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# KITSAP WINE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Enjoying fine wine on the beautiful Kitsap Peninsula

Input to the KWS Newsletter is welcome and may be sent to Coreen Haydock Johnson by the last day of the month: [corrاند1@wavecable.com](mailto:corrاند1@wavecable.com). Really-- send me info/articles!

**For More KWS news and information go to [www.kitsapwines.org](http://www.kitsapwines.org)**

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

Saturday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, July 23rd	Sunday , Aug. 23rd
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## Upcoming Events Upcoming Events

**\*\*Saturday, June 27th, 2009 –Spanish Wine and Tapas**

**5:30-7:30pm at [Monica's Waterfront Bakery and Cafe, Old Town Silverdale](#)**

Laura Swift from Casa Ventura Importers will be our special guest. Casa Ventura believes the best wines come from excellent viticulture. The wine is born long before we see it in the bottle. It is born in the soil and in the hands of those who know and understand agriculture. Historically, Spain is in its finest moment with regard to wine-making. This is because Spain has developed modern wine-making concepts, vineyard techniques, and facilities, while preserving the essence of their traditional regions and grapes. Casa Ventura wants to be part of this "revolution" by selling fine Spanish wines in America. They believe in the soils of Spain, an old vine land that has been producing wine for more than 2,500 years. For the Romans, Hispania was extremely precious. In fact, some of the wines currently produced in Spain were already valuable in Roman times.

### **Early-bird registration**

(- registrations [received and paid for](#) by Saturday, June 13 2009)

\$25 for Kitsap Wine Society (and other local wine society) Members

\$35 for Non-members

### **Late registration**

( - registrations/payments received after Saturday, June 13 2009)

\$35 for Kitsap Wine Society (and other local wine society) Members

\$35 for Non-Members

Cut off date for registration: June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 2 ways to pay:

By check: KWS Spanish Wines  
PO Box 1684  
Silverdale, WA 98383

or online: <http://nwregistration.com/kws/>

**\*\*Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 -- Porch Wines and Summer Sippers**

**5:30-7:30p m at Monica's Waterfront Bakery and Café, Old Town Silverdale**

We will be sampling 6 Summer Wines. The wines will be a combination of whites and rosés, paired with tasty tidbits that will bring out the subtle flavors of the wines.

**Early-bird registration –**

(registrations received and paid for by Thursday, July 9, 2009)

**\$25 KWS members**

**\$31 for Non-members**

**Late registration -**

(registrations/payments received after Thursday, July 9 2009)

**\$35 for KWS Members**

**\$41 for Non-Member**

Deadline for registration: July 17<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 ways to register for the event.

By check: KWS Porch Wines

P.O. Box 1684

Silverdale, WA 98383

Or Online: [www.nwregistration.com/kws](http://www.nwregistration.com/kws)

**\*\*Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 -- The Art of Fresco Dining**

**Location and time to be announced.**

Join us on for a Sunday afternoon of wonderful wines, fabulous fresco food and cool company. We'll dine outside on Italian wines and cuisine that will titillate your senses.

This dining experience will cost around \$20 – 22 per member. Still in the planning stages so anyone who would like to volunteer, please let Andy or Mary know:

[kitsapwines@yahoo.com](mailto:kitsapwines@yahoo.com)

**The envisioned menu – so far – but subject to changes this far out....**

Antipasti

Olives, Stuffed piquant red peppers, Grilled polenta

Frescati?

I Primi

Basil, Pomodoro crudo, and Gorgonzola with Pasta Secca

Valpocella?

I Secondi

Chicken Saltimbacca alla Romana with grilled squashes

Le Insalate

Insalata Mista

I Dolce

Fresh seasonal fruits dressed in balsamic and pepper

Marsala?

## Events Calendar for 2009/2010

The Program Committee has met a couple of times to make plans for monthly events for the coming year (see below). We hope you enjoy the lineup! We have tried to plan our events based on the replies we received from the online survey. Our thanks to all of you who took the time complete the survey.

The events we have on the drawing board for the coming year can be seen online at the Kitsap Wine Society web site (<http://www.kitsapwines.org>) and also on the online registration form at <https://www.nwregistration.com/KWS>. As we bring each of the events online for registration, the event name will change to BLUE and a link will be set up for registering for that particular event. You will always be able to see details about the events, as we finalize them, on the Kitsap Wine Society web site's Future Events link.

We were very sorry to have to postpone the Spanish Wines & Tapas event what was scheduled for May 21st. The issue was that a minimum number of registrations were

needed to make that event work out financially and we did not have anywhere near that number registered by the week before the event. Hopefully the new date for this event - Saturday, June 27th - will work out for more people and we will actually get to have our Spanish Wines & Tapas event.

