or its outlets. Because you will pay more in fees through Ticketmaster, I recommend getting them at the box office. **Note: The box office will NOT be open on the 14th for ticket purchases.**

This is one of the events I look forward to each year. It is always a lot of fun. There is the opportunity to not only

“Gallery Aglow” Holiday Party & Scholarship Fundraiser

Judy Stewart, Mary Peters, Kerry Lawrence
 TCWS Board of Directors, Event Co-Chairs

Well, with the heat of summer definitely behind us and this year’s 37th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival just days away, it is not too soon to focus on the wine society’s December event, its **“Gallery Aglow” Annual Holiday Party & Scholarship Fundraiser, Sunday, December 13, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Allied Arts Center & Gallery, Richland. Cost remains at \$25 for both members and their guests.**



And again this year, the fundraiser is for scholarships for WSU students in the enology and/or viticulture programs.

From last year’s fundraiser, along with targeted proceeds from the Tri-Cities Wine Festival’s silent auction, WSU awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to 2 WSU students. In a letter to the wine society, Kim Holapa, associate vice president, university development, wrote, “Thank you for investing in Washington State University ... your gift is especially appreciated by more than 28,000 students enrolled at WSU. Your contribution plays a vital role in our efforts to provide deserving students ... the opportunity to succeed.”

Between the festival’s silent auction and our December fundraiser, we again hope to be able to provide scholarships for WSU students in the enology and/or viticulture programs. These scholarships go to very deserving students whose careers will pay very tasty “dividends” to our members and the Washington wine industry for many years.

So, think scholarships. Think fundraiser. Think holiday shopping. Think bidding on great holiday silent auction



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President's Message

Ted Davis, TCWS President



It's Wine Festival Time!

Wineries are registered! Wines ready for the judges! Silent auction donations continuing to come in. The list of food exhibitors continues to grow. Thanks to countless hours of work from our dedicated volunteers along with our VenuWorks partners at the Three Rivers Convention Center, I can write: **it's festival time!** Have your tickets?

Some reminders – this year's **37th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival is Saturday, November 14, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick**. Tickets are on sale at the Toyota Center Box Office next to the convention center for \$55 prior to the 14th and \$60 at the door. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster and its outlets. NOTE: The box office will NOT be open on the 14th! Ticketmaster or purchasing tickets at the door will be your only options that day. Remember, too, tickets are **all inclusive** for wine, beer, food and entertainment – **no scrip!** Cash, check or a credit card are needed for the silent auction for those wanting to participate.

Also, for those planning to check a coat, jacket, etc., the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Tri-Cities Chapter 1192 will again staff the coat check. This year there will be 2 check-in and check-out points to help expedite the process. Coat-check donations go to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.



Winery Job Opportunities

A study from the Agri-Business Consultants, LLC, predicts more than 6 thousand new winery full-time positions in Washington will be needed from 2013 to 2018, and total employment may be as high as 20,583 full-time equivalents by 2018. The good news is that part of the need will be filled by local 2- and 4-year college programs. The biggest challenge facing the industry is the need for seasonal harvest workers. Oregon and California have a similar issue. (Source: Excerpted from *Wines and Vines.com*)

Partnership with French Winemakers

Michelle Wine Estates and Michel Gassier and Philippe Cambie, 2 French Rhône winemakers, are partnering to

launch a new trans-Atlantic wine endeavor. Ste. Michelle's Bob Bertheau, and Gassier and Cambie, will make Tenet – a Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre blend. A second wine, The Pundit, will be a Syrah blend from Washington and Le Fervent from the Costières de Nîmes AOC of the Rhône Valley. The project started in 2012 and required the winemakers to re-think how they approach the products, and to align vineyard management and other processes.

(Source: Excerpted from *Harpers.co.uk*)

Wine Gone Bad – 3 Signs

The "look." Begin with the bottle: is the cork pushed up against the foil top; are there any cracks in the cork; and, has wine seeped the cork to the top of the bottle? Next, **"the color."** Look at the color of the wine in the glass. For reds "off colors" will look burnt brown and murky, and some whites will be dark brown. Note: This goldenness is normal in some Chardonnays; and, this does not apply to fortified or late-harvest wines. Finally, **"the smell."** Fruitness is good; however, moldy, wet dog or cardboard, dirty dish rag and a tang of vinegar are bad.

