



Celebrating the Holidays and Spokane Enological Society's 45th Year!

WOW! 45 years as an organization! What a milestone! That's emblematic of a great group of people with a great social purpose, to share knowledge and appreciation of wine!! As our 45th year draws to a close, we are looking back at what brought us from our humble beginnings to where we are today, wrapping up the challenges and successes of 2020/2021. The SES Board of Directors thanks you for sticking together because by doing so you helped us survive to share another great year together in 2022 and beyond. We would not be here without you. From the bottom of our hearts, we wish you and yours a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2022.

TIME TO CELEBRATE! You and your guests are invited to share in the celebration of the holidays at the Spokane Enological Society's 2021 Holiday Dinner on Monday, December 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Georgian Grand Ballroom at the historic Spokane Club. We'll start with a double sparkling wine reception and selection of three passed hors d'oeuvres, then move to our festive tables to enjoy a fabulous four course dinner creatively and traditionally designed by our very own Eva Roberts (famous T.V. star), and Chef Eric Marple, Chef De Cuisine at Spokane Club (and graduate of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts). The dinner includes generous tastings of seven carefully selected wines that accompany the multi-course meal. This, as you know, is a very special SES yearly event in one of Spokane's historic and classiest hotel ballrooms!

HOLIDAY HOSTS WITH THE MOST! Our special guest hosts for the evening are **John Allen and Matt Dolan**, of **Vino! A Wine Shop**, who together put on a great November Tasting "show" full of comfort and joy! I can't wait to see them "perform" together again for us at the holiday dinner sharing their master knowledge of wine along with good-hearted humor. This is five-star entertainment folks! Just the right amount of high level education to satisfy your inner sommelier and splash of good humor (and trivia) to satisfy your outer holiday spirit!

The holiday dinner menu and wine list are included on page 3 – it's ILLUMINATING! Soup and wine, salmon salad and wine, beef filet, side dishes and wine, and a delicate dessert and yes, a smidge more wine (followed with coffee service). This meal is an opportunity for our hosts John and Matt to show off their wines and teach us a thing or two about them; for the chefs to show off their cooking talents and tastes, and for our guests to enjoy a fine dining experience to remember. Special occasion holiday attire is recommended.

As you may have guessed, the cost of our holiday dinner is going to be more expensive this year, thanks to inflation. Supply chain issues have persisted throughout the pandemic and have raised costs (5.3% on the year). I guess you can't shut down a \$20 trillion economy and not feel some bumps as it restarts, but we are hopeful the supply chain issues will resolve over the coming quarters and inflation should calm down as well.

Dinner registration is open to SES member's and their guests. To be a qualified member you must have joined the SES on or before **Nov. 13, 2021**. The member dinner price is **\$90 per person** and the guest price is **\$100 per person**. Seating is limited to 150 people with 8 guests per table - so if you plan to attend, please register early! *Registration closes on or before Monday, Dec. 6 at Noon PT.*

You may register on-line via this link: <https://spokaneenologicalsociety.wildapricot.org/event-4570122> or you may complete the attached registration form and mail it, along with your check, to the SES, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane, WA 99223. Please include your name and your guest name(s) and any special dietary needs on the registration form (*this is the only time you will be allowed to make a special dietary request*).



As is tradition, we will hold our holiday wine bottle raffle throughout the evening for SES members in attendance – and wish everyone an early name drawing – but free is free so everyone will take home a winner!

SES has secured a rate of \$139.00 + tax for a standard room at the Spokane Club. To make hotel reservations please call 509-838-8511 and mention the Spokane Enological Society special rate.

We will make every effort to seat groups of 8 or less together at one table – other guests in your group may have to be seated at an adjacent table. If you have a preference to be seated with another registered guest, please indicate that on the registration form (*This is the only time you will be able to request special seating and we will do everything possible to accommodate your request*).

