



A Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

August 2003

Case of the Blues and All that Jazz



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*"Check out the
website to view
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A Case of the Blues & All That Jazz is a blues and jazz festival benefiting the community through the Yakima Greenway Foundation and Junior League of Yakima. Held each August since 1993 in **Sarg Hubbard Park**, the festival features blues and jazz music, award-winning local wines and microbrews, a delicious array of foods and desserts, and a silent auction.

Tickets are **\$35 in advance** (\$40 at the door) and are now on sale through the Greenway office; call 509-453-8280 or stop by the office in Sarg Hubbard Park. Tickets may be purchased over the phone using a Visa or MasterCard, and will be mailed to you until a week

before the event. After this date, tickets will be held at will call. Ticket price includes admission, souvenir beer or wine glass, five scrip (used to purchase food and drink), and entertainment.

The event is reserved for those 21 and over only. Please remember to bring your ID as they will be checked at the entrance.

Fred Quitta has created another beautiful art poster for A Case of the Blues & All That Jazz. Posters are \$25, and are currently on sale at the Greenway office. They will also be for

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Island Party - August 30th

The YES fundraiser for Roberto Donato, a member of the Yakima Enological Society who is a citizen of Brazil, will be held August 30th from 5 pm until 11 pm. The proceeds from this event will be used to pay a portion of cost for the cancer treatment of Roberto and other related expenses. This event is not limited to members of the Yakima Enological Society so bring family and friends that are 21 or over for a special evening.

We are planning an Island Theme Summer Party with music, dancing and even a luau with breads, salads, dessert and beverage of your choice. Your \$25 admission will include food, music and two script for a drink of your choice. Script will be available for purchase for additional beverages. Some seating will be available but bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on the lawn. There will be a silent auction with interesting items available, so get ready to have a good time.

The party will be at the residence of Chuck and Julie Johnson, 1850 S.R. 821, (or Canyon Road), Yakima. It is the last driveway on the left just before entering Yakima Canyon and immediately before the Sundown M Ranch facility.

We hope to see everyone at the party however, if you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation for Roberto an account has been set up at Washington Mutual Bank specifically for that purpose. Please call Julie Johnson at 509-575-6841 for details.

Chuck Johnson

President's Corner

The July tasting was a great success. Our thanks go out to **Shirley Menard**, **Shauna Kobes** and their committee for a job well done. **Gary Cox** provided a delicious barbeque and the music of the Blue Tropics was enjoyed by all.

In August we are supporting the Greenway Foundation by attending the **Case of the Blues Festival** at **Sarg Hubbard Park** on August 16th. Be sure to get your tickets early as this event has been sold out in the past. There is an article in this newsletter that provides more information.

Y.E.S. is sponsoring/supporting two local events in August. One is a small group tasting at Windy Point Vineyards on August 13th. The other is a fund-raiser at Chuck and Julie Johnson's on August 30th, more information on both in this newsletter. Also in this newsletter you can find information on other events taking place this month in Yakima and the Pacific Northwest.

I recently visited the Washington Wine Commission website at www.washingtonwine.org. There is a lot of good information to be found there about wine events happening in our state. You can also find links to other interesting wine sites on the Y.E.S. website at www.yakimawine.org. Remember that as a member of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest Y.E.S. members can sign up for an event taking place in other cities as a member of that local organization. Look at the events taking place in Wenatchee and Seattle if you are going to be traveling.

John DiBari

Blue Tropics - July Tasting Review

What an exceptional new location for our July tasting, beautiful grounds and a larger dance floor.

We enjoyed the music of the **Blue Tropics**, great food and wonderful wines.

Members and guests attending began with Segura Viudas Brut Reserve and Erocia Riesling, along with appetizers of cheese, fresh fruit and crackers.

The BBQ of tri tip, baby back ribs and chicken breast were paired with Canoe Ridge Chardonnay, Kestral Merlot and Kestral Syrah.

Our Dessert of Cherry Fruit Tarts prepared by

Essencia Bakery was paired with Claar Cellars Late Harvest Riesling.

We owe special thanks to:

Bob Hargraves of Bob's Keg and Cork for supplying the wines and to **Mike Libbee** of Claar Cellars for the Late Harvest Riesling.