Will tasting a bad wine harm you? No, but it is a good indicator of a potential problem. Super sour – like apple cider – to vinegar to ultra-oxidized like caramelized fruit are bad things. But again, not so in a fortified wine.

(Source: Excerpted from *S.Slinkard, 10/4/15*)

November Wine Quotations

- A man cannot make him laugh – but that's no marvel; he drinks no wine. (*Shakespeare Henry IV, Part 2*)
- For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red. (*Psalms 75:8*)
- They are not long, the days of wine and roses. Out of a misty dream, our path emerges for a while, then closes, within a dream. (*The Poems and Prose of Ernest Dawson*)

November Wine Trivia

- The substance of wine that tingles the gums is tannin (related to the word tan), which is derived from the skins, pips and stalks of grapes. It is usually found only in red wine and is an excellent antioxidant. (KISS: Guide to Wine, J. Robert/M. Rand)
- Winemaking is a significant theme in one of the oldest literary work know, the *Epic of Gilgamesh*. The divinity in charge of the wine was the Babylonian goddess Siduri, whose depiction suggests a symbolic association between wine and fertility. (*The story of Wine, M. Besley*)
- Newly planted grape vines take about 4 to 5 years to grow before grapes can be harvested. (Sip by Sip, M. Bonadies) ♦



Welcome New Members

Jennifer Bean

Link & Bonnie Pankratz

Paul & Sue Sullivan

Jose & Svetlana Ybarra

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37th Tri-Cities Wine Festival

taste a wide variety of wines with some great food but also visit with friends at the same time.

The annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival is an excellent venue with lots of space for wineries to display their wines. If you previously have not attended the festival, or it has been awhile, here is what to expect:

- This year there are 80-plus wineries participating with more than 425 wines available for tasting! Yes, a sampling of local microbrews will be available, too.
- Food – exhibitors are excellent local area restaurants and caterers that will offer samples of their signature appetizers to enhance your wine-tasting experience.
- **All food, wine (and beer!) tasting is included in your ticket price, that is, NO SCRIP TO PURCHASE!**
- The event is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (As it could be cold outside, the doors to the Three Rivers Convention Center open early, at 5:30 p.m.)
- Wine Society members can gain access to the Great Hall, where all the winery and exhibitor booths are located, at 6:00 p.m., ahead of the general public.
- All attendees must be 21 or over. Bring your photo ID as proof because you cannot get in without it.
- A coat room is available with 2 check-in/check-out entrances. Look for the signs.
- There will be an information booth where you can get your souvenir wine glass, program and logo bag to hold the program and other materials that you will find at the winery booths.
- Before going into the Great Hall, remember to register for the silent auction and obtain a bidding number.
- The silent auction offers about 100 wine-related items and other gifts from local area businesses, wineries and individual donors. This is an opportunity to do some holiday shopping and bring home some real bargains while helping the wine society's scholarship fund!
- There is a lot of fun and excitement when the balloons come out and the awards are presented to winning wineries. Just follow the balloons to discover some of the highest-rated wines for tasting.

This is an event you do not want to miss. Hope to see you there. ♦



Taste Back: Klipsun Vineyards and the Gelles Family

Dominique Vetrano
Member, TCWS Board of Directors,
Event Co-Chairman



Saturday, October 24, was a lovely fall evening, in a lovely setting, for what turned out to be a lovely event, based on comment cards attendees completed. When answering "What did you like the best?" about this event, member and guest replies included: **the company of wine society members; Alexander's and the Gelles' stories; food; so fun to have the Klipsun people together; and, the variety of wines, food, presenters.**

Something else interesting, but also "verifying." The replies received to the question, "What was your favorite wine?" revealed no true "winner." This verified, and reinforced, that palates differ! That is, what works for one person's palate may not be another's preference. Does it matter? No! As the saying goes, if it tastes good to you, then it is a good wine for you. This is OK!

