



NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

We have stayed relevant as an organization. And we are planning a year full of exciting events for 2023. It started on Feb. 16 with an amazing sellout 9 course wine pairing Chinese Lunar Dinner at Bill's Peking House. Old friendships renewed & new ones made.

Moving forward, we are planning a wine tasting in March. Details to follow. Followed by our AGM April 22 at Richmond Hill Wines... an evening with a Spanish flair. Register early as seating is limited. And, we are in need of new Board members, so this is the time for nominations.

Check out the Events and mark your calendars for a fun filled year ahead. As always, volunteers to help with the events are welcome and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Marion Hurley for George Davidson
President

Your 2023 Board of Directors

George Davidson	President
Ray Todd	Vice President
Mike Buckley	Treasurer
Margo Frederickson	Secretary
Doug Crapo	Director Wine Industry Relations
Flo Haliburton	Director Database/Back Office
Tara Glumac	Director at Large/Events
Marion Hurley	Newsletter
OPEN	Communications/Marketing/Website

We need new & additional Board Members.

Chinese Lunar New Year Dinner

Bill's Peking House

Feb. 16, 2023

What an amazing time! The nine food plates were delicious and presented a real challenge for wine pairing. The challenge was met with seven diverse wines that paired extremely well.

It was an early start to an event - - almost everyone was there and tasting the reception bubbly five minutes before the event was supposed to begin (6PM). It was evident that everyone was having fun as folks didn't start to leave until after 10PM. Not a drop of wine was left, not even the door prize bubbly that the draw winner (Bruce) generously donated back to all attendees.

Philip Lo provided written information prior to the event which was valuable to everyone. His verbal descriptions and suggestions between courses were very well received - - people stopped visiting and actually listened. The educational objective of Friends of the Vine was certainly delivered by him, not just about the wines but also about the food plates, their history, and their delivery order.

The 3 tables were packed, the hum of conversations high, the timing of the food plates was great, the range of wines available was perfect - - all in all, it was an amazing evening. Attendees ordered over half a case of wine each, and Crowfoot Wines was pleased with the volume of orders for a 30-person event.

2023 AGM

Where: Richmond Hill Wines, 108, 3715 51st St SW
When: Thursday, April 20th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Price: Sponsored by FOV
Attendees: FOV Members in good standing – limit of 20
Registration: Via Zone 4 link to be provided in formal AGM notice of meeting

Our 2023 Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Richmond Hill Wines at 108, 3715 51st St SW, Calgary, AB on Thursday April 20th starting at 6:00pm. After a brief review and the discussion and approval of the 2022 Financial Statements there will be an opportunity to nominate and elect a new Board of Directors. If anyone would like to volunteer or nominate someone to be on the Board, this is the time to do it.

After the business portion of the meeting, we will be enjoying a **Spanish Night** with various wines from Spain's most iconic regions, and the styles they make. Our host will be Kevin O'Connor from Richmond Hill Wines. There will be cheese and charcuterie served as a complement to the wine.

Registration starts online Mar. 30.

EVENTS 2023

We have some wonderful events planned for 2023, and we are always open to add more! Do you have an idea for an event, special tasting, interesting location, new partner?

Please share it with our Board members and help co- organize it.

Our first event, the Lunar New Year dinner, is a fantastic example of a member lead event.

Date	Event	Venue	Organizer
March, TBD	Wine Tasting	Wine Partner TBD	Margo, Flo & Mike
Thurs. Apr. 20	AGM	Richmond Hill Wines	Mike
Sun., June 11	Annual BBQ	Winston GC	Tara
July, TBD	SAIT Highwood Dinner	SAIT	Doug/Tara
July/Aug., TBD	Rose Tasting	TBD	
Fri., Sept. 22	Plates & Palates	Willow Park G&CC	Doug
Oct., TBD	Wine Tasting	TBD	
Dec., TBD	Christmas Bubbles Brunch	TBD	Ray

OUR BENEFITS & PARTNERS

In addition to our club's fantastic tasting events, all members receive great discounts thru our partners. Check out their websites for their curated wine tastings.

Craft Cellars

1345 - 32 Avenue NE, Calgary

www.craftcellars.ca

Crowfoot Wine & Spirits

www.crowfootliquor.com for locations.

Highlander Wine & Spirits

www.highlanderwine.com for locations.

Kensington Wine Market

1257 Kensington Road NW

www.kensingtonwinemarket.com

Market Wines

520 77 Avenue SE (Calgary Farmers Market)

4109 University Ave. NW

<https://www.marketwines.ca>

Metrovino

722 - 11 Avenue SW

www.metrovino.com

Richmond Hill Wines

108, 3715 - 51 Street SW

www.richmondhillwines.com

Rocky Mountain Wines, Spirits & Beer

225 - 58 Ave SE

<https://rockymountainwinespiritsbeer.com>

Willow Park Wine & Spirits (Willow Park location only)

10801 Bonaventure Drive SE

www.willowparkwines.com

INTRODUCING Quench Magazine

Quench is the longest running wine, food, and culture publication in North America. It turns 50 this year! It is proudly independent and based in Canada. The mission for the magazine is to be a true reflection of society and expand the voices and the audience for wine, food, music, and the arts. Their mandate is to ensure that they are telling the stories that need to be told, the way they should be told, by the people who should be telling them. The focus is on the historical and cultural context of wine, food and the arts. For \$36/year you receive: 2 print issues a year – Spring and Fall & access to weekly digital magazine and back issues. The QR code is on the back inside cover of the magazine) – coupon code – MACKAY, to indicate you are a Friends of the Vine member.

Ray Todd feels it is a great deal and only the price of a nice bottle of wine!

The **50th Anniversary Edition is due for May release.**

MEMBERSHIP 2023

A reminder that FOV memberships expire on December 31.

Register at <https://zone4.ca/reg.asp?id=30207>

Our website www.friendsofthevinecalgary.com has membership renewal and event information and can always be checked for details.

“From wine what sudden friendship springs.” John Gay British Poet