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of the Pacific Northwest**

April 2002

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April Tasting Announcement

On April 10th we again return to the **Larson Gallery** on the campus of Yakima Valley Community College for the Central Washington Photo Exhibit. Wine-maker/Owner, **Keith Pilgrim**, from **Terra Blanca** in Benton City (Red Mountain) will be present to talk about his wines.

During the greeting period from 6:30-7PM ballots will be handed out to those present so that they may vote for a \$100 YES Member's Choice Award for one of the photographs in the show. The ballots will be collected and we will begin the wine tasting with Keith.

This will be a non-sitting event, so wear comfortable shoes and don't forget to bring your Y.E.S. snack trays! (These will also be available for purchase at the registration table).



We've planned a casual evening, starting off with a comparison of Chardonnay wines from Red Mountain. Next up will be a tasting of Merlot then an award-winning blend called Onyx. A comparison of Syrahs from Red Mountain and finally with dessert, a Botrytized Semillion will be served. The tasting committee has several hors d'oeuvres chosen specifically to complement the taste of the wines throughout the evening.

The map you get with this newsletter is important because it will serve as your parking permit for lots marked on the YVCC map, so don't forget it!

Do come early to vote at 6:30 P.M.

DATE: Wednesday, April 10th, 2002

Place: Larson Gallery at YVCC
Corner of S. 16th Ave and W. Nob Hill Blvd

Time: 6:30 P.M. Check In and voting.
7:00 P.M. Wine Tasting - SHARP!

Cost: \$18.00 Members, \$23.00 Guests,
\$13 Member non-drinkers

Bring: **YOUR WINE GLASS & YES Snack Tray**

Postmarked by April 5th, Phone calls **ONLY on April 8th** to Marie Clark, 697-3364 (until 8:00 P.M.) There will be no registrations after this date and no registration at the door.

LIMITED: To 140 registrations.

John DiBari

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Over the years in our travels to Mexico, my husband James and I have tasted a few Mexican wines. Although most of them have been young and fruity, Mexico's wine industry is discovering rapid growth, not only in quality, but quantity. Two labels that we have tasted are Santo Tomas and La Cetto. Both labels are affordable and make very good Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Cabernets. Most of the wine grapes grown in Mexico are from the Baja California, the Guadalupe Valley and Queretaro regions. Mexico has a very long and interesting history of grape growing and James and I have had fun discovering the wines of their regions. So next time you're in Mexico, don't be afraid to try a glass of vino blanca or vino tinto instead of that margarita.



It is always great to get away. But I think that the best part of the trip is coming home. I am sorry that I was not able to be with you in March. I have it on good authority however, that it was a good meeting, with great food and wine. It was also wonderful to come home and meet our newest board members. I think that we are going to have fun working with them this next year and I welcome you: **Gary Cox, Mike Libbee, George Pitzinger, Jim Stoffer, and Scott Summers.**

I am very excited about our April tasting at the Larson Gallery. The food is always excellent and I look forward to getting to know the wines of Terra Blanca. It will be a great night!

I am honored to serve as your president for another year. Please remember that I am always open for comments or suggestions, so please don't hesitate to call me. See you in April!

Gina Milliron

Did You Miss the March Tasting?

The Yakima Enological Society's Annual meeting was held for on March 13, 2002 at the Woman's Century Club. At our meeting we elected a slate of board members. Then we followed the meeting with a tasty feast.

Deb Arcand and Virginia Gable prepared chicken and pork fajitas for the main dish. Bill and Reta Myers donated some great selections of their own Chateau Saint Williams' wine. Sixty-two members and twelve guests provided the accompanying dishes to share and there was plenty of chocolate dessert to finish the evening with some cabernet.

Marie Clark

MEMBERS' PICKS

This month's selection comes from Sharon Clinton. Sharon works for Hogue Cellars and is very proud of Hogues' handcrafted wines and sparkling clean cellars. She is also a big fan of Sorensen Cellars from Port Townsend, wine-maker Richard Sorensen. The winery began in 1998 and has already won several awards. Sharon recommends the 1999 Sorensen Cabernet Franc and the 1999 Sorensen Merlot. The wines are reasonably priced and highly rated in Wine Press N.W. blind tastings. The new Rosauer's grocery store is going to be stocking it soon, (check with wine manager, Kim Devine) and possibly check the wine list with Ron at Deli de Pasta.



Thanks Sharon for your input. You can e-mail your suggestions to Gina Milliron at famchiro@aol.com or send them in with your registration form for the next tasting. We all look forward to hearing from you.

Gina Milliron

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 10	Terra Blanca Tasting Larson Gallery Yakima Valley Comm. College
April 26-28	Spring Barrel Tasting
May 8	Wine Tasting Seminar Stan Clarke
June	Hedges Cellars Yakima Valley Museum

Spring has Sprung!

2002/2003 Board

On Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at a meeting held at the home of Shirley Menard, we elected the new slate of officers.



