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

Next Meeting:  Favorite White Wine Contest

Meeting Place: St.Gerard Majella Church

1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd

St Louis, MO 63122

Time: June 15 at 7:30

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

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***June’s Program***

**Favorite White Wine Contest**

Members only can enter 1 white wine made from grapes. Please bring 2 bottles to share and check it in with John Merkel with your wine information. Everyone will taste the wines and vote for your very favorite white wine. Just to be clear, it won’t be a favorite Chardonel or a favorite Vignoles or a favorite white varietal. It will just be the favorite wine of all the entries. For all those entering a wine; please be prepared to discuss how you made it so the rest of us can pick up pointers to improve the overall quality of our wine. It will also help if you bring your wine slightly chilled.

***May’s Program***

Our yearly outing was held at Noboleis Vineyard and Winery. Brandon Dixon, the main winemaker, gave a wonderful presentation about Noboleis wines. He gave us an interesting tour of the winery and the construction site of their new wine facility. The club purchased some wonderful wines that were enjoyed by everyone.

***July’s Picnic at Mark and Teri Brenners on July 22nd***

Word’s from Mark Brenner

“I am enclosing a map to our farm, the location of the MWS picnic on July 22nd beginning at 11 am.  It is about an hour and a half travel time from our home in Wildwood so folks can use that as a guide.  We will serve lunch at noon to give stragglers an opportunity to gather before the food is set out.

We have a barn with a kitchen, a modern bathroom and a very large screened in porch with seating and tables.  If guests can bring a folding chair, we can insure all have a comfortable place to sit.  If anyone has a portable table or two that may come in handy as well.  We have several and depending on the size of our gathering the additional table may be an asset.

Please have everyone bring the drinks of their choice and pot luck dish to share with the group.  We have fresh water from our well and some glasses.  We will provide paper plates, plastic silverware and plastic cups.  If folks could bring their own wine glasses for their own wine enjoyment that would be great.  We have hot water and a nice farm sink to clean up dishes in before packing things away for the trip back to the city.

The club will provide the meat for the picnic and I will work that out with officers before the picnic.  Please get an approximate count of those planning on attending at the June meeting or by devices of your own choosing.

We have a three acre lake with a nice dock and a ladder that makes it easy for swimmers to enter and leave the lake.  Fishing is great and we have a small row boat with oars for those with a yen to fish the far reaches of the lake.  The field and woods have paths for hiking and checking out nature.  We have an assortment of chiggers and ticks so bring your repellant of choice if you plan on venturing far from the barn.

Teri and I are looking forward to hosting you all at a favorite hangout of ours.  If the weather threatens on the 22nd, don’t throw in the towel, porch the screened porch provides plenty of cover and the barn is not bad for gathering either.  I will not be at the meeting in June and apologize for being in the Sonoma Valley, CA for the week attending a wedding.”

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Brenners for a fun filled afternoon.

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

There has been a change in August and September’s program. Missouri Gold Medal Wines will be presented by Steve Brunkhorst in August and Wine Juice Testing and Sanitation presented by John Merkel will be in September.

***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.

***President’s Message***

Our June meeting will be last call for ideas for "wine experiments" for our 2018 meeting year, our officers will meet later this month to select ideas for next year.  Also, we will issue our "rev1" version of "Subject Matter Volunteers" at the June meeting, if you have not yet joined but would like to, please send your info to me before the meeting at [stevebrunkhorst@att.net](mailto:stevebrunkhorst@att.net). (See previous meeting notices on our website for details)."

***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.