



March 2023

To: Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society
From: Bill Sadler, Chapter Chair

Welcome to March. I mentioned last month that we should be freezing at this point in the year, but now we are on a rollercoaster where those temperatures are concerned! Thirty degrees up, twenty degrees down, 20s, then 80s and snow yesterday! In the “land of pleasant living” if you’re not happy with the weather, just hang around for a few minutes and it will likely change!

Just after I sent last month’s newsletter, I received notice from Walt Rachele that the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF) scholarship in memory of Carmen Blosveren and in honor of Richard Blosveren has been fully funded, with monies left over to jump start yet another fund. Many thanks to all who contributed!

March 2023 Tasting Information

Our tasting for the month of March, 2023 will be held at the home of **Eileen Sien** on March 19th at 2pm. Our wine host this month will be **Richard Davis**, owner and winemaker at **Calstar Cellars** in Santa Rosa, CA. Rick is an artisan producer specializing in Pinot Noirs, but he also makes Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunière and Zinfandel. If you want to peruse his website, it can be found at: <https://calstarcellars.com/>

March 19, 2023 @ 2:00 pm

The Sien House

[the location buttons on ccaws.net/mobile]

RSVP by January 21, 2023 to Eileen at: [the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

Annual Business Meeting

Since we have a guest wine host in March, we’ll be pushing our Annual Business Meeting to the April 16th tasting @ 1:15 p.m. at the Hampton’s house.

Chapter and AWS Dues

If you haven't already, please pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2023. 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 (don't forget to show your card):

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
 - Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
 - Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
 - Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
 - Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
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2023 Tasting Schedule

As you can see, the schedule thins out starting with August 2023. If you are interested in serving as a house or wine host, please reach out to me at [the **Chairperson** link on ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile] and we can set that up!

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/22/2023 4th SUNDAY	Sadler	Pankaj (Doc) Desai	Douro Valley, Portugal
March 3/19/2023	Eileen Sein	Rick Davis	Calstar Cellars
April 4/16/2023	Dorothy & Jerry Hampton	Bernie Vogel	TBD
May 5/21/2023	Dori & Frank Batavick	Nancy Slick	Italian Whites
June 6/11/2023	Linda & Ron Riley	Patricia Valas	National Tasting Project
July 7/9/2023 2nd SUNDAY	Jackie & George Grillon	BYOB	Picnic
August 8/20/2023			
September 9/17/2023	Dan Reppe		
October 10/15/2023			
November 11/12/2023 2nd SUNDAY			
December 12/10/2023 2nd SUNDAY	Corynne Courpas		Champagne Soiree