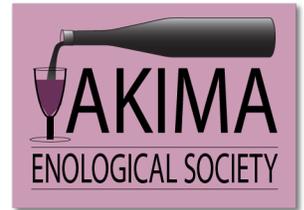


The **Y.E.S.** Newsletter

A monthly publication for members of the Yakima Enological Society



A Taste of Good Friends Wine (GFW) and an Intro to Viticulture

The Covid-19 status in the Yakima Valley is still wreaking havoc on our health, businesses and social activities. It is simply not safe (or currently permitted) for us to gather as a group of 30 to 40 in one room at the Ag Museum.

So, we have developed an alternative: four to five venues with eight to 10 attendees each, practicing good social separation. We will connect the venues via Zoom. Five **GFW** wines and box dinners from **Staci's Catering** will be provided at each venue. Our host and hostess from **GFW Wines** will present, via Zoom, from their home site.

The venues will be a home of one of the Board Members. **Sandy Saffell, Jimi Weaver, Brad Baldwin** and **Pam Larin**. (We have two more homes available, if needed.) Several of these homes have comfortable outdoor seating areas (weather permitting). Please phone in your preferred venue to **Marie Clark** at 961-5563. We will endeavor to accommodate your preference.

In addition to the presentation on viticulture, we have produced a Viticulture Trivia handout for each of the attendees. A bottle of GFW wine will be awarded to the individual(s) with the most correct answers.

Come help us tiptoe back into our social gatherings, very carefully. **Please bring your face masks!**

—Your hosts: Roy Lewis, Pam Larin and Marie Clark

Online registration link:
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4603721>



THE DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, June 10

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Various board members' homes

Cost: \$40 per person for members; \$50 per person for nonmembers

Bring: A wine glass and your face mask

Registration deadlines:

Mail: Postmarked by **FRI 06/05**

Online: Pay with Brown Paper Tickets by 5 p.m. **SUN 06/07**

Phone: Call Marie Clark at 961-5563 **until 5 p.m., SUN 06/07**



Plan Ahead... **Y.E.S. Calendar of Upcoming Events** —Brad Baldwin

July 8...
Stems Courtyard Event
Downtown Yakima

August 18...
Platinum Dinner
Yakima Country Club

September 26-27...
Canada bus trip

Platinum XVIII Update

In early spring, the 18th annual Platinum Dinner, set for April 18th, was rescheduled to August 8th due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The Platinum committee was hopeful that by August some of the pandemic restrictions would have eased. However, as time passes and with Yakima County's high rate of infection, it is looking increasingly unlikely that we will be able to hold our event.

The Platinum committee will continue to closely monitor the situation and will make a final decision by the middle of June. As a possible alternative we may consider having a virtual auction of the Platinum award-winning wines. All the wines, with the exception of the Canadian wines, are already in Yakima. As soon as they open the Canadian border for nonessential travel, we will also collect those wines so we will have all we need to hold an auction with the fabulous Platinum-awarded wines of 2019.

More information will be sent to all those on the Platinum mailing list by mid-June as decisions and details are finalized.

Let's hope for the best and that we can continue to raise money for enology and viticulture scholarships. During these uncertain times, these funds are needed more than ever.

—Platinum Committee

A thought to ponder with a glass of wine:

If you are falling...dive.

We're in a freefall into future.

We don't know where we're going.

Things are changing so fast,
and always when you're going through
a long tunnel, anxiety comes along.

And all you have to do
to transform your hell into a paradise
is to turn your fall into a voluntary act.

It's a very interesting shift
of perspective, and that's all it is
...joyful participation in the sorrows
...and everything changes.

—Joseph Campbell



July Teaser: Stems, Downtown Yakima

Return to downtown Yakima for a fun and hot night in the courtyard of the Hilton Garden Inn. **Stems** will find fun summer wines to cool you off. Mark your calendars for July 8. Start time is 6:30 p.m.

—Brad Baldwin



May Recap: Virtual tasting

Our virtual tasting was fabulous. In all, 18 participants chose a wine and food pairing to share with us on Facebook. We had steak and a red wine to a barber with a chocolate coconut raspberry mousse. Check out the selections on Facebook. Maybe the presenters will share their recipes. The "door prize" winners of our virtual tasting were **Spencer Hatton** and **Christine Amos**.

Thanks to all who participated. In addition to those we see on this site; **Marcie and Dave Mitts, Pam and Ron Larin, and Tonya Siegel-Pilichowski** also participated. They posted themselves, but the post only lasted an hour.

—Marie Clark

President's Corner

June 2020

Support Our City – Many Businesses are Hurting

Many of our local businesses are closed because they have been classified as nonessential, or 'likely to spread Coronavirus'. These businesses have done nothing wrong. And, they are 'taking a bullet' for the well-being of us all.

Many of these businesses have evolved from the incubator, through nursing, into child-raising, and on to reevaluation and improvements. Many individuals and families have devoted their lives and their talents to keeping their businesses — their dreams — alive, sometimes by a thread.

That thread has worn very thin for many. Their meager profits have evaporated. They have had to painfully lay-off loyal staff that have, once again, done nothing wrong.

If you can, visit your favorite restaurants that are serving take-out food. Buy gift cards from businesses that offer them. Support the farmers' markets (with prudence). Employ those that have been laid off to assist you with handywork. Do what you can to support those, who are 'taking a bullet' for us.

And, for your wine and wine accessory needs, you can still visit **Stems. Brad Baldwin** will address your order in small groups, **by appointment only**, Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Phone: (509) 307-2006.**

Please Stay Healthy and Keep Your Eyes on the Horizon, beyond this Pandemic!

—Current Y.E.S. President, Roy Lewis

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What..... GFW Wines

When..... Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Where.... Various board members' homes

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by JUNE 05

Or pay online with Brown Paper Tickets by 5:00 PM JUNE 07

Look for the BPT link on the Y.E.S. website

Number of Members _____ @ \$40 = \$ _____

Number of Guests _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Important: Please include your phone number AND email in case we need to reach you.

★ Please note any dietary restrictions: _____

★ Please note if you are bringing a guest who does not drink alcohol YES NO

Please clip and mail this form with your check to: Yakima Enological Society, PO Box 2395, Yakima WA 98907

All reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE