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KITSAP WINE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

(See the KWS website at www.kitsapwines.org)

SAVE THESE DATES!

	Saturday, January 13	Saturday, February 3	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13 – The Poulsbo Athletic Club has had a long-running practice of presenting art from local artists and has invited the Kitsap Wine Society to add to their adventure; we have been invited to select the wines for this event to be held at their large two-story facility at 19611 Seventh Ave., Poulsbo.

In addition to the exciting art and wine there will be light appetizers. We will have two white and three red Washington wines to sample while exploring the art and talking to the artists. A wide range of painters, sculptors, ceramicists, etc., will be on hand to discuss their works. Please join us from 7 to 9 pm. for this interesting evening.

By January 4 mail a check for \$25 for each member and guest to: January Art and Wine, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. Or, drop off your check by close of business January 5 either at the Athletic Club or at Grape Expectations, 3594 N. Byron, Silverdale. Wine glasses will be provided.

For questions or cancellations contact Ann Randall, Chair, at 360-779-4818 or ann.randall@comcast.net.

Go to www.kitsapwines.org/current_event.htm for more event information.

February 3 – Curious about what your fellow wine lovers drink at home on weekends or weekday evenings? Or are you looking for suggestions about some reasonably priced but tasty wines to serve yourself? Join us at 7 pm at the Clear Creek Community Club in Silverdale for samples of affordable, widely available wines that are members' favorites.

Mail a check (\$22 each member, \$32 each guest) postmarked no later than January 26 for the required reservations. Address it to KWS February House Wine Event, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. Or, by January 27 deliver the check during normal business hours to Grape Expectations, 3594 N. Byron St., Silverdale. Wine glasses will be provided.

Co-hosts for this "House Wine" event will be Phil and Courtenay Havers; they may be contacted at nikanb@hotmail.com, or 360 779-3342. And it's not too late to get your house wine suggestions to Larry Sukut, 360-769-5458.

March – Chilean Wines (tentatively March 17 or 24). A blind tasting of red wines from Chile. The wine press is saying that Chile is the Napa Valley of old: great wine at reasonable prices. Join us to see. Chair needed.

April – Annual Meeting, tentatively set for the 21st, and to include the election of officers. This should be a very interesting meeting. Chair needed.

May – Tentatively a restaurant event featuring excellent food and matching wines.

June – Currently looking at doing a road trip. Stay tuned for details.

Reminder: Except when noted, these events are designed as a learning experience and are set up just for tasting. Please have dinner or a late lunch beforehand.

AND NOW WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT –

Hello Hello:

Another New Year! Where has the time gone, as us oldtimers say? When we were very young it seemed like the end of the year and the holiday season would never ever get here. As we get older, however, this time of year becomes a time to reflect on what has happened during the past 12 months.

As an organization, KWS has had an interesting year. We have had ten tastings and have explored a wide range of topics – from wine and chocolate pairings to a wonderful outdoor BBQ, then to an art studio tour, and most recently, to wines appropriate for holiday gatherings. I think it has been a very interesting year and I look forward to the next. Our board has been busy planning upcoming events, and we hope that you will join us and share in the excitement of finding out about wine and its pleasures.

The December 2 Festive Holiday Wines event was a great success – great wine and wonderful food. The **January 13** event will be **Art & Wine in Poulsbo** at the Poulsbo Athletic Club. This may seem like a strange place to hold an event, but see the website for details. It promises to be great fun.

Having fun and hoping you got to try some interesting wine this holiday season.

Larry

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, at 6:45 pm at Tony's Pizza in Bremerton

Inputs to the KWS Newsletter are welcome and may be sent to Janice Lounsbury by the first day of each month via blounsbury@wavecable.com

DECEMBER EVENT REVIEW

The “Festive Holiday Wines” event saw a sell-out crowd eager to taste nontraditional holiday wines.

The greeter wine was a sparkling Shiraz (!) from Paringa in South Australia. Guests were overheard commenting that this would be their New Year's Eve sparkly of choice, especially when they heard its price: only \$10 a bottle!

Replacing a traditional chardonnay for an appetizer wine, the first flight of wines featured Lost River's Rainshadow 2005, a White Bordeaux-style blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc; it was followed by a light Rosé from Chateau la Boutignane that blended Syrah and Grenache. Both were served with a baked brie in puff pastry, with brown sugar and almonds. Yum!

Because many holiday meals feature a red-meat entree, Co-Chairs Tom Devlin and Tracy Chellis wanted to offer alternatives to the more usual Pinot Noir or Cabernet Sauvignon choices. They selected the Descendientes de Jose Palacios Bierzo Petalos 2005 (a Spanish relative of the Cabernet Franc grape), and one of the most popular wines of the evening, Two Angels Petite Sirah 2003. [Even a non-red wine aficionado commented “that’s not horrible” – the white wine drinker’s equivalent of “thumbs up!”]

Many thanks to Phil and Courtenay Havers for creating the delicious Pumpkin Squares dessert that paired perfectly with the wines chosen to substitute traditional ports: Eleven Pinot Gris Port 2005 (a white port) and a refreshing Kiona Gewurztraminer Red Mountain Late Harvest 2003.

Event recipes may be found on our website. And thanks to Poulsbo’s Olympic Wine Shop for providing the evening’s wines at their cost.

WINE TASTINGS – FULL UPDATED LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE!

If you know of additions or deletions, please let your editor know...

WINE LINKS -- **To learn more about wines and wine events, check out the wine links noted at the KWS website, www.kitsapwines.org.**