Karen Rath and **Doris Hodges** for kitchen help. A special thanks to **Nadine Kobes** for not only helping in the kitchen but preparing the trays and salad bowls and for being a runner from kitchen to serving table.

John Hodges for picking up the wine.

Jerry Kobes for picking up and returning the BBQ

Gary Cox, **Jerry Kobes**, **Jack Topper** and **Ray Dilschneider** for their Master Chef expertise at the BBQ

Jerry Kobes, **Dave Hysert** and **Jack Topper** for their skills at carving.

Steve and **Jane Scott** for pouring wine.

McDonald's for supplying us with ice.

As you can see it takes a lot of volunteers and we APPRECIATE YOU! We welcome your comments email Shurl0716@hotmail.com or GWKENG@elltel.net.

Shirley Menard



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug 13	Windy Point Tasting Wapato, WA
Aug 16	A Case of the Blues Sarg Hubbard Park
Aug 30	Island Party Johnson Residence
Sept 10	Viva Italiano Yakima Valley Museum
Oct 8	Best Buys on Wine Yakima Valley Museum

September Tasting

Italian vacation?

In September, Y.E.S. plans on taking our members to Italy! Our itinerary includes the Piedmont, Tuscany, Veneto, and the south.

Fortunately, we can use "wines" as our means of transportation. Plan on tasting some Italian wines with appropriate food pairings at our September tasting.



Scott Summers

October Tasting

The Y.E.S. wine tasting on October 8th will be held at the Yakima Valley Museum.

Our theme will be best buys on wine. If you have any suggestions or would like to help please contact **Gary Cox** at (coxcanonvineyards@elltel.net), **John DiBari** at (jdibari@elltel.net) or **Gina Milliron** at (famchiro@aol.com).



John Dibari



Case of the Blues

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sale during the event.

All food and drink inside the event is purchased with scrip rather than cash. Vendors are not able to accept cash. There are no pre-sales on scrip. Five scrip tickets come with each admission and it is sold at several locations inside the event for \$1 per ticket.

You are welcome to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on the grass. There is some non-reserved seating in the Bistro area. We also have tables for eight in our VIP tent available for purchase. A \$600 Blues table includes entry to the event for eight people, VIP parking passes, an hors d'oeuvres tray, certificates for two bottles of wine of your choice, a beer or wine glass and five scrip (used to purchase food or drink) for each person, table centerpiece, and a commemorative group photo. A \$1,200 Jazz table includes entry to the event for eight people, front row seating in the VIP tent, VIP parking passes, an hors d'oeuvres tray and a dessert tray, certificates for three bottles of wine of your choice, a beer or wine glass and five scrip (used to purchase food or drink) for each person, table centerpiece, and a commemorative group photo. For more details contact the Greenway office (509-453-8280).

John Dibari

Windy Point Vineyards

Mike Libbee has organized a very exclusive YES tasting at Windy Point Vineyards in Wapato on our usual 2nd Wednesday of the month (Aug 13th).

Windy Point is one of the newest vineyards/wineries in the Yakima Valley--featuring Syrah, Zinfandel, Cab, Cab Franc, Gewurtz, and Riesling, several of which have won awards in their very first wine competitions. We will be hosted by owners/winemakers **Mike** and **Liz Stepniewski**, dine on heavy appetizers prepared by **Classy Catering** of Yakima, and tour the Windy Point facilities, including Mike's amazing terrapin pond (yes, real live turtles) and the "under construction" state-of-the-art Tasting Room. Mike and Liz are offering us a 20% discount on all wine purchases that night. This is the time to stock your cellars with some darn good Syrah that no one knows about yet.

For those who want an intimate setting and personal interaction with the owners/winemakers, and ground floor entree to a spanking-new valley winery, this is your opportunity. THIS EVENT IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE--no crying if you don't reserve your spot in time. Cost: \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, dress: ultra-casual (shorts and polos or Hawaiians). Call Mike Libbee at 829-6810 for details and reservations.



Mike Libbee

Local Wine Events

Aug 1- Rosauers. *Gold Digger Cellars*, the northernmost winery in Washington, presents a host of recent award-winners, including a Gold Medal Riesling Ice Wine. 7:00 PM, \$15, RSVP to Kim at 972-2327 or pay at the door.