PARKING/CARPOOLING: There are parking spaces around the Spokane Club available on a first-come first-serve basis – there are two parking lots near the Spokane Club: 1) Spokane Club Madison Avenue parking lot located between Sprague and Riverside behind Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral Church, and 2) Diamond Parking lot located at 532 W. Sprague Ave., between Sprague and Riverside behind Columbia Bank. **We strongly suggest carpooling with friends and dinner guests to relieve the stress of limited parking or arrange in advance with a car service for a safe ride to and from the venue.**

And ladies and gentlemen, there's one thing that's more stressful than making an actual holiday meal, you guessed it, planning and executing an impeccable holiday dinner outfit. But fret not—there's still ample time



to prepare and perfect the evening ensemble, and here's how. My vast network of fashionista friends (ha ha, I don't have any of those), say to wear a hint of red, or carry just the right amount of sparkle, with an air of elegance. This is an opportunity to have fun with your fellow SES members and relax. Give yourself time before the event to shop for some holiday-inspired outfits and accessories or recycle some already-loved pieces from your wardrobe that you can jazz up. At the end of the day, it's all about feeling good in what you're wearing, and enjoy the evening together.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE

By registering for this event you AND your guests accept/agree to the following statements:

- 1) I / WE AM/ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND WILL PROVIDE MY/OUR VACCINATION CARD(S) AND I.D. TO SES REPRESENTATIVE AT THE DOOR
 - 2) I / WE UNDERSTAND AN INHERENT RISK OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 EXISTS IN ANY PUBLIC PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE PRESENT. WHEN I / WE REGISTER I/WE ARE MAKING A CHOICE TO ATTEND/GATHER INDOORS.
- All guests must wear a face mask and must wear it at all times when not seated at their table and actively eating or drinking. Tables are limited to 8 seats per table.
 - All guests will use hand sanitizer before entering the ballroom – extra sanitizer will be available for your convenience.



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HOLIDAY DINNER AND WINE MENU

6:30 PM SPARKLER RECEPTION

PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

Shrimp Mousse Tostada

Boursin Pesto Crostini

Hummus Feta Canapes on Naan

RAVENTOS BL DE BLANC 2018 (SPAIN)

LOBO HILLS PET-NAT RIESLING (YAKIMA VALLEY)

7:00 PM FIRST COURSE

Wild Mushroom Bisque with Chevre Crème Fraiche

OBSIDIAN CHARDONNAY

7:20 P.M. SECOND COURSE

Herb Crusted King Salmon Salad

with Butterleaf Lettuce and Lemon Avocado Cream Dressing

BATTLE CREEK WILLAMETTE VALLEY PINOT NOIR

ALVARES DE TOLEDO MENCIA

7:40 P.M. THIRD COURSE

Grilled Petite RR Ranch Beef Filet

Braised Brussel Sprouts with Pancetta and Shallots

Candied Shoulder Bacon

Gorgonzola Cream Reduction

Garlic and Chive Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes

NELMS ROAD CABERNET (WOODWARD CANYON)

DOM. GRAND BOIS "PHILIPPINE" RHONE

8:30 P.M. DESSERT COURSE

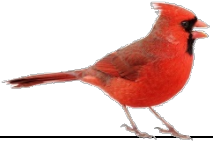
Just American Dessert's Raspberry Truffle Torte

BANFI ROSA REGALE BRACHETTO D'ACQUI

COFFEE SERVICE

9:00 P.M. DINNER CONCLUDES





HOLIDAY DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

(if you prefer to mail your registration)

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MEMBER REGISTRATION @ \$90 EACH

(Must be an SES Member as of November 13, 2021 to qualify for Member Registration Price)

#	Member Name	Special Dietary Request <i>THIS IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO REQUESTs</i>
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GUEST REGISTRATION @ \$100 EACH

#	Guest Name	Special Dietary Request <i>THIS IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO REQUESTs</i>
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TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

TOTAL MEMBERS:		x \$90 each =	\$
TOTAL GUESTS:		x \$100 each =	\$
TOTAL ATTENDEES:		TOTAL PAYMENT =	\$

Seating: We will make every effort to seat groups of 8 or less together at one table – if you have more than 8 people in your group, they will be seated at an adjacent table. If you are not with a group but have a preference to be seated with another registered guest(s), please indicate their names below and we will make every effort to seat you together with your friends.

