



## Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

Newsletter Date: March 23, 2005

### VineHeart at Larson Gallery



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*"Check out the website  
to view photos from  
several Society Events!"*

We're on the web!  
[www.yakimawine.org](http://www.yakimawine.org)

On April 13<sup>th</sup> we again return to the **Larson Gallery** on the campus of Yakima Valley Community College for the Central Washington Photo Exhibit. Winemakers **George Schneider & Patricia O'Brien** of **VineHeart** Winery will be presenting some of their varietals.

From 6:30-7:30 P.M. 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 wine tasting will begin at 7 PM.

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. You will be greeted by a Chardonnay. The wine tasting event will begin with a Riesling. Highlighted will be a comparison of Lemberger and a Rose'. The tasting committee has chosen several hors d'oeuvres chosen specifically to complement the taste of the wines throughout the evening. In addition Patricia will be bringing a variety of smoked meats prepared at the winery.

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

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

**Date:** Wed, April 13th, 2005

**Place:** Larson Gallery at YVCC  
Corner of S. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave and  
W. Nob Hill Blvd

**Time:** 6:30 P.M. Check In,  
greeting wine 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**

**Limited:** 150 Registrants

Postmarked by **Friday, April 8th**.  
Phone calls only on **Monday, April 11th**  
to **Marie Clark, 697-3364**.

*John Dibari*

### Platinum III in Review

A fine time was had by all. Executive Chef **Brian Nathanson** and the staff of **The Clarion Hotel** outdid themselves in helping us pull off this monumental undertaking. The wines were exquisite, as always. Our great thanks goes to **Andy Perdue** and to the **winemakers** who kept us informed and entertained all evening. From the tasting committee's standpoint, things could not have gone

much better.

We raised \$1,275 for **Central Washington University's World Wine** program by auctioning two 17-bottle collections of platinum wines. The money will fund a one-time student scholarship in memory of YES member and dear friend **Fred Witham**. Thanks to all who participated in this fun live auction.

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## President's Corner

I want to thank those members that came to the Annual Meeting last week. Their input and comments are valued and were discussed by the Board at the meeting that took place the next week.

At the Board Meeting on the Wednesday following the Annual Meeting, the officers for the coming year were elected. The officers for 2005-6 will be: **John DiBari**, President; **David Lynx**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; **Mike Libbee**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, **Kathy Michielsen**, Secretary; **Virginia Gable**, Treasurer.

Some of the items mentioned in the minutes of the annual meeting were discussed and are under study by a committee of the Board. You will, over the next few months, hear more about some of the changes that are being considered and will be able to make further comments on those items to Board members. We do value your input.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to go out to the pre-Spring Barrel Tasting events and the Spring Barrel Tasting in April. You can get more information from the web site and from items that will be appearing in the newspaper. If you have some favorite wineries you like to visit, give them a call to get information on what they are planning for this event.

One sad note is the passing of **Donna Hill**. Donna was part of the founding group for YES and expressed an interest in being on the Board to me. She was elected last week to the Board, but suffered a coronary while on vacation and passed away on March 20<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed.

The next YES event is at the Larson Gallery. Sign up early as this is a popular event and if you have not renewed your membership by April 1<sup>st</sup> be prepared to pay the guest fee to attend. Also be aware that if you have not renewed your membership this will be your last newsletter from YES.

See you at the Larson Gallery!

*John DiBari*

## Local Flavors

Experience some **Local Flavors** and learn about wines from *Yakima Cellars*, *Selah Heights*, *Donitelia*, and *Kana*. Pair these with delights from *Essencia Bakery*, and the result is a culinary delight from right in our own backyard. Save Wednesday, May 11, on your calendar.

*David Lynx*

## Platinum III In Review From Page 1.....

For the first time, the tasting attracted several visitors from outside the Yakima area. It also provided a small financial boost to the community as The Clarion Hotel rented 22 rooms to Platinum III attendees.



In addition, our members and guests enjoyed themselves well into the night at the hotel's post-tasting reception. The latter was great fun and added immensely to the evening's festivities.

The Platinum IV Tasting Committee will begin organizing soon. We welcome new members who are willing to commit the time necessary to make this a first class event. Please call me (877-3772) or **Sharon Clinton** (577-8633).