**\*September (hopefully 26th)** -a trip to Eastern Washington Wineries

**\*October (1st or 2nd week)** - All About Reds, comparing red wines & sampling with savory & sweet foods

**\*November 7** - Thanksgiving Wines

**\*December (1st or 2nd week)** - Annual Cellar Dive

**\*January 2010** - Wines & Chocolate

**\*February 2010** - Sweetheart Winemaker Dinner

**\*March 2010** - Greek Food & wines to go with it

**\*April 2010** - Annual Meeting and "Tax Man" wines & appetizers/snacks - stuff you can afford after holidays & taxes

**\*May 2010** - Regional Wine Tasting

**\*June 2010** - visit to the wineries which were enjoyed in the Regional Wine tasting

### Changes in Event Registration Process

As many KWS events are catered, it is necessary approximately 2 weeks prior to the event, the number of attendees. While it may still be possible to register right up to the event (it's possible to increase our catering count within reason), we will need to confirm a *minimum* number of attendees in order for the event to take place.

To encourage you to register by the date on which we need to submit to the caterer, we are instituting "Early-Bird Registration Rates". If you register and pay by the date we have specified, you will get the "early-bird" rate. Any registrations received after will be \$10pp higher, assuming there are enough registrations by the early-bird cutoff date to proceed with the event.

We also would like to encourage you to use our online registration. The online form has been adapted so you can register online or pay by mailing a check. Your registration, when paying by check, will not be confirmed until we have received your payment. This means that if you register online but opt to pay by check, we will not record your registration until we have your check. If we have reached a maximum number of registrants and your check has not been received, you may be waitlisted instead of registered. Online registration and payment by credit card will avoid an problems

If you register online and pay by credit card, we will not process your payment until 2 weeks prior to the event, once we know there are enough registrations to proceed with that event. A receipt for

payment will then be emailed to you along with confirmation of your registration and reminder information about the event.

## **Cancellation Policy Change**

Because of the need to commit to two weeks prior to an event, a change in the cancellation policy has also been instituted.

Cancellations must be received by email to [kitsapwines@nwregistration.com](mailto:kitsapwines@nwregistration.com) **2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT** in order for KWS to *not* process a payment or to mail a refund if the registration was paid by check. The exception to this would be that *if we can fill the spot you had reserved*, in which case a refund will be given or your registration fee can be transferred to a future event.

We hope you understand that after your payment is processed and we have committed to moving forward with an event KWS has spent your registration fee, having committed to the caterer that a certain number of people will be in attendance and that KWS has guaranteed payment for that number. At that point, a refund is not possible without a loss to Kitsap Wine Society.

We want this year to be fun and exciting for our KWS members and we look forward to seeing you at as many of the events as you can make it to!

## **The Latest on Drinking Wine and Your Health**

**Wine-Drinking Men Enjoy Longer Lives  
Scientists in the Netherlands follow men for 40 years and  
report that wine drinkers live five years longer**

Men who drink up to half a glass of wine a day may live five years longer than teetotalers, according to a Dutch study published online Thursday by the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*. The study also concluded that men who consumed light-to-moderate quantities (about 20 grams) of any type of alcohol daily gained two and a half years of life expectancy, with a lower risk of dying from coronary heart disease and other ailments associated with poor circulation.

[Click here for rest of article](#)

**-OR-**

**Is Drinking Wine a Breast Cancer Risk?  
Two new studies say it is; questions remain about the  
impact of drinking patterns on results**

Two new studies warning that wine consumption increases a woman's risk of breast cancer are prompting a lot of concern among female wine drinkers. Multiple studies now point to alcohol consumption as a breast-cancer risk factor, but other studies have found that wine, particularly red wine, may have cancer-fighting properties. The controversy has spurred more research.

[Click here for rest of article](#)

# Presidents Musings June 09

## **Hello Fellow Wine Lovers!**

We had to move the May event to June due to low registration. The Spanish Wines and Tapas event is now scheduled for Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Monica's Waterfront Bakery and Café.

Our July event is Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We listened to the feedback requesting us to switch the dates around a bit so we have scheduled a Thursday event. The theme is Porch Wines and Summer Sippers. It will be held at Monica's Waterfront Bakery and Café. See the web site for more details.

Mary and Andy have offered to plan the Annual Picnic. It will be an Italian themed event on Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are still putting the details together so be sure to check the web site for more details later.

The Events Committee met two weeks ago and mapped out events for the next year. Things to look forward to: Visit to Eastern Washington Wineries, It's All About Reds, and Thanksgiving wines. As you can see, we have a great year ahead of us.

