



# Tri-Cities Wine Society

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## President's Message

March 29, 2020

Greetings to everyone! First, and most importantly, I hope each of you, and your families, are safe and healthy. On behalf of myself, the wine society's entire board of directors and the members of our committees, please know our thoughts are with you during these challenging days, weeks and months as we all come to terms with what is our "new normal."

With this in mind, yes, your wine society board of directors is following Governor Jay Inslee's directives regarding staying home, staying safe, prohibiting gatherings, etc. Therefore, we are postponing all future wine society monthly events until further notice. Further, we are creatively reworking our board and program committee meetings to stay within the Governor's directives.

Looking ahead, when the Governor's directives change and we know it is safe to resume our events, our wine society's program committee will develop a revised event schedule. Watch for it on our wine society website, [www.tricitieswinesociety.com](http://www.tricitieswinesociety.com), in email messages and in future *EVOEs*.

As I wrote on March 21 in an email regarding our Wine in a Can event scheduled for March 28, Chuck and Sue McCargar, the event co-chairs, would be contacting those individuals with reservations to discuss a refund or having a place holder reservation for the event when it is rescheduled.

Regarding our April 18 Oysters and Wine event, Peter Berry, the event chair, will also be contacting those who have reservations regarding a refund or having a place holder reservation. Although oysters are available and eaten year-round, there is a general "myth" that they are best in colder months. So, Peter is closely monitoring the oyster season and will be working with the program committee regarding rescheduling the event when we know it is safe to again resume our monthly events.

Switching gears a little, I hope you have been enjoying many "swirl, sniff and sip" opportunities at home! If you have wine "cellared" at home, have you found anything you've forgotten you have? Have you opened any bottles you have been holding for a special occasion? Or, have you been able to take advantage of any of the many offers from wineries to order and then pick up the wine at a winery tasting room parking lot without getting out of your car? Then, too, some wineries have even offered special reductions in shipping.

If you have a story to share about that special wine you opened, a fun "swirl, sniff and sip" occasion you experienced, or any other wine-related happening during this "new normal" time we are living through, email your story to Mary Binder, our public relations liaison, at [mary\\_binder@msn.com](mailto:mary_binder@msn.com). She is gathering stories for a future *EVOE* article or articles!

So, again, while we are not able to gather for our monthly events, I do hope you are still enjoying many "swirl, sniff and sip" opportunities as we all continue to focus on being safe and healthy by staying home. Then, too, when you make your food runs, remember that the wine aisles are open, as are our liquor stores should you need a resupply! However, no hoarding ... except if you are buying for a neighbor or friend who cannot get out!

Working together, remaining positive and, at times, thinking creatively, we will get through this challenging time. Please continue to be safe and healthy, and I hope to see you soon at one of our monthly events. Stay tuned! Finally, feel free to contact me at: [teddavis21@charter.net](mailto:teddavis21@charter.net).

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