



October - 2020

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

I am RETIRED! Perhaps the best part is freedom from my phone and laptop on SUNDAYS. When we get back to "normal", and I know we will, I will so enjoy my Sundays with you all. We will never again take them for granted, will we?

I wanted to update you all on our AWSEF program. We have made a \$50 donation to our fund in honor of Ann White. I did not know Ann and Max, but they were founding members of our Chapter and fondly remembered by many. Many thanks to Pat V. for sending an additional contribution. A suggestion has been made that we name our next scholarship for them. Your input is welcomed.

In just a couple weeks, we will conduct our National tasting. Plans are proceeding nicely. I had a wonderful visit with Pat and Walt for their NoLoCo Chapter tasting. Their home provided a lovely setting for sampling wine and just relaxing. Of course, Pat had prepared a great presentation and I am so excited to have her share with our Chapter. And I brought back our wines 😊 Thanks to Pat for all she has done already to get this rolling.

The tasting will be on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 at 4:00 PM. Please RSVP to me by October 13.

At the same time please let me know how many packs you will need (1 per person). If you are gathering safely in small groups, perhaps one person can pick up for the group. You may choose to pick up at Sadlers, my house or have delivered. Packets will be available Saturday morning after 9 am for "no contact" pick up from coolers outside our doors. They will include your tasting sheets. I plan to calculate our cost and get to you before then, but I

can assure you that it will be reasonable. Please bring a check to place in receptacles provided. Bill and I plan to have hand sanitizer available.

Be aware that you can also partake of the 2 Zooms to be offered by National re: the tasting project. But that is on your own. I assume they will provide guidance to secure bottles you wish to purchase.

Next up for **NOVEMBER 4-7**. The AWS Conference is going virtual. This is your chance to partake from the comfort of home with the only cost being the purchase of wines. So, whether you are celebrating or lamenting on November 4, THERE WILL BE WINE.

Our Chapter is taking off in November, but never fear, Nan and Bill are excited to share that planned tasting in January. Plans for **DECEMBER are still in the works**. I am excited so stay tuned.

I am taking 2021 one step at a time. I would love some volunteers to present in Feb. March or April but understand that you probably want to see how these next three ZOOMS go. 😊.

LAST MONTH'S NEWS WOW!

Huge shout out to Dorothy Hampton. We were treated to a visit to South Africa. The local Distributor rep and the onsite Winemaker were knowledgeable, organized and personable. And the wines were delicious. I have an order in for more! I can honestly say that our first ZOOM could not have gone any smoother. THANK YOU, Dorothy, and all who took the plunge and joined us.

CHAPTER and National AWS dues

Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2021 in the coming months. I have received an updated roster for the National. If you have any questions about your current status, please reach out. Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay

John Landon in person at a tasting or **mail it to him**, ([*his address is found HERE in the online Membership Brochure*](#)).

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$49 (for 1 year); \$124 (for 3 years)

For two people at same address - \$62 (for 1 year); \$158 (for 3 years).

To pay national AWS dues online, go to <http://americanwinesociety.org/join-now/> to join or renew your membership.

Please keep in mind AWS requires that everyone who participates in AWS activities, which includes local chapter tastings, must be AWS members. Non-members and guests can only attend two times per year.

Member Wine Discounts

The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members –

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
- Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
- Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
- Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
- Total Wine

2020-21 Tasting Schedule

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/17/21	Bill and Michelle Sadler Zoom	Nan Slick	Snobby Wines- An adventure with Hybrids
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			National Tasting
July			Picnic
August			
September 9/27/20	ZOOM Purchase wines Total discount	Dorothy Hampton	South African wines
October 10/18/20 4:00	ZOOM Pick up 2 oz samples	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Washington State AVA's
November 4-7	National Conference	AWS Zoom	
December 12/13/20	Corynne Courpas	John Landon	Champagne Soiree