



Chapter of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest

Newsletter Date: November 20, 2005

YES Christmas Party



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

We're on the web!
www.yakimawine.org

Join your wine-loving friends and family for our annual **Christmas Extravaganza** on Tuesday, 13 December at the **Yakima Country Club**. Exquisite local wines paired with the best culinary offerings from **Executive Chef Greg Massett**.

Great appetizers, Ceasar Salad, Osso Buco, and Chocolate Cake Dessert. **Domaine Ste. Michelle Blanc de Noir, Bonair Winery Chardonnay, Porteus Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon** and a **To-Be-Announced-Merlot** (still working on it. The committee has several options and cannot decide--we need to taste more!).

Music and dancing provided by Goldendale's **Bill Hornibrook**. Bill is a one-man band who can do anything--just make a request. He can move from **The Beatles** to **Frank Sinatra** to **Johnny Cash** at a moment's notice. His **Momma Cass** rendition is a little weak, but **The Beachboys** work well.

Good news: the "guest" moratorium is over. Our members had a one month head-start and now registration is completely open. A mere five dollars extra for guests. We are also offering re-

served seating, so please make your desires known when you register. Payment absolutely must accompany reservations.

This is one of the society's great annual events. An opportunity to relax, get to know your fellow members, and ring in the holidays at the gorgeous Yakima Country Club. **YCC** and **YES** are two of the valley's treasures--let's get together for great food, wine, service, and Christmas spirit.

Date: Tues, December 13th, 2005

Place: Yakima Country Club

Time: 6:30 P.M. Reception
7:15 P.M. Dinner

Cost: \$65.00 Members
\$70.00 Guests

Bring: Nothing - *Cash Bar Available*

Postmarked by **Friday, December 2nd**. Phone calls only on **Monday, December 5th** to **Marie Clark, 697-3364**.

Mike Libbee

Blind Leading the Blind

We are busy formulating plans for the annual "Blind" tasting. Please set aside January 11th for an evening of questioning your "wine" taste buds.



Marie Clark

November In Review

Our tasting trip back east to Ol' Virginia was delightful. A special thanks to **Lynda Opiela** at the **Wine Shop of Yakima** for helping to procure our final wine of the evening. Chef extraordinaire **Jessica Smith** prepared dishes that complemented the wines beautifully, especially the crab cakes. Once again our volunteers pulled it together again so

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President's Corner

It is that time of the year to give thanks for the good things in our lives. I want to take this opportunity to voice my appreciation to those special people in the Yakima Enological Society who make what we do possible. There are individuals on the board who spend many hours each month keeping records of registration, membership, and monies paid, so this society can operate efficiently. **Virginia Gable, Marie Clark, and David Lynx** do yeoman work keeping these records and I want to give them a special note of thanks.

Mike Libbee has been doing a fabulous job of editing and supervising the newsletter each month for the past two years and deserves a special thank you for those efforts. Mike also organizes the **Platinum Tastings**, which takes a great amount of time, and is overseeing the **Christmas Party** this year.

I also want to thank all of the members who have helped at tastings throughout the past year. Without those members participating in setup, serving, and cleanup, these events would not happen.

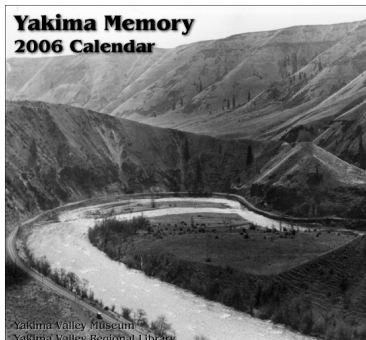
If you have a wine tasting idea, it is not necessary to be on the board to bring it to fruition. An experienced board member will help with the planning and logistics if you ask. Please consider doing so to benefit your wine society.

It is important for members of YES to remember that all of the above named and un-named individuals are volunteers. In January the board will be assessing its membership to see who is leaving the board in March and how many new members will be needed. Please let a board member know if you would be interested in serving on the board.

Happy Holidays to everyone,
John DiBari
President, YES

Yakima Memory 2006 Calendar

Featuring historical images from the collections at the Yakima Valley Regional Library and the



Yakima Valley Museum.

