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**Y.E.S!**



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## *A Case of the Blues and All That Jazz* Enjoy the whole experience

One could drive hundreds of miles this summer visiting the premier wineries and breweries of the Yakima Valley... OR, they could come to you, on Saturday, August 18th, at Sarg Hubbard Park on the Yakima Greenway—the 20th annual “A Case of the Blues and All That Jazz.” Add live rock and blues music to the mix, headlined by Leroy Bell, popular ethnic and American-style foods, and a silent auction, and you have one grand venue where you can relax, catch up with friends and enjoy the whole experience. New this year is a 50-50 raffle—who knows? Maybe you’ll be able to leave with extra cash in addition to a great memory.

Proceeds support two very worthy local community organizations: Junior League of Yakima and the Yakima Greenway Foundation.

Hours: 4:00 – 11:00 p.m. Advance tickets (\$40.00) can be purchased online via PayPal, at the Greenway Office at Sarg Hubbard Park, or by calling 509-453-8280. \$45.00 tickets available day of event.

~ Jill Skone

For more information, go to  
<http://yakimagreenway.org/blues/>

## **Plan Ahead** **Y.E.S. Calendar of** **Upcoming Events**

**September 12...**  
Naches Heights Winery

**October 10...**  
Antolin Winery

**November 10...**  
Bus Trip, “From Beginning to End”

~ Julie Johnson

## **Y.E.S. members to open tasting room**

Ivone and George Petzinger (**Lookout Point Winery**) and Linda and Tony Haralson (**AntoLin Cellars**) are joining forces to open a new tasting room in downtown Yakima at 16C N. 2nd Street. They plan to open sometime in September. Wines from the two wineries will be poured for tasting and will be available for purchase. The owners are also planning to put in a library of wine-related books for reading in the tasting room or checking out. They are looking for books that have anything about wine, especially hard-to-find ones. They will take book donations or loaners.



Congratulations to the four of you, it’s a big undertaking and will be an exciting addition to downtown Yakima.

~ Susan McPhee



## Eat this... Drink that



*Recipe submitted by Dick Hamlin  
Wine suggested by Brad Baldwin*

**This month: Feta Pasta Salad** paired with **Maison Bleue's 2010 Yakima Valley Viognier**. Regular Retail \$25. Y.E.S. Member's Price: \$20 at Stems.

### Feta Pasta Salad

#### Ingredients:

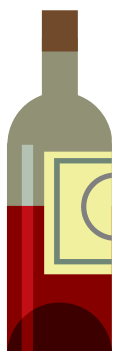
8 oz fusilli or rotelle pasta, cooked according to package directions  
 ½ cup chopped walnuts  
 1 clove minced garlic  
 1/3 cup olive oil  
 8 oz. feta cheese  
 2 small (2.5 oz.) cans sliced ripe olives  
 ¼ cup fresh basil

#### Directions:

Saute garlic in olive oil until tender.

Add remaining ingredients and cook, stirring until cheese begins to melt.

Makes 4 servings.



### Wine bottles wanted

Hello Y.E.S. members;

I am looking for wine bottles (to melt) and would like to find some smaller ones and colored ones, particularly BLUE and some of the heavy-bottomed clear ones like the Sophia brand that was used at one of the last wine tastings here at the museum. Also any interesting shaped or colored liquor bottles.

If you have some bottles you are discarding this summer and would be willing to contact me via email at peachpitts(at)hotmail.com, I would be glad to arrange to pick them up.

~ Myrna Pitts  
(from the Yakima Valley Museum)

## September Preview Naches Heights Vineyard

The date is set! It will be a night to remember, September 12th 6:30 p.m.

Come One Come All!

The venue is Naches Heights Vineyard. The setting is one that will take your breath away, the wine and food will be magnificent and the company will be beyond compare.

We hope to see you there!

~ Kelcy Young

## Congratulations, David Lynx

For any Y.E.S. members who did not hear the news or read about it in the Yakima Herald Republic Sunday July 22, 2012 edition, we would like to offer our congratulations to Y.E.S. member and former Society President, David Lynx, who will be leaving his position at the Yakima Valley Museum to assume the directorship of the Yakima Valley Community College's Larson Gallery effective September 1. Good luck, David!

~ Julie Johnson

## New Member Welcome



Y.E.S. would like to welcome back past members **Tom and Mary Robbert**. They attended the wonderful event at La Maison — you may have seen them in the kitchen chopping vegetables.