*Mike Libbee*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Apr 13th **Larson Gallery**  
YVCC Campus

Apr 22nd **Spring Barrel Tasting**

**Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:**

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Selah, WA 98924

Phone: (509) 697-3931

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## General Membership Meeting

**Opening:** John DiBari called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

1. **Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made from the floor to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes from last year's general membership meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.
  2. **Treasurer's Report** - Financial reports for the Society were available at each table. Virginia Gable summarized the Society's financial report. As follows:
    - Total expenses reported as \$50,600.60
    - Total deposits reported as \$51,780.53
    - Total checking account balance reported as \$6,031.33
  3. **Board Nominations** - Those Board members with one more year to serve are John DiBari, Leo Lee, George Petzinger, Scott Summers, Monica Weyhe and Marie Clark. All have agreed to continue to serve. The following board members have terms expiring this month: Gary Cox, Mike Libbee, Virginia Gable, David Lynx, Ray Dilschneider and Peggy Briskey. Of these, all but Ray Dilschneider have agreed to remain on the Board. The Society By-laws allow for not less than nine, nor more than fifteen Board members. The nominating committee presented the following individuals who have agreed to serve on the board: Julie Johnson, Susan McPhee, Kathy Michielsen and Donna Hill. A motion was made to approve the new Board members, and was seconded and approved. Officers will be set at the next board meeting.
  4. **Old Business** - John D. reviewed the tastings which were held over the past year. He thanked all those who worked on the tastings. John D. advised that the Society has liability insurance in place at this time, and will likely have the policy renewed for next year. This has been a difficult issue for some other chapters of the ESPNW. Current membership stands at 332, with membership renewals coming in at this time. John D. reminded members that the membership card received upon submission of dues entitles YES members to attend any other tastings put on by other chapters of the ESPNW.
  5. **New Business** - The floor was opened up for comments and suggestions from the membership.
    - YES spends about \$1,900 per year on printing and mailing of the monthly newsletters. Emailed editions are essentially free. Some members do not have access to a computer and therefore need a mailed copy each month. The board will look at ways to reduce these costs by increasing emailed newsletters where possible while still providing hard copies for those without computer access. A small fee could be added to the dues for those members who require a mailed copy to cover expenses.
    - The board is looking at the option of allowing member payment of dues and tasting registration to be done on the internet, through a service such as PayPal. This would reduce the workload of the Treasurer. It could add a cost to the Society. Roughly 40% of the meeting attendees indicated they would be open to the concept as an option, but not a replacement of the current pay-by-check method. The board will review options.
    - Discussion was had regarding the size of the Society and whether or not membership should be allowed to continue to grow. Some members have expressed concern to one of the board members that the Society membership is getting too large. It was pointed out that current tastings do not normally sell out, except for Platinum, Christmas, and the summer Arboretum events. No one in the room expressed similar concerns about the growth of Society membership.
    - A suggestion was made to hold the Christmas party at the Clarion hotel, as they may be easier to work with than the Yakima Country Club.
    - Discussion was had regarding the ratio of expensive vs. low cost tastings. The consensus was that the current mix is acceptable, and that the value of the more expensive tastings is good. Continued educational themes for tastings was supported.
    - Some members expressed an interest in organizing a "road trip" tasting, perhaps to Okanogan, Oregon, or Walla Walla.
- Closing:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Yakima Enological Society