#	Seating Preference
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SNOW ON WINE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE! I GET THE MONTH OFF! ENJOY!!

Dr. Jeff Snow

Education Director



YOU HEARD IT HERE!

By Terry Gross, Board Director

SES Audio/Video & Entertainment Chair / Internal Auditor / Social Media Chair



In last year's December HEARD IT HERE article I wrote about numerous Christmas songs that reference wine (I'm sure you all remember that). Well, I over played my hand as this year I was pressed to find anything new and/or suitable for this year's WineMinder. Thus began a search for something that I thought would be a good fit for the end of 2021.

What has been great about doing this every month are the surprises I stumble across. Songs I've never heard before. Some by obscure artists and others by very popular ones. Last year's article revolved around Christmas, this one will be about New Year. It's not secret to anyone the last year plus has been a difficult and challenging one. The pandemic, divisive politics and zoom meetings all contributed to a general unease and tension.

Coming up on a New Year is always the time to renew our hopes and visions. I stumbled across a song aptly titled, **Happy New Year, by none other than the superstar group ABBA.**



If you are not familiar with ABBA, then you must have just crawled out from whatever rock you were living under. The folks that gave us **Mama Mia, Dancing Queen, Waterloo, Fernando,** and plenty of other hits, (one of the most successful music group of all time) and are now planning a comeback, after nearly 40 years. As I write this, as well as producing a new studio album called "VOYAGE," they are planning a set of concerts in London featuring new and old material – the "revolutionary" events will see the 70's hitmakers performing digitally via avatars. using computer generated avatars of their younger selves. Should be interesting.

The Happy New Year song was on the 1980 album, Super Trouper. It was written by Benny Anderson and Bjoern Ulvaeus, the two "B's" of ABBA, and originally had a working title of "**Daddy, Don't Get Drunk on Christmas.**" This should not be confused with a John Denver song titled, "Please Daddy Don't Get Drunk THIS Christmas." Why it supposedly had that title is beyond me, but two different sources have claimed that is the case. The lead vocals were by Agnetha Faltskog and Anni-Frid Lyngstad (the two A's) doing backup vocals.

In my younger days I did not have a full appreciation of their music but have developed an understanding and even a taste for it as I've grown older. The melodies are always catchy and some of the lyrics are truly remarkable. So it is with this song that, as I said, I had never heard. Some have said the song is about Benny and Agnetha's relationship, but that's not for certain. It does make a reference to 1989 which seems to limit the scope of this song as stuck to a single time, but I think it works despite that for any era.

There is only one mention of Champagne at the very beginning of the song; but that's it, no other references related to wine. But certainly the overall message of the song is something good for us all to ponder. The lyrics I appreciate during these times are in the chorus: *"May we all have a vision now and then, of a world where every neighbor is a friend..."* And: *"May we all have our hopes, our will to try, if we don't, we might as well lay down and die, you and I* (this seems to support the relationship theory). There are also somewhat philosophical lines in the verses that can be taken broadly or as a personal relationship issue. Things such as: *"Sometimes I see the brave new world arrives, and I see how it thrives, in the ashes of our lives"* and *"Seems to me now, that the dreams we had before, are all dead, nothing more than confetti on the floor."*

I could go on and on analyzing these lyrics, but we will skip that. Let me just wish for everyone that in the New Year the world is a better place...*"where every neighbor is a friend."* Below is a link to the original video and the lyrics.

[ABBA - Happy New Year \(Video\) - YouTube](#)

No more champagne
And the fireworks are through
Here we are, me and you
Feeling lost and feeling blue
It's the end of the party
And the morning seems so grey
So unlike yesterday
Now's the time for us to say

Happy New Year
Happy New Year
May we all have a vision now and then
Of a world where every neighbor is a friend
Happy New Year
Happy New Year
May we all have our hopes, our will to try
If we don't, we might as well lay down and die
You and I

Sometimes I see
How the brave new world arrives
And I see how it thrives
In the ashes of our lives
Oh yes, man is a fool
And he thinks he'll be okay
Dragging on, feet of clay
Never knowing he's astray
Keeps on going anyway

