



COMING EVENTS

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40th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival

Dolly Ammann

Member, TCWS Board of Directors

It is almost here! Yes, the **40th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival is Saturday, November 10, at the Three Rivers Convention Center.** Start time is 7:00 p.m. for the general public and 6:30 p.m. for wine society members. **Reminder: bring your photo ID.**

Tickets are on sale at the Toyota Center Box Office, or online through Ticketmaster or at Ticketmaster outlets. **The price is \$60 in advance or \$65 the day of the event, including at the door. The price includes wine, food, beverages, and a commemorative logo wine glass to take home.** Suggest buying your tickets in advance at the Box Office to avoid paying extra fees for an online purchase or waiting in line to buy one the night of the festival. Also, for groups of 10 or more, there is a \$10 discount per ticket. Groups tickets must be purchased at the Box Office by one member of the group. **(Note! The Box Office will NOT be open Saturday, November 10.)**

For this year’s festival, we have more than 70 wineries participating with more than 375 wines for tasting. You will learn the results of the wine judging that evening. Just follow the balloons!!

Food will be provided by the Convention Center and other local restaurants and/or caterers. There will also be some local micro-breweries participating. And, the ever-popular Knutzen Brothers will provide entertainment.

Finally, don’t forget the silent auction! After check-in, stop at the silent auction information desk to get your bidder number. Remember, this is an opportunity to bring home some wonderful bargains and support the society’s education fund, which provides scholarships to local students in viticulture and enology.

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Annual Holiday Party – “Gallery Aglow”

Judy Stewart

Member, TCWS Board of Directors, Event Chair

Great friends, twinkling lights, holiday cheer and wrapped boxes with bows, shopping, and GREAT WINE – all in one location! Who could ask for a better start to the holiday season?



With all this in mind, please join us for the society’s **Annual Holiday Party – “Gallery Aglow,” Sunday, December 9, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Allied Arts Association Gallery at the Park, Richland.** This year fortified wines will be featured along with some dessert wines.

A fortified wine is one to which a distilled spirit, usually brandy, is added. Many different types of fortified wine have been developed, including: Port; sherry; Madeira; and, Marsala. Years ago one reason for fortifying wines was to preserve them. Even though other preservation methods now exist, fortification continues to be used because the process can add distinct flavors to the finished product.

(Source: Wikipedia)

Besides the wines, the society’s December event will also include delectable food, drawings for wine, a silent auction with gift baskets and other treasures, and an opportunity to shop the gallery with its inventory of quality items – all while enjoying spending time with other society members. To note, proceeds from the drawings and auction help the society’s education fund. The society targets providing scholarships from the fund for students in area enology and/or viticulture programs. So, remember to bring cash and checkbook for the drawings and auction; credit cards can be used when shopping in the gallery.

And, some final notes – think fun, holiday shopping

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November

President's Message

Ted Davis, TCWS President



Buying and Loving Cheap Wine

Is it possible to buy wine without spending a fortune? The answer is, yes, as long as you learn to identify your personal tastes and are not afraid to speak up. Here are a few tips.

1) Don't be afraid to ask the professionals, no matter if you are in a wine shop or a restaurant. 2) If you have a target price, state it. 3) The only true way to know what you like is by tasting all kinds of wine and writing down your thoughts on aroma, over all positive and negative impressions, etc. 4) Frequent wine bars, shops that do tasting, wineries; and, of course, be a member of the Tri-Cities Wine Society. 5) Find values on a restaurant list. (Note! Restaurants markup wines 100 percent or more over their cost.) 6) Talk with the in-house expert. Look for wines from regions you might not know. Ask if the store has case discounts; and, consider stores such as Costco that stock a wide range of wines. (Excerpted from USA Today, Alicia Cypress)