Larson Gallery

Wednesday,

April 13, 2005 6:30 PM

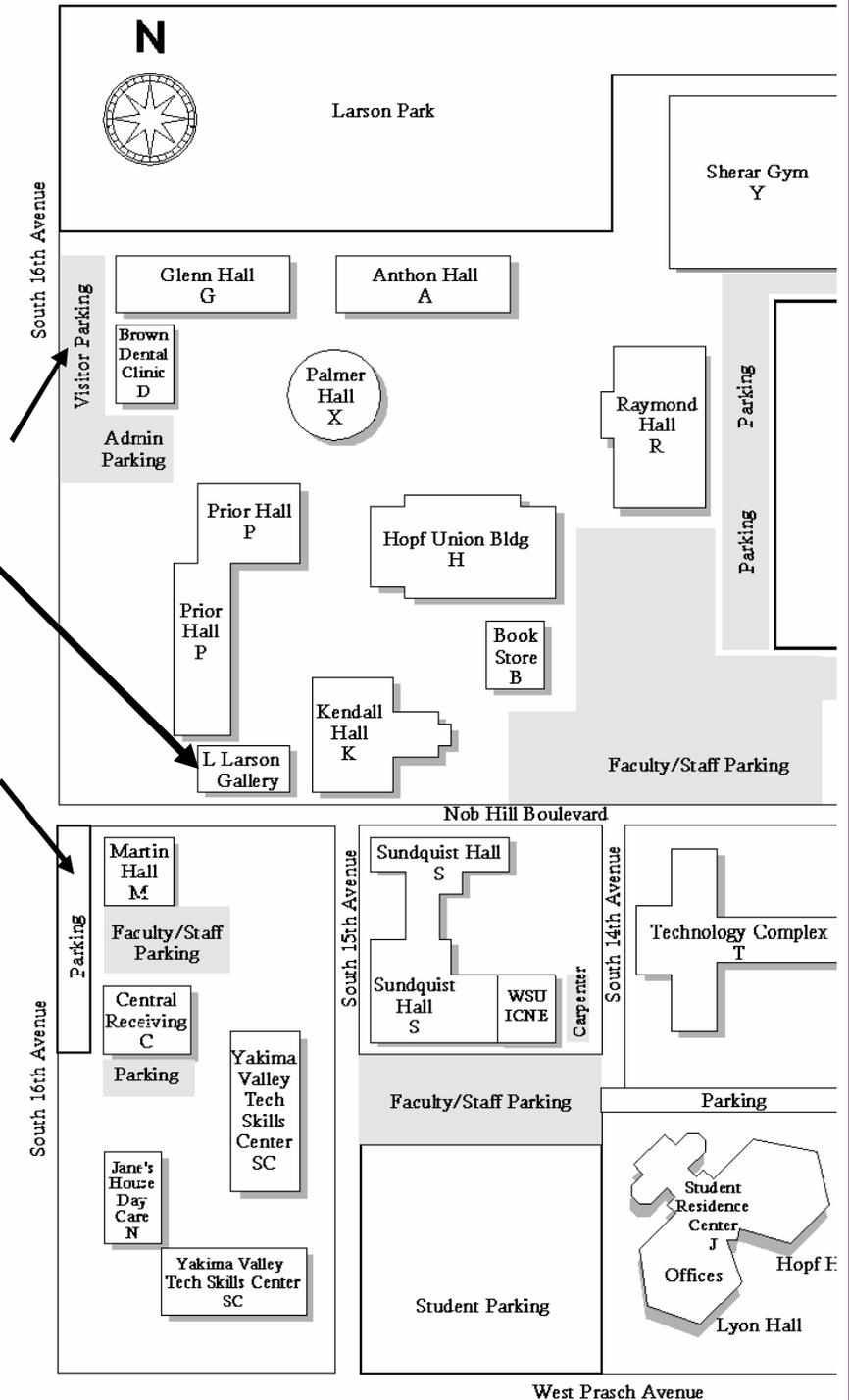
The Larson Gallery is located on the campus of Yakima Valley Community College. The Gallery building is on the corner closest to S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and W. Nob Hill Blvd.

Parking will be reserved in the Visitor Parking Lot on S. 16<sup>th</sup> 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!!!**

NOTE: the lot across 16<sup>th</sup> Ave near Martin Hall is now a pay lot. If you choose to park there you MUST PAY the fee. The lot behind the Sundquist building is open for parking in the evening.

If necessary you can park in the student parking area.



## Platinum III Recycling

We extend our sincere appreciation to Tri-Cities residents **Sue Conrad** and **Jean Christopher**, who graciously hauled all of the empty bottles from the Platinum III Tasting home with them for recycling. That is dedication, ladies! And isn't it sad that in the "**Heart of Wine Country**" we cannot recycle colored glass?! It can be managed in Kittitas and Franklin Counties, but apparently not Yakima. Maybe we should be demanding better of our county commissioners.