So, in reviewing the comment cards, there was a pretty even division between the 2009 Januik Merlot and 2011 Alexander The Grape Conqueror. Other favorites were the 2012 Alexander The Grape Inventor and the 2006 JM Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. However, interestingly, ALL the wines had votes! Again, palate differences prevail! And, all the wines were great!

A wonderful array of foods complemented the 9 wines. A personal favorite was the braised short ribs over creamy polenta and red wine mushrooms. Yum!

The presenters gave valuable information about vineyard management and water rights on Red Mountain along with the history of wine in that area. Alexander Gelles engaged the crowd in helping write his tasting notes for the 2012 Inventor, a blend of one-third Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Participants used descriptors such as pomegranate, lingering after-taste and floral nose to describe the wine.

A very special thank you to Anelare winery and their beautiful setting overlooking Red Mountain, as well as to their chef, Uncle Earl, and tasting room manager, Kim Gravenslund, for their outstanding work to make the event classy and enjoyable! ♦

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Gallery Aglow™ Holiday Party & Scholarship Fundraiser

items. Then, too, there might be some surprises from the wine festival! But if all that is not enough, there is the opportunity to do some additional shopping in the gallery itself! The Allied Arts Center & Gallery is always very festive during the holidays and affords the opportunity to view some beautiful, and perhaps unusual, artwork.

So, don't forget to bring your cash and checkbooks, or credit cards, for gallery shopping. As WSU Chancellor H. Keith Moo-Young wrote in a letter to the wine society last year, "Your generous support, dedication is inspirational and your vision is essential in our efforts to create a dynamic academic and cultural experience."

Finally, if past such events are indications, those attending will again enjoy special award-winning festival wines, partake of delectable food, have an opportunity to spend time with other society members, and of course, participate in the fundraiser! But, with a limit of only 48, we recommend signing up as soon as possible! ♦

"Gallery Aglow"

Holiday Party & Scholarship Fundraiser

Co-Chairmen: Judy Stewart, Mary Peters, Kerry Lawrence

Date: Sunday, December 13
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Allied Arts Center & Gallery
89 Lee Blvd., Richland, WA 99352
Price: Members and guests: \$25
Limit: 48
Type: Festive casual, stand up, limited seating
Bring: 1 wine glass per person
Cutoff date: Saturday, December 12
Cancellation Policy: For a full refund, cancellation must be made by phone to Judy Stewart, 627-6579, on or before Thursday, December 10. ♦

Looking Ahead! Projected Events for 2016

- February** – Blind Tasting: "The Judgment of Paris"
- March** – Tempranillo Tasting
- April** – Tasting with Market Vineyards
- May** – Annual Meeting and Pinot Noir, "Part Deux"
- June** – Washington's Less-Common Varietals
- Summer** – Tasting with Frichette Winery
- September** – Picnic with Rosé
- October** – Bus Trip to Okanagan, B.C.
- November 12** – 38th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival
- December** – Holiday Party

Note! Above events are projected.

Look for updates in the monthly EVOE and online,
www.tricitieswinesociety.com

Best-of-the-Festival Wine Dinner

Dolly Ammann

TCWS Board of Directors, Festival Committee

Here it is ... your opportunity to wine and dine in style at the wine society's premier wine and food event of the year! **Join us at Meadow Springs Country Club, Richland, Saturday, January 30, for the "Best-of-the-Festival Wine Dinner."** Along with the wine that won "best of show," you will enjoy other top award-winning wines from the 37th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival showcased in an elegant, multi-course, gourmet dinner.

This special society event is limited to only 48 people; and, since it has received rave reviews the past 3 years, this year's is sure to sell out quickly. So, to ensure you have your place reserved, send in the event coupon in this month's EVOE right away.



You will love the ambience and great service at Meadow Springs Country Club, as well as the outstanding wines and food. Everything at this dinner is first class, including floor-length tablecloths, gleaming crystal stemware, base service plates, candlelight and special dinnerware. This is a dress-up occasion with coat and tie suggested.