Enjoy this gorgeous weather. I look forward to seeing all of you June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Cheers!**

**Tami**

## **Whaling Days, July 24-26<sup>th</sup> Silverdale**

Save the Date!!!! We will be assisting in the Wine and Beer Garden with wine pouring. More details and call for volunteers to follow. If you are interested in volunteering, send us an email at [kitsapwines@yahoo.com](mailto:kitsapwines@yahoo.com)

## **A Visit to our southern neighbors.....Debbie Seamans**

While searching for a place in Gig Harbor recently, I happened upon a fantastic little gourmet store called Harbor Greens. Their web site is [www.harborgreensmarket.com](http://www.harborgreensmarket.com). Not only is the market full of great food stuff but they have a fantastic selection of wines AND they have a wine bar! The wine bar is actually next door, along with a coffee shop. When you enter the shop, the wine bar is immediately to the right. They have quite a large selection of wines available by the glass as well as a menu of delicious finger-foods to accompany your wine. Three nights a week they have live entertainment, so you can relax on one of their comfy sofas or at one of their tables with a glass of wine, some munchies and enjoy some good music. Can it get any better than that?? And all this is very close to the new Galaxy Theatres in Gig Harbor, which will spoil you for any other movie theatre once you go there!

Do you know other such places that we can visit in our summer travel. For example, I know of another wine bar in Sequim although I can't remember the name of it! And there are a number of restaurants that offer wonderful wine dinners. Let us know your favorite wine hideout or restaurant dinner and wine pairing

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During the writing of this newsletter, the editor (Coreen) was drinking Freixenet (pronounced fresh-eh-net) Cordon Negro Brut Sparkling Wine. Cordon Negro Brut is Freixenet's most popular cava, often referred to as the "Black Bottle Bubbly." It is the #1 imported sparkling wine in the world and still ideal for any occasion. Cordon Negro Brut is crisp, clean and well balanced. The dosage is very dry, but the acidity is lower than most champagnes for a softer, smoother flavor. It is medium-bodied with apple, pear and bright citrus flavors and a moderately long and crisp, clean finish.

Freixenet is one of the most renowned and largest cava houses in Spain, similar in quality, size and importance to France's Moet & Chandon. Cava is the Spanish sparkling wine equivalent to France's Champagne. The Freixenet cava business started in 1914 by Pere Ferrer Bosch, the son of "La Freixenada", the family estate located in the Alt Penedès region since the 13th century. Right from the start, the family decided to produce only cava, a natural sparkling wine, following the method used in Champagne (France) for centuries.

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## KITSAP WINE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Learning about and enjoying good wines and good food ... *in good company!*

You must be 21 to attend KWS events. Pay with credit card, check or cash. Details below.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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New Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The Kitsap Wine Society's Board has four standing committees - Program Planning, Publicity, Membership and Finance. Would you help? Check all that interest you and the committee chair will contact you.

**Program Planning**-Could include event planning, wine procurement, food preparation, event setup/cleanup, greeting & guest registration and/or food and wine service.

**Finance**-Could include event budgeting, supply procurement and inventory and/or auditing the books once a year.

**Publicity**-Includes the monthly newsletter, event promotion through distribution of monthly flyers, other website notices and newspaper notices.

**Membership**-Computer work including promoting and tracking membership, using spreadsheets, letters, membership cards and nametags.

**Unsure, please call me!** Annual Dues: Single \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Couple \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

## How to Transfer Funds

If you wish to use a *credit card* to pay your membership [click here](#).

Please note: When you receive your invoice, the payee will be Northwest Registration Services whose services the Kitsap Wine Society employs. Send completed form via snail or email.

If you wish to pay by *check*, send completed form and check to 'Kitsap Wine Society' to:

Membership Kitsap Wine Society  
PO Box 1684,  
Silverdale, WA 98383

There is also the option of attending an event to check us out and joining then. The guest surcharge - mainly to cover liquor liability - would then be applied to your membership fee. Questions? [kitsapwines@yahoo.com](mailto:kitsapwines@yahoo.com)

## Earn Wine Bucks

Bring a guest to an event and when the guest joins at that event, you are awarded a gift certificate worth \$5 for each sign up. Gift certificates can be used to offset members' fees at future events. The guest surcharge for the event will be applied to the membership fee. For instance, if a guest pays \$25 for an event, \$10 of that applies to the membership fee. Thus, the new member paid \$15 for the event, \$10 is applied to the membership fee.

For more information, contact Mary Earl or Tami Burns, Membership Committee

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