



August 2022

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

From: Bill Sadler, Chapter Chair

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer, everybody!

Before I get to a recap of July and plans for August, I want to give a shout out to Corynne Courpas who served as our chapter chair for the last 2 ½ years and worked tirelessly to guide our chapter through the dark days of the global pandemic. Over the course of her leadership tenure, we learned that we could pour wine into little bottles on a Friday night and they'd still be in good shape on Sunday afternoon. We learned how to pour from big bottles into little two ounce bottles, first experimenting with funnels (messy and too much wine lost), and then discovering that pouring into smaller glassware with a spout was the way to go! We found that we could taste bubbly at home using splits that got carried home from my house or Corynne's house in beer six packs! Most importantly, we found that we could keep the Chapter vibrant even through all the turmoil that life threw at us in 2020, 2021 and 2022. THANK YOU Corynne for your leadership!

July 2022 Recap

Our July 2022 gathering was held at the lovely 18th century home of George and Jackie Grillion as we gathered around the pool, the grill, the horseshoe pit and the patio. We were only about 20 strong and, as seems to be the norm still today, we had COVID-19 cancellations. But even with the overcast skies, the immoderate weather held off until the picnic was over. Thank you so much, George & Jackie for continuing to host this wonderful event!

August 2022 Tasting Information

Our August tasting will be held on August 21, 2022 at the Westminster home of Dori and Frank Batavick. Walt Rachele will be serving as our wine host. He'll be sharing some of the goodies that he hand carried back from the "Land of Enchantment," also known as New Mexico. One question Walt has posed is "What is the oldest wine region in the United States? Come to the August tasting and find out if New Mexico was making wine before Virginia."

Because of the limited wine supply for this tasting, we will be limited to 20 people, so please be sure to RSVP to Frank at [the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]
as soon as possible to ensure a spot.

August 21, 2022 2:00 pm
Dori and Frank Batavick

[the location buttons on ccaws.net/mobile]

Park in the cul-de-sac or on the grass along the driveway.

RSVP by August 17, 2022 to Frank at:

[the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

AWS ELECTIONS

Please look for an email from the national AWS. Mine arrived the morning of August 8th. There are two officer elections and a change to the by-laws that require votes. Because of the by-law change, we need at least 1,200 votes nationally. The deadline is August 29, 2022, so please be mindful of this!

Chapter and AWS Dues

If you haven't already, please pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2022. If you have any questions about your current status, please reach out to me. 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 at: [the address found on the [Membership Brochure at ccaws.net](#)].

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 Discount

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
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2022 Tasting Schedule

The tasting calendar for the rest of the year is below. **We still need a house host for October.** Please reach out to me if you can host for October. If you've never hosted, please reach out to me and we can discuss the obligations. My email is: [the **Chairperson** link on ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
August 8/21/2022	Dori & Frank Batavick	Walt Rachele	New Mexico
September 9/18/2022	Dan Reppe	Doc Desai	Portugal
October 10/16/2022	TBD	Bill Sadler	TBD
November 11/13/2022 2nd SUNDAY	Michele & Bill Sadler	Becky & Dean Wilson	TBD
December 12/11/2022 2nd SUNDAY	Corynne Courpas	Eileen Sien	Champagne Soiree