



## *Newsletter*

*November 2005*

Next Meeting:	Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.
Meeting Place:	Maplewood Community Pool Bldg., 7550 Lohmeyer, Maplewood, MO
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### *November Meeting*

Cris Hehner has arranged for a speaker to give a presentation on stainless steel fabrication. Following the presentation, we will taste 2005 Beaujolais Nouveau wines, our traditional November tasting.

MWS Election of Officers – If anyone is interested in becoming an officer for 2006, please speak up. All of our current officers are eligible to serve for one more year (two consecutive years max. in a given office) and have agreed to continue in their positions if no one comes forward, but if anyone is interested, we will be happy to give someone else the opportunity to serve. Current officers are:

President – Dave Anderson  
Vice President – Cris Hehner  
Treasurer – Phil Tochtrop

Secretary – Barb Jurkovich  
Cellarmaster – Tony Jurkovich  
Librarian – Dan Tennesen

### *Last Month's Meeting:*

Thanks go out to Judy Hon for a very informative presentation on Chardonel wines. Thanks also to everyone who contributed their Chardonel wines for the evening's tasting.

2006 will be the 30-Year Anniversary of the Missouri Winemaking Society. Do we want to have some sort of special celebration? Commemoration? Any ideas/suggestions? Please let us know.

Have any ideas/suggestions on topics for future meetings? Guest speakers?

*December 17* – Holiday party at Joy Stinger's home. Join us at 7:00 P.M. or whatever time you can drop later in the evening. Joy lives at 7639 Westmoreland, the northeast corner of Hanley Rd. and Westmoreland (in Clayton). If you get lost on the way, her phone number is (314) 862-0509. As with all our December Holiday Parties, please bring:

- ? An appetizer or dessert to share – finger foods only (**NO** salads, casseroles, etc.)
- ? A bottle of wine to open and share
- ? A wrapped bottle of wine for the blind gift exchange — If you are not yet making wine and want to be included in the exchange, you may purchase a bottle to wrap and bring. **NOTE:** This needs to be a decent bottle of wine, which is possible to do under \$10 or \$15, depending on where you shop (no 2 Buck Chuck!!) (if you need info on where to shop for a good deal, and good advice if you need it, contact Barb – see email and phone above). Remember, you are exchanging your wine for a wine someone has spent a considerable amount of time and effort to make. *THE EXCHANGE IS OPTIONAL. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE, THAT'S FINE, BUT PLEASE DO NOT TAKE A BOTTLE HOME WHEN YOU LEAVE UNLESS YOU BROUGHT A BOTTLE FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE.*

**A suggestion was made at our October meeting that for our 2006 Holiday Party**, we check into the possibility of renting a room / hall / facility and let someone else do the food preparation, etc. Alice Rau offered to head a committee to investigate possibilities. If you would like to be on the committee with Alice or have any suggestions, please contact Alice at (314) 429-3348 or " winealice@yahoo.com ". Of course, it has to be a facility that will allow us to bring in our wines, which will eliminate some places. Tony and Barb Jurkovich mentioned that DeSmet Jesuit High School does not have a problem with our bringing our wines, and they do some pretty good dinners, and do functions with just appetizers and desserts, too.

### **2006 MWS WINE FAIR — Sunday, March 12**

Mark your calendars. DeSmet Jesuit High School. Time and further details to come.

Keith Burns needs more people to help on the Wine Fair Committee. Please contact Keith via email at " kab62@swbell.net " or (314) 521-7148 (email preferred). If you have a problem reaching Keith, feel free to contact Barb J. (see above) and I will pass your info along to Keith. He's a little busy these days with building a new home, getting married, and his job, too.

### **REMINDER**

Don't forget to sign in with our treasurer when you arrive at our meetings and pay your \$3 per person (\$5 when we need to purchase commercial wines) to cover the cost of the breads and cheeses. If you bring wine for the evening's tasting, record that on the sign-in sheet as well.

*2006 Membership Dues are due.* \$20 for the year (couples pay same as individuals). What a deal! Pay now and have it out of the way before your holiday shopping. Phil will gladly take your money.

### **INTRODUCTION TO GRAPE GROWING CLASS**

Topics include a short history of viticulture, site requirements, grape varieties, planting and training vines, trellises, pruning, disease and critter control. Taught by Paul Hendricks, master gardener and long time grape grower.

St. Charles Community College

Time and dates: 9:00 to 11:00 AM, Saturday, Jan. 14 and 21, 2006

Editors note: Paul is also a founding member of the Missouri Winemaking Society. For more info, please contact Paul at [prhendricks@charter.net](mailto:prhendricks@charter.net) or (636) 379-0722.

### **WINEMAKING SUPPLIES AVAILABLE**

MWS member Ed Groeblichhoff is cutting back on his winemaking and has 5-gal. and 6 ½-gal. carboys for sale for \$10 each. Phone Ed at (636) 272-4197. Ed lives in O'Fallon, MO, but Paul Hendricks has offered to bring the carboys to a club meeting if you prefer not to drive out to O'Fallon to pick them up.

We also received an email from Calvin Pratt with 304 Stainless Steel Process Drums for sale. His email read: contact at phone (314) 869-8136; cell (314) 680-6204; email: CPratt7191@aol.com

304 Stainless Steel Process Drums for Sale (best offer)

1X 55 gal 304 ss drum w/legs on casters

4X 55 gal 304 ss drums w/304 ss dollies

2X 10 gal 304 ss drums w/304 ss dollies

1X 55 gal 304 ss drum lid w/sight glass and sample ports

Contact Calvin directly for any additional information