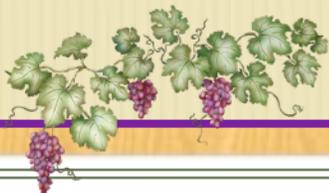


# WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION



October 2019 Newsletter



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### The WVA Harvest Dinner is Scheduled for Sunday, November 10th

Our annual Harvest Dinner this year will be held on Sunday, November 10th at Meyer's Restaurant in Greenfield. Doors will open at 5pm with appetizers being served, and with dinner at 6 pm. Entrees will be fried chicken and center cut roast pork loin, with salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert. The price is \$15 per dinner (up to 2 dinners per WVA membership, \$30 each for additional dinners).



If your dog could talk...



### Our October Meeting Presentation is on "Doctoring" Whiskey

Have you ever had a desire to turn cheap whiskey into a more flavorful bourbon-like drink? Fellow WVA member Brad Harford has not only thought about doing this, he has actually put his desire into action and he will share his insights—as well as a bit of his creation—at our October meeting.



If time allows, following Brad's presentation we will have a *Fermenters' Forum* in which questions will be entertained and answers will be offered on any issues related to wine fermentation. So bring your questions and wine knowledge with you!

**Board Meeting**  
at Steve Franzoi's house 7 pm  
**October 2nd**



**Monthly Meeting**  
at Clifford's 7:30 pm  
**October 9th**



**Board Meeting**  
at Greg & Carol Paczkowski's house 7 pm  
**November 6th**



**Harvest Dinner**  
at Meyer's Restaurant 5 pm  
**November 10th**



**Board Meeting**  
at Cindy & Brian Daugherty's house 7 pm  
**December 4th**



**Monthly Meeting**  
at Clifford's 7:30 pm  
**December 11th**



**California Zinfandel grapes from Lodi will be arriving soon for those members who ordered them, so get ready for a Friday group crush!**

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*The Vintner's Press*

Q: What are Melonnie & John Hartl doing in *The Vintner's Press* this month?

A: This month's issue of *The Vintner's Press* involves an investigation by John on how easy or difficult it will be to turn his home winemaking into a commercial venture. Will this be an "easy jog" or a "Boston Marathon"?

## Procedure for Viewing and Ordering WVA Club Logo Apparel On-Line from Lands' End

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- 1) Go to: <http://business.landsend.com/store/wivintners/>
- 2) View clothing offerings
- 3) Select an item
- 4) Select the size by adding the quantity into the appropriate box
- 5) Click on APPLY LOGO(S)
- 6) Click on WVA logo shown
- 7) Modify logo color if desired by clicking on CHANGE LOGO COLOR(S). Suggest watching the "Change Logo Color(s) tutorial".
- 8) Select the garment location for placement of the logo
- 9) When finished click APPLY LOGO
- 10) Click ADD TO BAG
- 11) Continue shopping or CHECK OUT. The usual forms for purchasing on-line will then come up.

Once you are a customer you'll have the option of signing up for emails informing you of periodic sales and specials, i.e. no charge for a logo or free shipping, etc. Any questions? Contact Mary Scovronski, WVA Club Logo Clothing Chairperson directly at: [gmscove@gmail.com](mailto:gmscove@gmail.com)

## A Welcome To New Members

Please welcome new WVA members Dan & Cyndi Barbian of West Allis (see next page for their "New Members Profile."

IN VINO VERITAS...



Our website contains past issues of *The Vintner's Press* and other important material. The website address is: [www.wihomewinemakers.com](http://www.wihomewinemakers.com)

Our 2019 WVA membership list is also posted on our website.

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## New Members Dan & Cyndi Barbian: In Their Own Words

I (Dan) am a Technical Service Representative at Bostik, Inc. and Cyndi is a long-time member of both state and national PTA organizations. We have two grown children, Jon and Chris. Our hobbies are winemaking, music, and vintage stereo equipment. I play both guitar and bass. We also enjoy traveling around the country.

I make primarily fruit wine and have done so since about 1987, but I set aside the hobby in the mid Nineties and started up again around 2008. I would like to learn more about grape wines. I have won many ribbons from the State Fair amateur vintners' competition; I won Best of Category this year with a sweet country fruit, blood orange.

I have three fruit trees; cherry, prune plum and peach. I would like to learn more about winemaking techniques and how to perfect the wines that I make in regards to taste and body, plus how to judge the flavor and body of a wine and also pairing wine with foods. We also look forward to meeting all the members of the association and participating in the meetings/outings! I heard about the WVA from shopping at The Purple Foot, and also from the amateur winemaking competition at State Fair.



**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

At October's meeting, Brad Harford will demonstrate how to turn inexpensive alcohol into good bourbon. We will be sampling some of his creations. November is our Harvest Dinner; it will be at Myer's Restaurant on the 10th of November. The flier and registration will be available on the WEB Site.

It is time to start focusing on the Dinner Dance. Attached to the email that included this newsletter is the Donation Solicitation Letter that can be used to obtain donations. If every member would just obtain one donation we would be well on our way to filling our needs for the raffle prizes. The letter will be available on the web site under the Members area tab.

The Board has agreed to not include the silent auction at the Dinner Dance. We are hoping to add another game of chance to compensate for the loss of revenue. If anyone has an idea for a game, please let me know at 262-443-8562 or [epaczkowski@wi.vv.com](mailto:epaczkowski@wi.vv.com)

*Greg Paczkowski*

**“Give me wine to wash me clean of the weather-stains of cares.”**

**— Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**Stephen Franzoi  
WVA Corresponding Secretary**