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May we all have a vision now and then
Of a world where every neighbor is a friend
Happy New Year
Happy New Year
May we all have our hopes, our will to try
If we don't, we might as well lay down and die
You and I

Seems to me now
That the dreams we had before
Are all dead, nothing more
Than confetti on the floor
It's the end of a decade
In another ten years' time
Who can say what we'll find
What lies waiting down the line
In the end of eighty-nine

Happy New Year
Happy New Year
May we all have a vision now and then
Of a world where every neighbor is a friend
Happy New Year
Happy New Year
May we all have our hopes, our will to try
If we don't, we might as well lay down and die
You and I



ABBA THEN

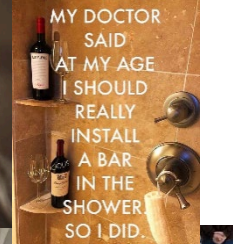


ABBA NOW

HOLIDAY HUMOR



Other people at wine tastings vs. me

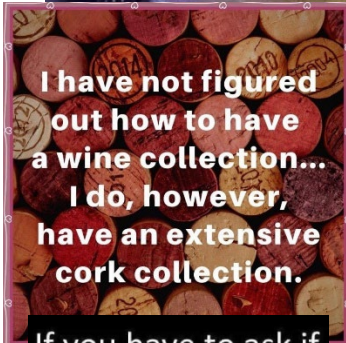


FINALLY GOT MY SINK FIXED



Procrastidinking

The art of drinking instead of doing something else you should be doing.



Let's see, it's got termites, a cracked foundation, a leaky roof... and an 8,000 bottle wine cellar.

If you have to ask if it's too early to drink wine... you're an amateur and we can't be friends.

PESSIMISTS SEE THE GLASS HALF EMPTY



Whenever I see other people pour a glass of wine and only fill it halfway I'm like okay one of us is doing it wrong & I think it's you



WHEN SOMEONE SUGGESTS WINE AT 8AM



2021/2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABOUT THE SPOKANE ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY (SES)

NAME	EXECUTIVE OFFICERS/DIRECTORS & APPOINTMENTS (VOTING MEMBERS)
Achey, Marlys	Board Director
Cortright, Carly	Board Director
DeNio, David	Board Director
DeNio, Dionne	Board Director Appointment: Chair, Glasses & Linens Appointment: Chair, Membership Recognition
Goodwin, Kyle	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Treasurer
Goodwin, MaryAnn	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Secretary
Gross, Terry	Board Director Appointment: A/V & Entertainment Director Appointment: Financial Auditor (Internal) Appointment: Chair, Social Media/Facebook
Gross, Mary	Board Director
Hanson, Deby	Board Director Appointment: Extra Special Events Coordinator
Henspeter, Mona	Board Director
Henspeter, Robin	Board Director
Hersey, Paul	Board Director Appointment: Co-Chair, Program Committee
Hersey, Claudia	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: President Appointment: WineMinder Editor
Hoffman, Ellen	Board Director
Kogler, Barb	Board Director Appointment: Food Committee Co-Chair
Plewman, Marcia	Board Director
Wedel, Kris	Board Director EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Vice President
Wende, Jody	Board Director Appointment: Food Committee Co-Chair

NAME	APPOINTMENTS (NON-VOTING)
Austin, Deb	Membership Director
Rimpila, CR	Webmaster / ZOOM Videographer
Roberts, Eva	Chair, Special Events
Snow, Jeffery (Dr.)	Education Director
Whipple, Dave	Co-Chair, Program Committee

BOARD MEETINGS

The SES board meets virtually or in person at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of every month except July and August.

Meetings are held at the Southside Community and Senior Center, located at 3151 E 27th Ave, Spokane, and are open to members (with prior notice to a member of the Board of Directors).

REGULAR EVENTS

There are 10 planned events per year, with July and August months off. Special dinners are planned in December and April of each year and are held at the Spokane Club*

Tastings are held on the third Monday of the month at the Southside Community Center.