Aug 18 - Bob's Keg and Cork. Starry Night, a boutique California winery, features Zinfandel and Rhone varietals. 6:30 PM, \$25, RSVP preferred to Bob at 573-3691.

Aug 22 - Rosauers. *Terra Blanca* owner / winemaker Keith Pilgrim will show off some of the best wines in the Northwest. 7:00 PM, \$20, RSVP to Kim at 972-2327 or pay at the door.

Aug 28 - Bob's Keg and Cork. Saviah Cellars, offering distinctive red wines from the Walla Walla Valley. 6:30, \$25, RSVP preferred to Bob at 573-3691.

Mike Libbee

Granite' Vin Rouge

- ◆ 1 Cup Water
- ◆ 1 Cup Sugar
- ◆ 1 (750 ml) bottle Chateauf de Pape or other full bodied red wine
- ◆ Juice of 1 orange
- ◆ Juice of 1 lemon

Make syrup by combining the water and sugar in a non-corrosive saucepan and bring to boil. Simmer for five minutes. Remove the syrup from the heat and cool. Combine syrup, wine, orange and lemon juice, pour into two 8 inch by 8 inch cake pans. Cover with plastic wrap. Freeze until mixture is set, about four (4) hours.

To serve, scrape the granite with a spoon or fork to create small shavings and spoon into individually chilled glasses.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings.



NorthWest Wine Events

Seven Marvelous Merlots, Aug. 5, The Tasting Room, Seattle. Wine educator Dieter Schafer guides you through Merlots from Camaraderie Cellars, Harlequin Wine Cellars, JM Cellars, Wilridge Winery, Wineglass Cellars (regular and reserve) and Spring Valley Vineyards. Cost: \$15. Call 206-770-9463.

Jazz in the Gardens, Aug. 7, Eden Valley Orchards, Medford, Ore. Enjoy Southern Oregon jazz bands paired with wines of the Rogue Valley. 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$3. Call 541-512-2955.

Summer Concert at the Chateau: Kenny Loggins, Aug. 10, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Wash. Call 206-628-0888.

Jazz in the Gardens, Aug. 14, Eden Valley Orchards, Medford, Ore. Enjoy Southern Oregon jazz bands paired with wines of the Rogue Valley. 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$3. Call 541-512-2955.

Wine on the River, Aug. 16, Salmon River, Idaho. The Oregon Pinot Noir Club sponsors two week-long wine rafting trips that feature wine, commentary, wine-tasting seminars and more. Call 800-847-4474.

10th annual Bluegrass BBQ, Aug. 20, Nehalem Bay Winery, Nehalem, Ore. Live music, salmon and halibut barbecue. Call 888-368-9463.

Glass on the Grass, Aug. 23-24, Arbor Crest Wine Cellars, Spokane, Wash. 30 glass artists display art, with lunch available from Luna. Call 509-927-9463.

Summer Concert at the Chateau: Al Jarreau, Aug. 29, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Wash. Call 206-628-0888.

Cascade Cliffs Winemaker Dinner, Aug. 30, Lyle, Wash. Join winemaker Bob Lorkowski of Cascade Cliffs for a five-course dinner at the Lyle Hotel. Cost: \$65. Call 509-365-5953.

Labor Day Open House, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner, Ore. Bring a picnic and enjoy award-winning wines. Call 800-344-9463.

Summer Concert at the Chateau: Julio Iglesias, Sept. 4, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Woodinville, Wash. Call 206-628-0888.

These events and more can be found at the Northwest Wine Press website: www.winepressnw.com. Just click on the Wine Events link to see a list of events that have been scheduled through December 2003.

Charlena Paschen

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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August 2003

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Island Party

Y.E.S. Fundraiser for Roberto Donato at Johnson's Farm

Deadline: Postmarked by Monday, August 18th

Saturday, August 30th, 2003 5:00 PM

Name(s): _____

No. of Persons _____ @ \$25.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

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TOTAL Enclosed: \$

Phone: _____

If you wish to help with this event, please contact Julie Johnson at 509-575-6841. Thank you.

**Please mail as soon as possible but not later than Monday, August 18th
There will be no phone reservations for this event..**

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!