President - Gina Milliron
1st V.P - John Dibari
2nd V.P - David Hysert
Secretary- Ray Dilschneider
Treasurer- Virginia Gable

Board Members- Denise Arango, Emily Medeiros, Marie Clark, who is also in charge of registration, Gary Cox, Shaunna Kobes, Mike Libbee, Shirley Menard, George Petzinger, Jim Stoffer and Scott Summers. What a great group! Welcome aboard.

Gina Milliron

June Tasting Preview

The upcoming June tasting represents another milestone on the Y.E.S.'s road to the future. We are pleased to announce that this tasting will be held at the Yakima Valley Museum and that we will be able to accommodate 160 people.

Hedges Cellars will be our guest, and will bring some new release wines as well as a three-year "vertical" tasting of their Three Vineyards Bordeaux style red wine.

These hardy wines will be paired with an appropriate dinner menu that should make this tasting an event to remember. We anticipate great food, great wine, and great company, so mark your calendar and register early!

Scott Summers

The West Wing's Pres. Bartlett Requests Wine from Hogue Cellars

Did you catch the March 6th segment of NBC's popular show **The West Wing** where the First Lady enjoyed a lively birthday party? If you did, you heard President Bartlett request a Hogue white wine, and also mention wine from the Willamette Valley. Washington and Oregon wines are becoming more and more trendy!



Sharon Clinton

Upcoming NW Wine Events

Washington Winemaker Wine Tastings: Claar Cellars, April 12, 5:30-7 p.m., Painted Table, 92 Madison, Seattle, 206-624-3646. Tastings are free. Small donation requested to benefit the North Seattle Homeless Youth Center.

Grand Opening for English Estate Winery, April 13-14, Vancouver, Wash. This new winery specializes in Pinot Noir from 20-year-old vines. Call 360-882-3203.

Beaux Arts Wine Festival, April 14-21, Boise. Events include winemaker dinners, wine tastings, live entertainment, silent auctions, music, dancing and more. Events sell out fast. Call 208-345-8330, Ext. 26.

Hosting a Wine Tasting, April 14, 1 p.m., Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Wash. Experience first-hand the how-to of organizing a small wine tasting.

Wines will be sampled. \$30 per person. Reservations required. Call 800-267-6793, Ext. 3632.



Charlena Paschen

May Tasting Preview

As announced in the March Y.E.S. Newsletter, our May tasting will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at the Yakima Valley Museum and will feature a seminar/workshop on wine tasting organized by Stan Clarke.

Stan will present component tasting, including acidic, sweet and tannin. He will also demonstrate wine defects, in particular, "corked". Please mark your calendar and register early for what promises to be an excellent and informative tasting.

David Hysert

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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Larson Gallery