Shelf Life for Open Bottles

You've opened a bottle of wine for whatever reason, had a glass or 2 and forgot to close it up. After discovering this the next day, the question is – can you salvage it or not? How long it will last after opening depends primarily on the type of wine and how it was stored. In general, table wines last 3-to-4 days. Some say fortified or dessert wines such as Port or sherry last months. Sparkling wines lose their carbonation quickly. A sparkling wine closure will slow this down but not for long. Don't throw the sparkling out; save it for cooking. Light-whites' flavors, including Rosés, will change slightly after a day; and, if you cap and refrigerate immediately, will go about 4 days, max. Being heartier, full-bodied whites such as Chardonnay and Viognier will last slightly longer. Red wines will also last a little longer if capped and refrigerated due to having more tannins. (Excerpted from Kimberly Holland/My Recipes)

November Wine Quotations

- Wine improves with age. The older I get, the better I like it. (Anonymous)
- A hard drinker, being at a table, was offered grapes at dessert. Thank you, said he, pushing the dish away, but I am not in the habit of taking my wine in pills. (Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin)
- Compromises are for relationship, not for wine. (Sir Robert Scott Caywood)

November Wine Trivia

- The seeds and skin of the grape contain tannins. Tannin is a bitter-tasting substance that causes the "dry mouth" feeling associated with some red wines. (Professorhouse.com/food-beverage/wine-and-spirits)

- Asked when she drinks Champagne, Madame Lily Bollinger replied, "I drink Champagne when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise, I never touch it – unless I'm thirsty." (laboheme.com/wine/trivia)
- The wreck of the Titanic holds the oldest wine cellar in the world and, despite the depth and wreckage, most of the bottles are still intact. (rackwine.com/winefacts) ♦

Attention! Membership Drive

3 Rs: Recruit, Refund, Reward

To all society members – bring a guest, or 2 or 3 or more, to a wine society event! If they join at the event, they (or the member, if the member paid) will get the \$10 guest fee difference refunded, AND you – the recruiter – and the new member will each win a bottle of wine! A win-win ... recruit a member, get a refund, receive a reward! ♦



Welcome New Members!

Sharon Gaines

Judy & Jim Tritz

2018/2019 Event Calendar

December – Annual Holiday Party – "Gallery Aglow"

January – No event scheduled

February – Best-of-the-Festival Gala Wine Dinner

March – Bus Trip to Walla Walla Wineries

April – Leonetti Cab Sauvignon Vertical Tasting

May – Annual Meeting & Special Tasting Event

June – Blending Seminar

July – Wine Gems of Italy

August – Wine Judging Seminar

September – Petit Verdot and Petit Syrah

October – Blind Tasting: Cabernet-based Blends

November – 41st Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival & Volunteer Party

December – Wine and Art, Holiday Party

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40th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival



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November 10

**Three Rivers Convention Center
Kennewick, Washington**

7:00 to 10:00 PM*

**Doors open at 6:30 PM for Tri-Cities Wine Society members*

Gala Tasting of Northwest Wines

Awards Presented

from judged competition

Regional Microbrews Represented

Culinary Showcase

*complimentary food
provided by local restaurants and caterers*

Silent Auction

proceeds benefiting the Society's education fund

Tickets on Sale!

*\$60/advance; \$65/day of, at the event
Ticketmaster or Toyota Center Box Office
Price includes all wine, food and beer*

General Public Invited

minimum age, 21 years



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Annual Holiday Party—"Gallery Aglow"

and sharing time with other members. Further, based on past experience, this event sells out! Therefore, with a limit of just 50, we recommend signing up quickly.

