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Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association Newsletter

Conference Edition - Fall 2022

Message from the FWGGA President:

Greetings fellow grape growers, winemakers, and wine enthusiasts!

We sincerely hope you all are healthy and happy. We all seem to share today's challenges of a crazy economy and an unpredictable climate, certainly keeps life interesting.....

By popular vote, the annual conference is returning to the January timeframe, just in time to celebrate FWGGA's 100th anniversary! Save the dates for January 13-14, 2023 in DeLand. The Courtyard Marriott is offering us a great rate again, and we have a fantastic lineup of topics, and speakers from Ohio, Georgia and Nova Scotia.

We are planning fun social events including a super special fancy Friday night wine competition and anniversary celebration. We plan to recognize past FWGGA leadership, so encourage any former members you may know to attend at least the Friday night celebration.

Early arrivals can join us out-and-about on Thursday evening, and on Saturday night we will go out on the town together enjoying all the excellent wine and beer spots DeLand has to offer. We have a jam-packed weekend planned!

Now is a good time to renew your FWGGA membership. You'll need to be current to be eligible for the conference discounts. A membership form is included in this newsletter for your use, or you can renew online at FWGGA.org. We can't wait to see you all in January.

Cheers and Best Regards,

JR Newbold, III

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Courtyard by Marriott
Historic Downtown DeLand
308 North Woodland Blvd.,
DeLand FL 32720**

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You must call the hotel directly for the group rate

FWGGA special group rate \$139/night

**New Member Spotlight:
Cork You! Wine Club**

Wine is our PASSION! We partner with local businesses to promote their products and reach out to others around the world! We offer a personal experience as we take the journey of learning about wine together.

Our association is filled with Wine Lovers, Novices, Small growers, Vineyards and Wineries....maybe a Sommelier or two!

We Offer:

WINE – EDUCATION – MONTHLY AMAZING EVENTS

We ALSO host a weekly podcast where we explore a reasonably priced bottle of wine to anyone around the world. Please visit our site and join us on this journey together.

Please find us online at www.corkyouwineclub.com

Cheers!

Nalini Singh
President and Co-Founder

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FWGGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

January 13-14, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown DeLand, Florida

Thursday – January 12th

6:30 pm – 10:00pm – MEET UP PARTY at location TBA. Several tables reserved for FWGGA

Friday – January 13th

Registration - 8:00 am – 12:00 in Hotel Lobby

8:30 am – 11:30 am - **COMMERCIAL CORNER** – Hotel Meeting Room

9:30 am – 11:30 am - **BOOT CAMP (pre-registration required)**

“Spring Garden Vineyard”, 980 Reynolds Rd., De Leon Springs (386) 804-5510

(Approximately 7.5 miles north of the Courtyard Marriott off SR 17)

11:30 am – 12:30 pm – LUNCH (on your own)

Afternoon sessions will be held at **“The Second Floor”**, 145 N. Woodland Blvd., a 5-min walk south of the hotel on the east side of the street. Entry is to the right of **“The Byte”** restaurant.

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm - **Welcome**

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm – **Session I – FRUIT WINES (Dominic Rivard, Nova Scotia)**

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm - **Session II – PLANT PATHOLOGY (Dr. Phillip Brannen)**

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm – BREAK

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm - **Session III - (Dominic Rivard)**

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm - **Session IV - (Dominic Rivard)**

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm - **FWGGA Business Meeting**

Election of Officers, Announcements, Recognize past Presidents and Board

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm - BREAK

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – **Meet and Greet and Wine Tasting Competition**

“Venue 142” - 142 N. Woodland Blvd, across from “The Second Floor”

Food stations and party. **100th Anniversary** celebration with cake. Fancy dress attire.

9:00 pm - ?? – Enjoy downtown DeLand on your own.

SATURDAY – January 14th

Saturday Sessions will be held at **“The Second Floor”**, 145 N. Woodland Blvd., a 5-min walk south of the hotel on the east side of the street.

