



## NEWSLETTER – FALL 2021

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi Everyone,

I can't imagine receiving yet another person's apologies for the effects of COVID 19 restrictions making you feel any better. However, somehow it has become the proper thing to do these days. So, on behalf of Friends of the Vine, please accept our apology for having to cancel or postpone a number of proposed events this year. Having said that, as I look out the window, while writing this message, the sky is blue, there is no snow on the ground, and with vaccination rates increasing, it appears that the 4th wave of the virus may now be declining.

I can assure you the FOV board recognizes the impact this has had on our social calendar, but we have mitigated that impact by extending 2021 memberships for 16 months, while continuing to enhance what we believe is the premier discount program of any wine club in Calgary.

While we did have to postpone Plates & Palates, which was to have been held in October, we are hopeful that COVID restrictions will allow us to reschedule this event as early as March 2022. Similarly, the originally intended Christmas Bubbly, that was scheduled for mid-November, is being delayed, but we are hopeful that we will be able to announce a modified version to be held in early December. We remain hopeful that our annual Azure Ridge getaway can still be held at the end of February, and that our annual SAIT wine pairing dinner can still be held this coming spring.

In the meantime, our 2022 membership drive is now on. and please don't forget that providing friends and family with an FOV membership provides an awesome Christmas gift.

I look forward to providing more positive news in our Christmas newsletter, but, in the meantime, thank you for remaining loyal to FOV.

George Davidson

## EVENTS

### Plates & Palates

**Date:** March 4, 2022 (Friday)

**Location:** Willow Park Country Club

Current COVID restrictions forced the postponement. Safety of our members is our first consideration, and we could not conduct this 'mingle and taste' event with current high rates of COVID.

### Christmas Bubblicies

We are still working on a date in late November, early December. We will let you know as soon as the date is confirmed.

In the meantime, enjoy our lovely fall and stay healthy!

## MEMBERSHIPS 2022

It's time to renew your FOV annual membership. The new membership will be for the 2022 calendar year.

To cover increased club costs, fees have increased for 2022 to - \$30 Single / \$50 Couple.

New for 2022 is a digital membership card. When you renew, the card will be generated and automatically sent to the email provided. For couples, both members' names will be on the membership card (please check both email addresses provided). To use your membership card, you can print it or save it to your phone.

### Christmas is Approaching and FOV Membership Cards Make a Great Gift

When purchasing a gift membership, to keep it a surprise, we recommended that you use your email address or the card will be emailed to the person receiving the gift. After the purchase, please send an email to [info@friendsofthevinecalagary.com](mailto:info@friendsofthevinecalagary.com), and let the club know you have purchased a gift membership and need to update the email address provided with the email of the lucky recipients of the membership.

Because the new digital membership card doesn't have a reverse side for inclusion of the list of vendors who offer our members a discount, please remember that generous discounts are available at the following establishments:

- Craft Cellars
- Crowfoot Wine & Spirits (all locations)
- Kensington Wine Market
- Highlander Wine & Spirits (all locations)
- Market Wines
- Metrovino
- Richmond Hill Wines
- Rocky Mountain Wines, Spirits & Beer
- Willow Park Wine & Spirits (Willow Park only)

Renew your membership here: <https://zone4.ca/reg.asp?id=27269>

**I found \$20 in a parking lot and thought to myself, What Would Jesus Do?**

**So, I turned it into wine.**