Hope you can join us. Final details will be in the December EVOE. ♦



Annual Holiday Party - "Gallery Aglow"

Event Chairman: Judy Stewart

Date: Sunday, December 9
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Allied Arts Association Gallery at the Park
89 Lee Blvd., Richland
Cost: Members, \$40; guests, \$50
Limit: 50
Type: Festive, casual, stand up (limited seating)
Bring: Cash, checkbook, credit card
Cutoff Date: **Friday, December 7**
Cancellation Policy: For a full refund, cancellation must be made by phone to Judy Stewart, 627-6579, on or before **Thursday, December 6.** ♦

Best-of-the-Festival Gala Wine Dinner

Dolly Ammann

Member, TCWS Board of Directors, Event Chair

The date for this annual gourmet dinner is **Saturday, February 9.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is the society's **premier wine and food event of the year.** It is always a favorite for those who want to experience the synergy of pairing award-winning wines with fine cuisine.

Since Valentine's Day will only be a few days away, this special occasion will also be an excellent opportunity to celebrate in style with your sweetheart!



The dinner will feature top-scoring wines from the 40th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival, including the **"Best of Show,"** paired with fabulous food.

The evening starts with a Champagne reception and passed hors d'oeuvres. A multi-course gourmet dinner with exquisite wine pairings follows.

The dinner will be at the Meadow Springs Country Club. As always at this venue, you can expect excellent service, great food and wonderful ambience. The evening starts at 6:00 p.m. Be on time, but do not come early.

After the 40th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival, when the medals have been awarded, the wines for the dinner will be selected and the menu planned with Meadow Springs' executive chef. Watch future EVOEs for the exciting bill of fare! ♦

Note! There is no January wine society event.

Taste Back:

Comparing Rhône-Style Wines

Dolly Ammann

Member, TCWS Board of Directors

What a great way to spend a lovely autumn afternoon, tasting and comparing Rhône-style wines at the Barnard Griffin Winery. The theme for the event was a comparison of Washington Rhône-style wines with French Southern Rhône wines. Randy Schreiner, the event co-chair, selected 6 excellent wines for us to compare. The wines were all blends of grape varieties originating in France's Rhône Valley. The wines were divided into 3 flights of 2. Each flight was paired with a tasty small plate prepared by Barnard Griffin's head chef and his cooking crew.

The first flight featured the Barnard Griffin 2014 Côtes du Rôb and from France, the Domaine de la Janasse 2015 Reserve Côtes-du-Rhône. Comparing these 2 wines, the first thing I noted was the much darker color of the Washington wine and its big fruit-driven profile. The French wine was more laid back with more delicate fruit, an interesting complexity and moderate tannins. Both wines paired well with the tomato, basil and caper bruschetta as well as the Cambozola cheese, honey and cracker pepper bruschetta.



The second flight presented a lovely wine from Walla Walla, the Forgeron Cellars 2014 Façon Rouge, and the Domaine du Pesquier 2015 Gigondas from France. These were nicely paired with 2 exotic elk and wild boar meatballs. Again, I noted the Washington wine had a deeper color than the French one. The Forgeron Cellars wine was full-bodied, well balanced and loaded with lots of berry fruit. The Gigondas was silky with flavors of cherry and blueberries and a long finish. It had a nice minerality and was another excellent wine.

The final flight offered a comparison of Syncline Winery's 2015 Cuvée Elena from Washington and the Tour Saint Michel Cuvée du Lion 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape from France. This time the French wine had the darker color. The Syncline wine was well-balanced with nice berry fruit. The French wine seemed a typical full-bodied Châteauneuf-du-Pape with subtle notes of cherry and liquorish. Of the 2, I thought the French wine over-shadowed the one from Washington. The amazing



pairing for this flight was cider-braised chicken with a chanterelle and black-grape cream sauce with crispy-fried Brussel sprouts.

Randy (right) had a plethora of information on the wines, wine regions and grape varieties – all very interesting. He also had a small quiz with the winners getting a bottle of wine to take home. Yours truly won one!



We ended the event with a decadent, yes, decadent, flourless chocolate cake!

Members commented that they came because they liked the topic and the venue. Member Pete Tice (right) said he had a really great time. I don't believe anyone went away disappointed.