**Subject to change based on Healthy Washington metrics and guidelines.*

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Functions are educational and social, centered on learning through tasting, with informative and entertaining presentations by winemakers, sales representatives, local winery representatives, and our retail hosts, helping us compare and evaluate a worldwide variety of wines.

Being a not-for-profit organization allows us to obtain a special event license from the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Control Board. This allows us to buy wine at reduced special prices directly from Washington distributors or wineries and share that special pricing with our members and their guests.

Membership benefits are many but include an on-line (or mailed) subscription to our monthly newsletter, the **WineMinder**, member discounts to all SES Tastings and special event dinners, a discount on the Tasting wines after each Tasting, and invitations to "exclusive" local winery tasting events throughout the season.*

HOW TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER

The cost to **join** the SES for a 1-year term is **\$35 single, \$55 couple** (2 ppl), which includes a 1-time \$5.00 set-up fee that pays for your new member name badge and SES wine glass/carry bag.

HOW TO RENEW YOUR YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

The cost to **renew** your membership each year in June is **\$30 single, \$50 couple** (2 ppl).

Membership dues can be paid on-line using a credit card or by check mailed to SES, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane, WA 99223.

All membership registrations (new and renewing) must complete the **New Member/Renewing Member Application and Release of Liability Form**, available on-line or included with this WineMinder.

If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Director at 509-723-5871 (leave a message for return call).

SHARE THE FUN!

YES!! We welcome guests to join our members at our Tastings and special events and encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us!

When you experience something fun, share it with the SES wine-loving community.

SES Instagram and Facebook page hashtags:

#SES and #SpokaneEnologicalSociety

Or send your pictures to Terry Gross to post:
tergro@hotmail.com

2021-2022 Membership Application/Renewal/Release of Liability Form



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The fee to become a **new member** is **\$55 per couple (2 people) and \$35 for an individual**. This fee includes a name badge and one SES glass and wine/glass swag bag carrier per new member. Delivery of these items will be at the first tasting they attend after the fee is paid (or otherwise as arranged).

Membership fee renewals are paid annually and are due no later than June 30th each year. Membership year is from July 1st to June 30th. The fee to **renew your membership** is **\$50 per couple (2 people) and \$30 for an individual**. Dues are not prorated. Per our By-Laws, members who do not renew prior to July 31st will be dropped from the Membership rolls. Membership can be reinstated by paying the annual membership dues and a \$5.00 late fee.

You can apply for new membership or renew your current membership on-line via the SES website or complete this form and return it along with your payment to SES, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane, WA 99223.

Please select the type of membership / renewal you are requesting and complete the applicant information below.

Renewing Members: _____ \$30 (1 person) _____ \$50 (couple)

New Members: _____ \$35* (1 person) _____ \$55* (couple)

** New members pay a one-time \$5.00 set-up fee; renewing members do not pay this fee.*

	APPLICANT 1		APPLICANT 2
Printed Name:		Printed Name:	
Mailing Address:		Mailing Address:	
Daytime Phone:		Daytime Phone:	
Email Address (for SES only)		Email Address (for SES only):	

Release of Liability Statement

Please read and sign acknowledging your understanding of the below terms of this statement:

I, the undersigned, have made application for membership into the Spokane Enological Society (SES) and agree to accept, uphold and be governed by this agreement. I certify that I am at least 21 years of age. I hereby release SES organization and its Board from any damages caused by accident or incident for myself and any guest(s) that I may bring to any SES organization sanctioned event(s) or meeting(s). I agree to hold SES organization and its directors harmless and indemnify them from any damage to person or property arising from my or my guest(s) attendance and/or participation in any SES organization sanctioned event(s) or meeting(s). I agree to voluntarily assume any risks associated with and take full responsibility for my actions and those of my guest(s), including the amount of wine that I or they may consume at any SES organization sanctioned event(s) or meeting(s).

I / WE HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT FULLY, UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND HAVE EACH SIGNED IT FREELY.

	APPLICANT 1		APPLICANT 2
Name:		Name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date Signed:		Date Signed:	

**Mail the check and Membership Application/Renewal and Liability Release form to:
SPokane ENOLOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 31404, Spokane, WA 99223**

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