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

**From:** Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

I think I heard a collective sigh of relief on October 18, when our first Chapter led ZOOM was carried off without a hitch. Mine was the loudest, for sure.

And now we are on a roll. Our annual Champagne event will take place on **December 13 at 4:00 pm**. Many of you (32 so far) responded to my brief survey. We will be purchasing two 24 count cases of each bubbly. This will allow for even more of you to join us. We may also offer the opportunity some "stocking stuffers" on a first come; first serve basis.

Packs will include 5 splits and a half bottle; plenty to share or save for a special occasion. Cost per pack will be \$50.

I will ask all to confirm/RSVP to me by **December 8**. Please include how many packs you will need and who will pick up. You may choose to pick up at Sadlers, my house or have delivered. They will be available Saturday morning Dec.12 after 9 am for "no contact" pick up from coolers outside our doors. Please bring a check to place in receptacles provided.

\*\* Please remember to return your bottles from last tasting so we can sanitize and reuse!

\*\* You may also add your \$10.00 per household Annual Chapter Dues to this check if you have not already paid.

As for 2021, I am excited that first 4 months are booked! Thank you so much to our willing (and flexible) wine hosts. Dates are listed below and all ZOOMS are set for 4:00 pm.

Please reach out to me if you are interested in the May date!

## **AWSEF SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

Thanks to Walt Rachele for keeping us informed. He has posted a video of our most recent recipient, given in memory of Peter Haslauer, on our website. Reminder that we are now funding our next award in memory of Max and Ann White, founding members of our chapter.

We are continuing our tradition of rewarding our donors with a drawing for a Becky Wilson wine basket and some gift cards. Please send your tax deductible checks for \$25.00 (or more) made out to AWSEF (American Wine Society Education Fund) to me. You will then be included in the drawings on December 13.

My address is *[available in the Complete Newsletter version [ccaws.net/newsletters](http://ccaws.net/newsletters)].*

(If you plan to drop off that check on December 12, do let me know via email, so I can include you in the drawings.)

## **LAST MONTH'S NEWS**

Another WOW. We did it! We are "on the record" for the National Tasting Project with 22 participants. Huge thanks to Bill Sadler for leading the pouring operation. And, of course, to Pat Valas for securing the wines and making another great presentation.

## **CHAPTER and National AWS dues**

Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2021 in the coming months. If you have any questions about your current status, please reach out. Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can mail to John Landon at 17 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD 21157.(or include in your December tasting check.)

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/joinnow/> 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.**

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### ***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*

<b>Month</b>	<b>"House" Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January 1/17/21	Jerry Hampton ZOOM	Janine Wilson	Grenache, Syrah, Merlot Can you identify? Always fun to challenge ourselves.
February 2/21/2021	Special guest ZOOM	Doc Desai	Doc is working with a guest presenter to bring us a great tasting.
March 3/21/2021	Bill and Michelle Sadler ZOOM	Nan Slick	Snobby Wines- An adventure with hybrids
April 4/18/2021	Eileen Sien ZOOM		TBD
May			
June			National Tasting
July			Picnic
August			

September			
October			#
November			
December 12/13/20	Bill Sadler ZOOM	Bill, Eileen Sien and John Landon	Champagne via Social Distance