*Mike Libbee*

## Local Wine Events

April 11 - **Andrake Cellars and Hurricane Ridge Winery** at **Bob's Keg and Cork**. 6:30 PM, appetizers, \$30, reservations preferred to 573-3691.

April 16-17 - **Pre-Barrel Tasting** at many Yakima Valley wineries. Taste from the barrel without the crowds.

April 19 - **Sagelands Vineyard at Carousel French Cuisine**. Winemaker **Frederique Spencer** will talk about the wine accompanying a six course dinner. 6:00 PM, call 248-6720 for additional details and reservations.

April 22-24 - **Spring Barrel Tasting** at all Wine Yakima Valley wineries. Food, entertainment, wine, barrel sampling, commemorative glass \$6.

*Mike Libbee*

## VineHeart Wines at Deep Sea Deli

**Danielle Russo**, wine steward at **Deep Sea Deli**, has procured all of the **VineHeart Winery** wines that will be featured at the April Tasting. These wines will be available for purchase at the store beginning April 14th at a 10% discount off the normal retail price. Danielle plans to rotate the wines every month based on our tastings. This is an innovative concept that deserves our support. The Deep Sea Deli is at 20 N. 9th Avenue in Yakima.



*Mike Libbee*

## Northwest Wine Events

**Taste Washington**, April 8-10, Seattle. The Northwest's top wine event returns with three days of events, starting with the MAGNUM dinner (April 8) and educational seminars (April 9) at Bell Harbor Conference Center and the grand food-and-wine pairing (April 10) at the Stadium Exhibition Center. Call 206-667-9463.

**Winemaker Dinner: Owen Roe/Sineann**, April 9, Astoria, Ore. This dinner with The Cellar on 10th and Silver Salmon Grille costs \$85. Call 503-325-6600.

**Wine Odyssey: Chard Heard Around the World**, April 15, Ellensburg, Wash. This Central Washington University World Wine Program class will feature Chardonnays from around the world. Call 509-963-1504 for more info.

**Wine tasting: Reininger**, April 16, Astoria, Ore. This complimentary tasting from 1 to 4 p.m. is at The Cellar on 10th. Call 503-325-6600.

**Pre-Barrel Taste Weekend**, April 16-17, Benton City, Wash. Taste new Oakwood Cellars wines from barrel.

**Yakima Valley Spring Barrel Tasting**, April 22-24. The Yakima Valley opens its doors (and barrels) for visitors. Call 800-258-7270 or go to [wineyaki-mavalley.org](http://wineyaki-mavalley.org).

**Astoria-Warrenton Crab & Seafood Festival**, April 22-24, Astoria, Ore. Sip wine from 40 Oregon wineries while enjoying fresh seafood at the mouth of the Columbia River. Call 800-875-6807 or go to [oldoregon.com](http://oldoregon.com).

**Winemaker Dinner: Abacela**, April 23, Astoria, Ore. This dinner with The Cellar on 10th and Silver Salmon Grille costs \$85. Call 503-325-6600.

**Spring Barrel Tasting**, April 28-May 1, Burien, Wash. Taste the future of E.B. Foote Winery, and sample current releases and appetizers. No charge. Call 206-242-3852.

**Lake Louise Canadian Food & Wine Festival**, April 29-May 1, Lake Louise, Alberta. Experience Canadian wine and cuisine at this weekend event in the Canadian Rockies at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Packages, including receptions, breakfast, food and wine seminars, etc., are \$589 per person. Call 800-441-1414.

**Wine tasting: Oak Knoll**, April 30, Astoria, Ore. This complimentary tasting from 1 to 4 p.m. is at The Cellar on 10th. Call 503-325-6600.

These and more events at [www.winepressnw.com](http://www.winepressnw.com).

Charlena Paschen



April 2005

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Yakima, WA 98907

April Showers  
bring May Flowers!



**VineHeart**

**Larson Gallery-YVCC Campus**

**Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, April 8th, 2005 Event: Wednesday, April 13th, 2005 6:30 PM**

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

Members: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Non-Members: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

Non-Drinkers: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL Enclosed:** \$

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give your e-mail address 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!**

