

North Wake Chapter - American Wine Society

Jan. 7, 2024 - Chapter Planning Meeting for 2024

ATTENDEES (18):

Jay (Co-Chair) & Margaret Davis	Linda & Jim Kropp
Sally Albrecht – Co-Chair	Greg & Mary Hedrick
Randy (Treas.) & Becky Screen	Andrea Jannarone
Jay Althouse - Public Relations Officer	Franco Madina & Roxanne Hunt
Fran (Secretary) & Susi Torigian	Deidre & Ray Schipani
Lorie Rosenberg - Webmaster	

The meeting was held at the Heritage Clubhouse and was called to order at 3:04pm. A special thank you was given to our previous co-chair, Greg Hedrick, for his years of excellent service and expertise. Fran Torigian volunteered to be our new chapter Secretary.

TREASURY REPORT

Randy Screen reported that we had another successful year.

End-of-year Balance = \$2,401.80

NOTE: Venmo takes a bit off the top = \$154.62 this past year. But it works out well for most members to pay in this manner.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We currently have 78 members.

Our meetings currently welcome up to 48 attendees (3 bottles/16 pours per bottle).

There are an additional 28 dual members w/the Triangle chapter.

We added 14 members in 2023, but lost 6 members, primarily due to relocation.

2023 in REVIEW

It was noted that our emphasis on education was a positive attribute to this chapter.

- Sally will create an outline/timing sheet for presenters, which should be helpful.
- If we invite outside vendors, it should be noted that we should support these presenters with purchases if at all possible. An order sheet is recommended.
- We will aim for our events to be held from 4:00-5:30, with social time to visit and finish up remaining wines from 5:30-6:00.

REVIEW/ATTENDANCE OF 2023 MONTHLY TASTINGS/MEETINGS

JANUARY 22 - Greg Hedrick: Wine Spectator Magazine Value Wines	37
FEBRUARY 26 - Randy Screen: Cabernets of California (5 regions)	40
MARCH 26 - Sally & Jay: Battle of the Valleys (Dry Creek, Russian River, Alexander)	39
APRIL 23 - Michele Shere: Chablis/Chardonnays of Australia and New Zealand	38
MAY 21 - Brandon Kubrock: Dossier Wines (Walla Walla, WA)	44
JUNE 25 - Fran Torigian: Wines of Croatia	40
JULY 23 - National Tasting Project #1 (wines of Southern Rhone)	37
AUGUST 27 - National Tasting Project #2 w/Brenda Weeks & Sheryl McDavid	40
SEPTEMBER 24 - Pizza at Lynch Creek Farm, BYOB + Jay Davis: what color grape?	34

OCTOBER 22 - Mike Rowe: Old World White Wines	23
NOVEMBER 19 - Dr. Mark Hoffman: NC State Researcher/Wines of NC	20
DECEMBER 2 - Holiday Gathering at Northside Bistro & Cocktails, 11:00am	40

WEBSITE

We have a wonderful website put together for us by Lorie Rosenberg. Sadly, to date only 18 of our members have signed in on this site.

- Lorie will delete the CAPTCHA requirement.
- Lorie will be available to help members with signing up at future meetings.
- Lorie will send a reminder email from our website.
- If you would like your photo to be included on our website, we will be taking photos the next few meetings.

NATIONAL TASTING PROJECT

12 wines from CA (6 Chardonnay/6 Pinot Noir) will be featured in June and August.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year, the national conference will be held at the convention center in Winston-Salem, NC. The Embassy Suites and the Marriott are the convention hotels. Check in is on Friday, Nov. 1st. Sessions are Nov. 2-3. So far, 10 of our members have signed up to attend the planning meeting on Jan. 29th. AWS National is looking for volunteers to help at the convention. Please let Jay Davis or Sally Albrecht know if you are interested.

CHARITY COMMITTEE – NEW!

A charity committee was formed, with Fran Torigian and Jay Althouse as chairs. Roxanne, Becky, Mary, and Margaret volunteered to fill out the group.

- We are looking to raise funds for the AWS educational fund, which gives out AWS scholarships for students pursuing study in viticulture.
- We will investigate raffling off wine, wine bags, etc.

PLANS/DATES FOR 2024 MEETINGS *(subject to change/availability)*

Jan. 28 – Value Wines	Greg Hedrick
Feb. 25 – Perfect Paso Wines	Sally Albrecht & Jay Althouse
March 24 – Exploring S. American wines	Jay Davis
April 28 – Empire Distributors	Kyle Doss (Randy Screen to confirm)
May 19 – NC Wine Month	(NC State presenter or other)
June 23 – National Tasting Project #1	TBA
July 21 – Querce Bettina Wines (Italy)	Greg Hedrick & Paola Moretti
Aug. 25 – National Tasting Project #2	TBA
Sept. 22 – Pizza at Lynch Creek Farm	Fran Torigian pre-show, BYO wine (36 limit)
Oct. 27 – Celebrity Wines	Sally Albrecht & Jay Alrhouse
Nov. 24 – Wines of Sicily	Linda & Jim Kropp, at their home (36 limit)
Dec. 7 – Holiday Gathering, 11:00	Peggy Wesp to coordinate (40 limit)

Our meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.