Available at all Yakima Libraries, the Museum, Yakima Bindery, Wray's, Inklings, Studio D, and many local retail stores.

Monica Weyhe

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everything ran smoothly.

Deep appreciation goes to **Julie Johnson** for making the center-pieces, **Martha Stadleman and Gene Rennie** for cleanup, **Chris Christman** for pouring, **Kathy Michielsen** for organizing and pouring, **Monica and Joel Weyhe and Chuck Johnson** for pouring, **Jo Ewart and Marie Clark** for greeting, **Bruce and Donna Lambert** in the kitchen. **Tim Jeske** provided us with a wonderful presentation about Virginia wine history.

Remember to keep an eye out for the special, **The Cultivated Life, Thomas Jefferson and Wine**, coming this month to PBS.



David Lynx

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 13th **YES Christmas Party**
Yakima Country Club

Jan 11th **Blind Leading the Blind**
TBA

Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:
Charlena Paschen, 2480 Selah Loop Rd.,
Selah, WA 98924 - Phone: (509) 697-3931
Www.dreamdesignconsulting.com coming soon!
E-mail: chaleepas1963@yahoo.com

Local Wine Events

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving in Wine Country at all participating Yakima Valley wineries.

December 2 - Sleeping Dog Wines at the **Dakota Cafe** in downtown Ellensburg. 4-7 PM, hosted by owner and chef **Kelly Cook**. 417 N. Pearl Street, 925-4783.

December 8 - Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau Holiday Festival. Features great appetizers, silent auction, and twenty local wineries. Information at 800-221-0751.

Mike Libbee

Northwest Wine Events

E.B. Foote Christmas Open House, Dec. 1-4, Burien, Wash. Sample current and new releases and enjoy appetizers. No charge. Call 206-242-3852.



Holiday Barrel Tasting, Dec. 3-4, Walla Walla, Wash. Enjoy a fun and relaxing weekend visiting the wineries of the Walla Walla Valley. Go to www.wallawallawine.com or call 509-526-3117.

Oakwood Cellars Holiday Open House, Dec. 3-4, Benton City, Wash. Oakwood Cellars offers new releases and more.

Holiday Barrel Tasting, Dec. 10, Shelton, Wash. Taste the components of the '04 Syrahs prior to blending and bottling. Event will be held in the tasting room and under tent, so dress warm. Comfort food will be on hand and the '03 Syrahs will be available by the case, bottle and glass. (Some are in very limited supply.) Location: Walter Dacon Winery. Hours: Noon-6 p.m. Cost: \$5. For more info, call 360-426-5913, e-mail winemaker@walterdaconwines.com or go to www.walterdaconwines.com.

Visit www.winepressnw.com to get information about these and other events that are listed on their website. You can also join their mailing list, and it's free!



Charlena Paschen

New Yakima Valley Winery Opens

Sleeping Dog Wines is a new, small (300 cases produced in 2002) winery located just west of Benton City, perched above the Yakima River and overlooking the Horseheaven Hills. We are usually open by appointment only, but are hosting a **Holiday Thanksgiving Weekend Open House** on Nov 26-27, 11-5 PM. Come and whine with the pack! No fee. We will be offering our first release 2002 Merlot, Syrah, and 2004 Sauvignon Blanc paired with food. For a map and additional information, go to

www.sleepingdogwines.com or email info@sleepingdogwines.com



Larry Oates



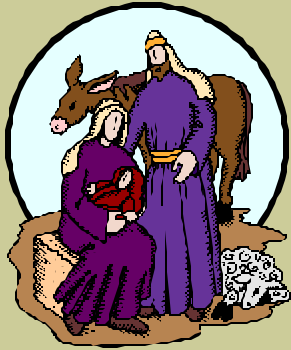


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P.O. Box 2395
Yakima, WA 98907

Merry
Christmas!



Christmas Party Registration

Yakima Country Club

Deadline: *Postmarked by Friday, Dec. 2nd, 2005*

Event: *Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 2005 6:30 PM*

Name(s): _____

Members _____ @ \$65.00 = \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Guest _____ @ \$70.00 = \$ _____

Phone: _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

Members may invite guests at the guest price.
Please specify if you have a seating preference.
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!