Thank you, Randy, for a great event! ♦

Tri-Cities Wine Society's Taste & Talk

Ever wonder about how a wine society event went that you weren't able to attend? Or, maybe you are a new member and want to know more about past society events. Or, maybe you are talking to a prospective member and want them to know more about society events. A great way to do this at the "Taste & Talk" tab on the wine society's website: www.tricitiewinesociety.com.

At the Taste & Talk tab, you can find "taste back" articles for several years! Yes, a great way to read about some of "the best moments of our events in pictures and words."

So, whether you want to know more about a recent event or one several years ago, Taste & Talk has it at your finger tips! If you've never checked it out, consider doing so! ♦



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TRI-CITIES **NOV 10TH**
DOORS OPEN 7PM

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FESTIVAL

- WINE TASTING
- SILENT AUCTION
- HORS D'OEUVRES
- PROFESSIONALLY JUDGED WINE COMPETITION

YOU'RE INVITED!

40TH ANNIVERSARY

THREE RIVERS
CONVENTION CENTER
7016 W. Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336
www.threeriversconventioncenter.com

Event Sign-Up Coupons

Saturday, November 10
Three Rivers Convention Center
7:00 p.m. for the General Public
6:30 p.m. for Wine Society Members

GIANT GALA WINE TASTING
JUDGED WINE COMPETITION AWARDS
SILENT AUCTION
HORS D'OEUVRES
SELECTION OF LOCAL CRAFT BEERS

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Toyota Center Box Office or ticketmaster.com
Price: \$60/advance; \$65/day of and at the door
More information at: tricitiewinesociety.com or
threeriversconventioncenter.com.

Annual Holiday Party – “Gallery Aglow”

Sunday, December 9
Members: \$40; Guests: \$50

Limit: 50
Number of members 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**

2018 Membership Application or Renewal

- New** **Renewal**
- Single: \$ 25** **Couple: \$ 35**

Referred by: _____

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

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, or more, to reach the TCWS PO box. If your reservation is made within 5 days of the event, please call Treasurer Judy Stewart, 509-627-6579, or the cancellation point of contact listed in the event details box, and notify the event chairman or a co-chair by phone or email that your reservation is in the mail.**

Courtesy

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

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 point of contact listed in the event details box. If your reservation can be filled, you may be able to get a refund. ♦

Membership Reminders

- For ALL address/contact changes, contact Randy Schreiner, membership chairman. Phone: 509-572-2426; 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 Randy Schreiner (contact info, above).
- For the latest society information and EVOEs, visit: www.tricitiewinesociety.com. ♦



Tri-Cities Wine Society

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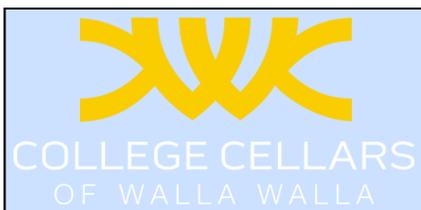
Need any info? Have an idea?
Contact us!

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

Looking Ahead! Walla Walla Bus Trip

Although the 2018 holiday season is just beginning, the Tri-Cities Wine Society's Program Committee is looking ahead to 2019. Yes, a save-the-date event for your calendar – **Friday, March 15**. Yes, the Ides of March! And, yes, there are many events associated with this date in ancient Roman history, but the society is focusing on it as the Feast of Anna Perenna, a goddess of the year, according to Wikipedia, "whose festival originally concluded the ceremonies of the new year. The day was enthusiastically celebrated among the common people with picnics, drinking and revelry."



With this in mind, join the wine society on a bus trip to Walla Walla. The day's events will include a tour of the Walla Walla Community College's award-winning College Cellars and lunch at the college's culinary center with food prepared by the students. Following this the plan is to have the bus drop off members in downtown Walla Walla so they can explore the wineries and downtown on their own.

So, a day with food and wine, and maybe a little revelry, all while "leaving the driving to us," as stated in a well-known advertisement. More details in the months ahead! ♦