Our membership is currently at 100; only 25 more to go to reach our goal for the year.

~ Gerry Amos  
V.P./ Membership

## Opening the Wine Cellar Touring the Vineyards

For those of you who were unable to make it to one of the vineyard tours offered by Wine Yakima Valley mentioned in the July Newsletter, you missed a wonderful experience. John and I were lucky enough to make it to the first two and wish we could have made it to all four, but we had other plans. The series included four notable and well-respected grape growers, including **Red Willow Vineyard**, **DuBrul Vineyard**, **Upland Estates**, and **Boushey Vineyards**.



At Red Willow we were treated to a wine tasting of 8 Bells Syrah while we sat in an air conditioned room (nice, since it was 99 degrees that day) while Jonathon Sauer, son of founder Mike Sauer, gave us a slide presentation explaining the history of Red Willow, which has been in the family since 1920 when the crop was wheat. Then we all climbed aboard a covered wagon with our host, Mr. Sauer, pulled by the vineyard tractor, driven by Jonathon, to tour some of the vineyard blocks. At the top of a hill stands a stone chapel that may look ancient, but was completed by the family in 1996. There overlooking the vineyards, we sipped on some wonderful Mark Ryan Viognier, and were educated by Mr. Sauer on the different elements that affect the outcome of the grapes. Finally we headed back and were treated to some wonderful food catered by Frank Magana and more tasting from some of the wineries that utilize the grapes from this wonderful vineyard, including Adams Bench RW Cab Sauv, 8 Bells Sangiovese, and Owen Roe's Cab Franc. Not a bad one in the bunch!

- 1) the slope and the direction of slope,
- 2) the quality of the soil and that the vines prefer poor soil,
- 3) the importance of a higher elevation (lower elevations will frost and damage the vines and grapes),
- 4) the longer hours of sunlight this far north (Yakima Valley has two hours more daylight than Napa Valley in California),
- 5) the ability to control the amount of water the vines receive due to our usual lack of rainfall, and how they manage the grapes when we do get rain,
- 6) our hot days and cool nights and, finally,
- 7) the management of the grapes by the grower and the decision of when to pick by the wine makers.

All of that before the wine maker influences the final product in the winery! Who knew?

While by the time this article comes out the tours will be over, I have it on good authority that Wine Yakima Valley is planning on creating more wonderful events next year to celebrate 30 years of wine making in Yakima Valley. Check out their website so you don't miss out next year. I know John and I will be there!

~ Robin Kisala



The next weekend was the tour of DuBrul Vineyard, owned by Hugh and Kathy Shiels and home to Côte Bonneville winery with daughter Kerry, their excellent winemaker. They walked us through some of their well known blocks of vines, educating us along the way. Then we all drove to the winery for food again prepared by Frank Magana catering and some of Côte Bonneville's award winning wine, served picnic

style under the shade of the trees in the peaceful backyard of the winery. We were treated to Côte Bonneville Riesling 2011, Rosé 2011, Chardonnay 2009, Côte Bonneville 2003, and Carriage House 2006. Again, not a bad one in the bunch!

After living in Yakima for the past seven years and enjoying multiple wine tasting trips to wineries in the regions from Yakima to Walla Walla, it was such a great learning experience to see the vineyards and be educated by the talented and dedicated growers in our valley. We learned about the effects of :

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**President's Corner**

They say that we feel better about ourselves if we just own up to our faults and face them head on. I am willing to do that. First, I find that I am prejudiced. Every month I feel that I have attended the best monthly meeting our board members have scheduled for us. This year's board has gone out of its way to bring us new and exciting venues to enhance our wine interests. They have continued to meet the challenges of keeping the wine themes varied and intriguing while still trying to be conscious of finances for our own budgets. I say that they are the best, but then I did admit I am prejudiced. Yet another flaw that I am willing to expose is that I am fickle. Month after month I will once again convince myself that that particular month's event took us way over the top and was the best we have had, and then the very following month I find myself echoing the very same accolades. Yes, I am prejudiced and fickle, but it is not my fault we have such a phenomenal group on board. And, yes that was a lousy pun. WOW, more flaws.

Naches Heights Vineyards, brace yourselves for a fun group of folks!

**~ Sally Baldwin, President**

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