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### KITSAP ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**NEXT** -- Dig out your berets and plan to attend our November event Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Kitsap Golf and Country Club. Carrie Omega of Robert Kacher Selections, an importer widely recognized for its fine wines, will conduct our program beginning 7 p.m.

French vineyards have been producing world-renowned wines since 700 BC, giving rise to the misconception that these wine are expensive and out of the reach of the consumer. Carrie will introduce us to new grape varieties, regions and pairings that will prove to be adventurous. She will point to such white grapes as Muscadet, Aligote, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Auxerrois, Chardonnay, and Riesling, and the reds: Merlot, Cabernet, Malbec, Gamay, Cabernet Franc, and Pinot Noir.

French cuisine being equally extensive and varied, we have selected traditional dishes that complement the region and the wines we will taste. Tastes of the following are planned: Shrimp Spread with French bread, Coq au Vin, a potato-cheese cake, and Crème Brulee. Volunteer chefs are still needed. Please contact Bill Lounsbery at the number below.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for guests, and this event will be limited to the first 60 reservations. Mail your checks by November 8 to: KES, PO Box 1684, Silverdale, WA 98383. Sorry, there will be no refunds after November 8.

For more information, contact co-chairs Mary Earl 360-698-0522 or [ggrapex@yahoo.com](mailto:ggrapex@yahoo.com) or Bill Lounsbery 360-871-2066 or [blounsbery@wavecable.com](mailto:blounsbery@wavecable.com)

**Other upcoming KES events include:**

December - Vic Keranen will chair this month's event, "How Sweet It Is," on Wednesday, December 29. Our goal will be primarily social, rather than educational, to share the joys of the season with dessert wines and desserts provided by our members.

January - Event Chair needed to plan a proposed evening devoted to Old and New World Syrahs on Friday, January 21. What does soil and climate have to do with it? Can you sniff out the new from the old?

February - Coreen Johnson and Vic Keranen will share Event Chair duties on Friday, February 18, for a red wine and chocolate event.

*Also* - That proposed joint OPES (Olympic Peninsula Enological Society)-KES event idea is growing. Vicki Lebkeucher is working on the particulars, and at this

point she's aiming for a late afternoon-early evening heavy hors d'oeuvres event on April 17 at the Alderbrook Inn. We'll keep you posted.

**Note: for the most part, 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 PRESIDENT MARY EARL ...**

-- My heartfelt thanks to the following volunteers who generate the momentum to this society: Smitty and Vicky Lebkeucher, Andy Campbell, Vic Keranen, Larry Sukut, Inga Carmack, Bill and Janice Lounsbery, Dave Hill, Nick Tomassi, Tom Devlin, Charlie Morgan, Julie Newman, Peter Taafe, Reiko McNamee and --- You? Volunteer today!

In the spirit of the election season, your board has decided to postpone the election of KES officers until 2005. We decided that having our ballots counted before the nation's ballots may be a little cheeky...Seriously though, due to major life changes for some officers and directors, the board has decided to postpone the real thing until February, 2005, as laid out in our bylaws.

In the meantime, you can help. Just contact one of your hard-working board members and ask how you can help. Every little bit you give takes that much weight off them. Tell them how much time you can spare: an hour, a few minutes here and there, or more for the next event? Whatever you can give means a lot. Thanks!

Tom Devlin recently agreed to chair the Membership Committee, the position that was vacated by Robin Langford. Tom quietly and competently filled in for your Publicity Chair, Janice Lounsbery, when she and husband Bill went globetrotting. If you are the least inclined, we could use committee members to back him up when needed.

I am also reforming the Program Committee. Former members have moved, or are building their dream house, or are in the midst of wedding plans. So far, a handful of people have committed to an evening plus a few hours a month. Thanks to Trinkka, Laurie and Coreen.

We will be meeting the evening of Tuesday, November 9, at the Grape Expectations Wine Shop. Please join us for a low-cost, no obligation, fun-filled time. If you would like to join this committee, call or email me. You will learn lots and meet some like-minded people. So far, we have programs planned through March or April. We need your feedback even if you have no time to volunteer.

