**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for May, 2017**

Next Meeting:   Picnic and Wine Tasting

Meeting Place: Noboleis Vinyards

 100 Hemsath Rd.

 Augusta, MO 63332

MWS Website: [www.mowinemakers.org](http://www.mowinemakers.org/)

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 ***May’s Program*** We will be going to Noboleis Vineyard meeting at 10:45 AM on Saturday, May 13.

10:45 Arrive at Noboleis

11:00 Tour facility & vineyard with Brandon Dixon, winemaker

          Wine Tasting

          Pot Luck Lunch - members bring dish to share

1:30   Approximate end of event, members can stay longer if they like

Noboleis Winery is located at 100 Hemsath Rd in Augusta MO. It is visible from Hwy 94.  Members should check googlemaps to get directions.

Members & guests will be responsible for tasting fees. MWS will purchase some wine to enjoy with lunch as well as paper plates and utensils. Please bring a pot luck lunch to share.

***April’s Program***

Our April’s meeting was presented by Jerry Mueller from Robller Vineyard and Winery. Jerry Mueller gave a compelling presentation about the history of Robller Vineyard and Winery. He started winemaking at home with his father, and then moved to the site near New Haven when his parents bought the property 29 years ago. He brought 4 delicious wines for us to taste and he talked about his operation and his winemaking philosophy and styles. You can view his whole presentation on our Facebook Page.

***PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE TO OUR CALENDAR***

Our yearly picnic at Mark and Teri Brenner’s house has been changed to July 22. Please download the new attached calendar with the new change.

***WINEMAKER MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION***

Winemaker Magazine has offered our club a wonderful deal. We can have a full year’s subscription including a print and digital copy of their 6 magazines for only $16. Normally it is $32. If you already subscribe to the magazine you can extend your subscription for only $16. Please e-mail me by May 20th if you are interested. lnordmann@nordmannphoto.com I have to get all of the paperwork in by the end of May. If you have already signed up, I will need your house address and e-mail for the digital copy.

Please mail your $16 check - made out to Missouri Winemaking Society to:

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***WINE FAIR 2018***

Greg Stricker is the committee chair for the 2018 wine fair. He is looking for volunteers. Also, if you know of a facility that would be able to accommodate the fair please let Greg know.

***Society Dues:***

The yearly fee, per person, will be $50 ($25 after June), with no additional meeting fee (or tasting fee, if you prefer) – this is a savings over the course of the year if you attend all the meetings (and you should).  But if you do not want to pay the full $50, you can pay just $25 for a full year’s membership, but then you will need to pay a $5 per meeting “tasting” fee at each meeting you attend.  So it’s your choice to determine which way works best for you. Please pay by check but cash is also accepted.

***Missouri Winemaking Society Facebook Page***

Our MWS Facebook Page is up and running. For all of you Facebook users, log into Facebook and search for Missouri Winemaking Society. If you have not joined please do so.  I am hoping that every Facebook user will join this group.   It is a great way for our members to share with what they are doing in their vineyard and wine cellars.  Also, if you have any files you would like to share with the group please post them. **This is a closed group just for MWS members.**

***Wine Making Tips:***

Don’t forget, there is lots of useful materials and information on our website.

To access all the terrific things in the Library section, click on the website link at the top of this newsletter, scroll down to the *Membership* section, and click on the *Click here* link under MWS Library.  Be sure to check these materials out; they are chock full of knowledge and wisdom – you are sure to glean many gems.

There are many useful publications in the Missouri Winemaking Society Library – be sure to check out the books, papers, past presentations, and articles available in the Library by clicking on the link below.  **The MWS rules for borrowing books is also found there.**<http://www.mowinemakers.org/library.html#_Toc84355471>

We are in the process of updating the books and files we have.  If you are interested in borrowing a book please let me know and I will be happy to bring it to our next meeting.