The evening starts with a reception at 6:30 p.m. that will feature this year's top-rated sparkling wine accompanied with some tasty passed hors d'oeuvres. The fabulous dinner that follows will showcase some of the wines that won the top awards, including "Best of Show." We cannot tell you what the wines will be because we have to wait for the wine festival results. After the festival, November 14, the wines will be selected and our committee of gourmards will be meeting with the Meadow Springs executive chef to plan the dinner. Chef Michael Hannah is so accommodating and has great culinary expertise. It is always a pleasure to work with him on this event.

Watch for details on the wines and menu in next month's EVOE. ♦

Best-of-the-Festival Wine Dinner

Co-Chairmen: Dolly Ammann & Sandra Stanley

Date: Saturday, January 30
Time: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Location: Meadow Springs Country Club
700 Country Club Place,
Richland, WA 99352
Price: Members \$95; guests \$125
Limit: 48
Type: Multi-course Wine Dinner
Bring: A good appetite!
Cutoff date: Tuesday, January 26
Cancellation Policy: For a full refund, cancellation must be made by phone to Dolly Ammann, 420-4712, on or before Tuesday, January 26. ♦

Event Sign-Up Coupons

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

"Gallery Aglow" Holiday Party & Fundraiser Sunday, December 13

Members: \$25 Guests: \$25

Event Limit: 48

Number of members attending ____

Number of guests attending ____

Member _____

Member _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Guest 1 _____

Guest 2 _____

Note: Please provide phone & Email information!

Have MAST card, can help pour at the event

Available for other help

Best-of-the-Festival Wine Dinner Sunday, December 13

Members: \$95 Guests: \$125

Event Limit: 48

Number of members attending ____

Number of guests attending ____

Member _____

Member _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Guest 1 _____

Guest 2 _____

Note: Please provide phone & Email information!

2015 Membership Application or Renewal

New

Renewal

Single: \$ 25

Couple: \$ 35

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Membership Reminders

- For ALL address/contact changes, contact Scott Abernethy, membership chairman. Phone: 509-380-5839; Email: tcwinesocietymembership@gmail.com.
- Memberships are for a year; the Society sends renewal reminders.
- Members receiving the EVOE by mail can find their renewal date on the mailing label; or, contact Scott Abernethy (contact info, above).
- For the latest Society information and EVOEs, visit www.tricitieswinesociety.com. ♦



NOTE CHANGES* Tri-Cities Wine Society Event Policy

Attendance Confirmation

No tickets are issued. If an event is full when your reservation is received, you will be notified and put on a waiting list.

***NOTE: Reservations mailed in the Tri-Cities area can take up to 4 days to reach to TCWS PO box. If your reservation is made within 5 days of the event, please call Treasurer Judy Stewart, 509.627.6579, and notify the event chairman or a co-chair by phone or email that your reservation is in the mail.**

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 TCWS members and their guests. Guests must be sponsored by a TCWS member.

Liquor Consumption

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

Minimum Age 21 at All Events

Only persons minimum 21 years of age are allowed at monthly program events or at the Tri-Cities Wine Festival.

Event Refund

If you cannot attend an event after the refund deadline, call the society treasurer, Judy Stewart, 627-6579. If your reservation can be filled, you may be able to get a refund. ♦

Tri-Cities Wine Society

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Richland, WA 99352

EVOE

Newsletter of the
Tri-Cities Wine Society

Dolly Ammann

Need any info? Have an idea?
Contact us!

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This newsletter is also available on the
web at www.tricitiewinesociety.com



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Save the Date Blind Tasting: "Judgment of Paris" Sunday, February 21*

Do you like Cabernet Sauvignon? Think you could tell the difference between "Cabs" from France, Washington and California? What about trying this "blind?" That is, you taste but do not get to see the bottle ... just like wine judges doing a blind tasting!

Interested? Intrigued? Great! This is the wine society's projected February event. Watch for more information in the December *EVOE*. And, if you would like to help with this event, please contact Program Committee Chairman Chuck McCargar, 627.2210. ♦

***Note: Date and event subject to change.**