Finally, At-Large Member Larry Sukut has registered our website as [kitsapwines.org](http://kitsapwines.org). It will be good for three years, after which we will renew or not. Larry may be able to get us up and running by the end of the year, and a little help from those who can would be nice. Plus, let him know what information you think would be helpful on the website. Currently we are using Member Nick Tomassi's website, [www.silverlink.net/winecabinet](http://www.silverlink.net/winecabinet).

See you at the November 13 event.

#### **A MESSAGE FROM MEMBER-AT-LARGE LARRY SUKUT**

-- In the October newsletter, there was a tickler about a potential road trip over the mountains to do some wine tasting in the Yakima-Zillah area. We are still working on the details of this long trip, but we have also decided to explore doing a close-to-home trip in the late winter/early spring timeframe. We currently envision a visit to some of the wonderful wineries in the Seattle and Woodinville areas.

At this point I need **you**, KES members and friends, to let me know of your interest in these adventures. Please take a moment and respond to the following questions. You are not making a commitment at this point; you are just letting us know the level of interest so that we can better plan.

1. Are you interested in a **short** day trip to the local wineries in Seattle and Woodinville? (Approximate cost would be \$40 PP) Very Interested / Maybe / No Interest (i.e. **VI** / **M** / **NI**)
2. Are you interested in having a group dinner in connection with this trip? Very Interested / Maybe / No Interest
3. Are you interested in a **long** day trip to the wineries in Yakima-Zillah area in the late spring? (Approximate cost would be \$65 PP) Very Interested / Maybe / No Interest
4. Are you interested in an **overnight** trip to the wineries in Yakima-Prosser-Benton City area? (Approximate cost would be \$125 PP) Very Interested / Maybe / No Interest

Please send an e-mail by November 26<sup>th</sup> to L.SUKUT@usa.com to express your interest and let me know the number of people your e-mail represents. Are you speaking as a couple, a couple plus your next-door neighbors, a single, a single plus your carpool, etc., etc.

You can keep it simple by just stating the question number and your thoughts (i.e. 1. VI, 2 NI, 3 M) or you can elaborate on your thoughts. (i.e. 1. A short local trip is a Maybe depending on the wineries visited, 2 not interested to keep it a short trip, 3. Yes yes yes, etc etc)

Thank you in advance for your time and input.

*Note: Larry Sukut's corrected e-mail address is: [l.sukut@USA.com](mailto:l.sukut@USA.com), not ".net," as recently reported.*

**NEWEST MEMBER OF KES** is Jessica McCann. WELCOME! We now have 82 members.

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at Grape Expectations Wine Shop.**

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#### **WINE TASTINGS - CHECK 'EM OUT!**

Bainbridge Island Vineyards and Winery, 8989 Day Road E,  
Bainbridge Island: Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Café Destino, 1223 McKenzie Ave., Bremerton: bimonthly  
tastings, call 360-782-0711 for information

Grape Expectations, 3594 NW Byron, Silverdale: Saturdays, beginning noon

Hoodspout Winery, Highway 101, Hoodspout: Daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Lighthouse Café & Wine Bar, 3388 NW Byron, Silverdale: Thursdays from 5 p.m., supper included \$10

Manette Wine Shop, 1102 Scott, East Bremerton: Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.

That's A Some Wine Shop, 18881 Front St. NE, Poulsbo: November 10, 6 p.m., 8 wines and hors d'oeuvres buffet, \$25

The Keeping Room, 7811 Pioneer Way, Gig Harbor: Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

The Wine Cellar, 940 Water St., Port Townsend: October-June, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$10

Tony's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, 4908 Kitsap Way, Bremerton: Tuesdays 3-10 p.m.

Water to Wine, 3028 Harborview Drive, Gig Harbor: Beginning October, designated Thursdays or Saturdays, 6-8 p.m.

Winslow Wine Shop, 278 Winslow Way, Bainbridge Island: Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. (\$0-5, depending upon day's offering)

*If you know of others, please let your editor know...*

*Inputs to the KES Newsletter are welcome and may be sent to Janice Lounsbery by the first day of each month via [kitsapwines@yahoo.com](mailto:kitsapwines@yahoo.com)*

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