

The Missouri Winemaking Society

Newsletter

February 2004

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19th, at 7:30 PM. Maplewood Community Pool, 7550 Lohmeyer, Maplewood MO
Secretary: Paul Hendricks, 636-279-0722, or prhend@brick.net
MWS Website: (temporary) <<http://unitas.lunarpages.com/~mowine2/index.htm>>

Notes from the January Meeting:

Greg Stricker has taken over the task of web master (applause, applause). Our old web host is defunct and Greg is in the process of getting our domain name (MOWINE) transferred to the new web service. The costs for the new web service will be \$30 setup fee, \$14.95 for domain name registration and \$9.95 per month. The web site can be accessed at the temporary address listed in the box above.

Welcome to new member John Schnellmann of St. Louis.

We decided to have a grape pruning demo. We initially set a date of Feb. 21st. We have since realized that this would make for three club functions within one week, so we have changed the date to Sat. March 6th.

In the WineMaker International Amateur Wine Competition last Nov., Charley Franke won a gold medal for his 2002 Vidal and a bronze for his 2002 Seyval. Steve Schmitt won a bronze for his 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (made from Illinois grapes).

Wine Fair: Sunday February 15th all day at DeSmet Jesuit High School cafeteria at 233 N. New Ballas Rd., Creve Coeur, MO. If you need directions, call Barb or Tony Jurkovich at (314) 353-4927.

We will start setting up and getting organized at 9:00AM. We need **volunteers** starting around 11:30 for washing glasses and bussing tables and attending the judges.

After the judging is complete all the **open bottles of wine are fair game.**

The **dinner** should start around 5:30, 6:00pm. The meat dish will be beef brisket prepared by Heidi Hehner. The Hehners are coordinating the food. Please contact them at 314-427-0427 or Cris.Hehner@MKG.com

The **Silent Auction** will be going all afternoon until 5:30.

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Program: Fred Dressel who manages several vineyards in the Augusta and Hermann MO areas will talk about pruning, fertilization, spray programs, harvesting, etc.

Tasting: We will have a variety of member's wines which won medals other than gold in the wine fair. As usual there will be a charge of \$3 to help cover the cost of the food.

Grape Pruning Demo/Party: will be Saturday March 6th at Paul & Mimi Hendricks, 2 Matterhorn Ct., O'Fallon, MO starting at 3:00 PM. Please bring food to compliment grilled brats. Please RSVP. 636-379-0722 or <prhend@brick.net>.

Calendar of Events:

- ? February 14th Missouri Wine Fest at Westport features wines from 10 Missouri Wineries, benefits to charities.
- ? Feb 15th MWS Wine Fair At DeSmet
- ? Feb 19th MWS Meeting at Maplewood
- ? March 6th MWS Grape Pruning Demo and Party at Paul & Mimi Hendricks' Home.
- ? March 13th Missouri Grape Growers meeting at the Elks Lodge in Rolla, MO
- ? March 18th MWS Meeting featuring Awards and Tasting of member's Gold Metal Winners from the Wine Fair.
- ? April 15th MWS Meeting will feature Clyde Gill of Peaceful Bend Winery
- ? May 20th MWS Meeting will be a Variety Focus on Chambourcin