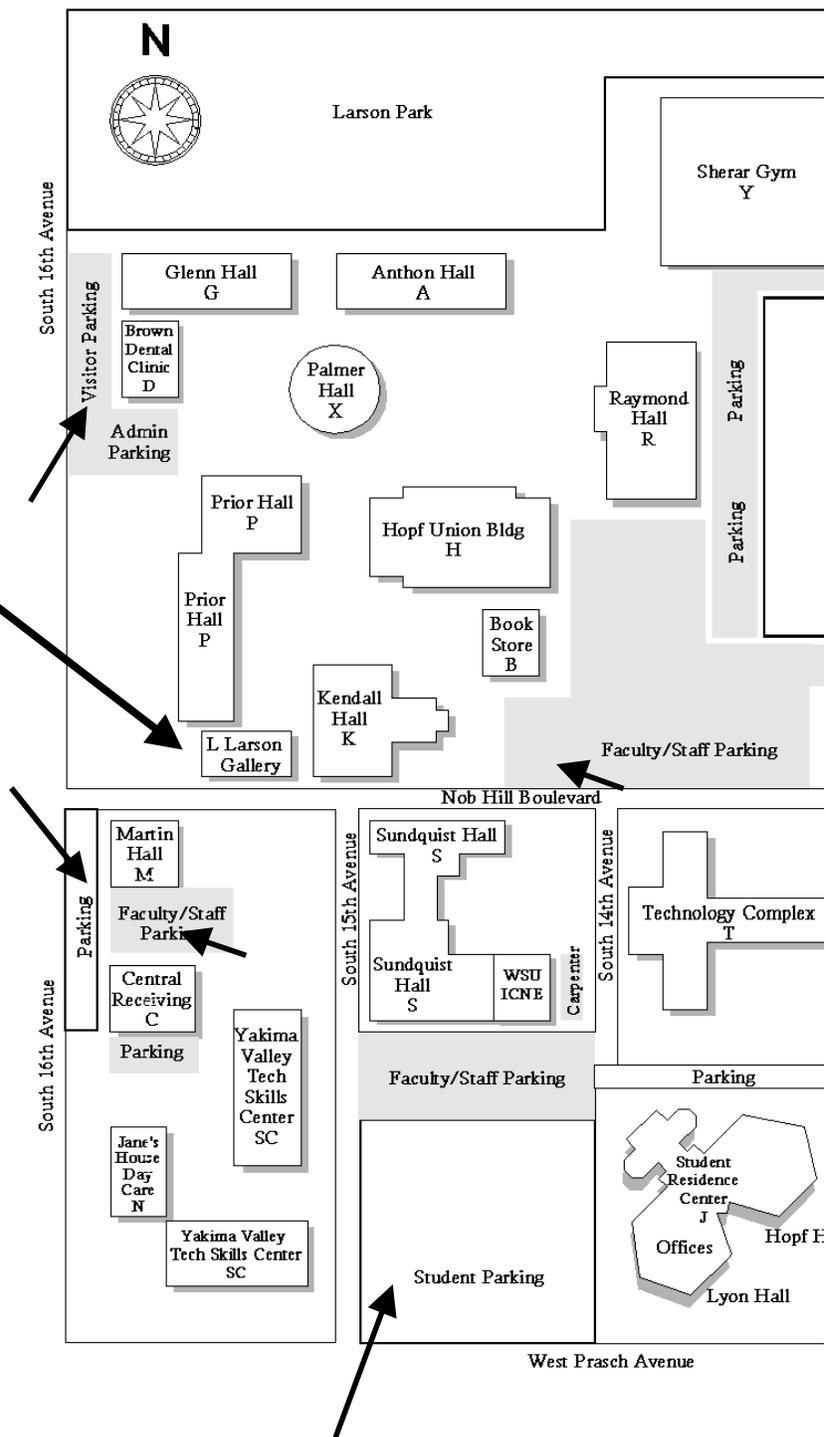
Wednesday
April 10, 2002
6:30 PM

The Larson Gallery is located on the campus of Yakima Valley Community College. The Gallery building is on the corner closest to S. 16th Avenue and W. Nob Hill Blvd. Parking will be reserved in the Visitor Parking Lot on S. 16th Avenue and in the Faculty Staff Parking lot.

Please show this map to the person(s) that are reserving this lot for us. This is your parking permit!!!

There is additional parking on 16th Ave across the street near Martin Hall. The lot behind Martin Hall back toward the Sundquist building is also open for parking in the evening. If necessary you can park in the student parking area near KYVE.

You can park in lot next to Martin Hall and in spaces marked off in Parking Lot by Baseball field.





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First Class Mail

April 2002

Terra Blanca Wine Tasting

Larson Gallery - YVCC

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, April 5th

Wednesday, April 10th, 2002 6:30 PM

Name(s): _____

Members _____ @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Guests _____ @ \$23.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s): _____

Non-Drinkers _____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s): _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$

Phone: _____

Please give your e-mail address below if you would like to receive future issues of the newsletter via e-mail:

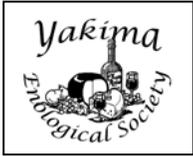
If you would like to help with the tasting, please select one of the following:

- Set Up Food Prep Registration
- Greeter Pourer Clean Up

Please clip & mail with your check to:

Yakima Enological Society - P.O. Box 2395, Yakima, WA 98907
All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE!





Yakima Enological Society Membership Renewal

Mail completed application with check to:
Yakima Enological Society
PO Box 2395
Yakima, WA 98907

Application

Name _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Name _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Newsletter by email Yes ___ No ___

City: _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

PLEASE NOTE: Law requires members to be of legal age

I would like to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food preparation for tastings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine research for tastings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting and guest registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Pouring wine/serving food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing a tasting | <input type="checkbox"/> Providing location for a tasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board membership/planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Finding articles for newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing my wine knowledge at tastings -
handouts/talks/slides |

Membership is non-transferable. Minors are not permitted at tastings.

Annual Dues: \$25 ___ Couple \$15 ___ Single

Membership Renewal Reminder

The YES Board has agreed to the following policy regarding renewals. This reminder does not apply to those members that have already renewed their membership. Thank you to those that have renewed already.

Since we still have a number of members that have not renewed their membership in the Society, the following policy was agreed to by the YES Board. Members are encouraged to renew their membership as soon as possible. Please fill out an application included with this mailing or print one from the Web Site (www.yakimawine.org) and mail with your dues to the PO Box.

If you renew your membership prior to the April tasting we will be glad to accept your reservation at the member price. However, if you have not renewed by the deadline for the April tasting or send in a reservation without the renewal of membership you will be asked to either pay the extra \$5 per person guest price at the door or renew your membership at the door. If the renewal is not received before the April tasting there will be a one month grace period and you will be dropped from the mailing list.

With over 230 members of YES this policy is something that has regrettably become necessary for practical reasons. Please renew if you want to continue with YES in the future. Thank you for your consideration to our important renewal request.

John Dibari