7:30 am – 9:00 am – BREAKFAST – (on your own)

7:30 am- 8:30 am – Registration in Hotel Lobby

9:00 am – 9:45 am – **Session V - (Dr. Phillip Brannen, University of Georgia)**

9:45 am – 10:30 am – **Session VI – CLIMATE SMART TECHNOLOGY
FOR THE VINEYARD - (Dr. Chen, Florida A&M University)**

10:30 am – 10:45 am – BREAK

10:45 am – 11:30 am - **Session VII - WINERY SANITATION
(Dr. Jill Blume, Purdue University, Ohio)**

11:30 am – 12:15 pm - **Session VIII - GOLDEN TICKET PRESENTATIONS**

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm - LUNCH – box lunch provided

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm - **Session IX - HISTORY of FWGGA
(Dr. Robert Bates, Professor Emeritus, UF)**

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm - **Session X – US CONSUMER PERCEPTIONS
OF MUSCADINE WINES
(Dr. Back and Dr. Tasci, University of Central Florida)**

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm – BREAK

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm - **Session XI – ACID ADJUSTMENT – (Dr. Jill Blume)**

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm - **Session XII – PACKAGING MUSCADINE GRAPES
(Dr. Katherine Witrick, University of Florida)**

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm - **Session XIII – UNIVERSITY AND OTHER UPDATES**

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm – **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Notes: 1) Some details of this agenda are still in flux.

2) You are encouraged to bring a few bottles of wine for the friendly wine competition on Friday evening.

3) We are looking for interested persons to get involved in the leadership of the association. Please contact any of the officers listed on page 2 if you have any questions.

FWGGA 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE • JAN 13-14, 2023



REGISTRATION FORM

VENUE: DeLand, Florida. **HOTEL:** Courtyard by Marriott DeLand, 308 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL 32720 • phone (386) 943-9500

ROOM RATE: \$139.00 plus tax (Ask for the FWGGA rate)



Please **CHECK** boxes

choices and complete all information on Page 2.

Full Conference

FULL 2023 Conference Fees (does not include membership dues or Boot Camp):

Early Bird Until Nov 30 2022

Dec 1, 2022 – Jan 4, 2023

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|---|----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| • 2023 FWGGA Member | \$110.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$125.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Guest of Member (spouse/partner) | \$90.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Non-FWGGA Member | \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$110.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Current Student (with ID) | \$ 40.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$40.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

LATE BIRD NOTE:

A \$50 late fee will be added to any registration after Jan 4, 2023.

Ala Carte

FRIDAY CONFERENCE ONLY *(Dinner included)

- **Anyone** \$ 80.00

*(No sit-down dinner this year Carving stations & mingling with vendors & wineries)

FRIDAY DINNER ONLY: \$35.00

SATURDAY CONFERENCE ONLY (includes lunch):

- **Anyone** \$ 65.00

Evening Info

We look forward to networking with new friends and seeing old friends to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the FWGGA this year! Get your best formal wear ready for a night on the town!

FRIDAY EVENING This will be our mixing and mingling wine competition party at Venue 142 where we will share our wines while enjoying tapas and a carving station. Dress is fancy elegant.

SATURDAY EVENING Get ready to hit the town of DeLand! Nothing formal, just a casual night out in the downtown area near Persimmons Hollow.

BOOT CAMP 1/13/23 \$20 per person – includes all materials (30 participants only). \$ 20.00



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REGISTRATION FORM

SEND TO: FWGGA, PO BOX 23, Pierson, FL 33180

Checks Payable to FWGGA

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIPCODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Names of guests _____

TOTAL AMOUNT paid _____ by: Check _____ Cash _____

Pay Online at:

www.fgga.org/shop/

or scan this with your phone for a direct link.



FWGGA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Florida Wine & Grape Growers Association
P O Box 23 • Pierson, FL 32180 • (386) 749-4031
www.fwgga.org • admin@fwgga.org



To join the FWGGA or to renew your membership, please complete this form and send it together with your check or money order (payable to FWGGA) to the address above. Membership Period runs from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Please get your membership paid in January for full benefits.

_____ **New Membership** _____ **Membership Renewal**

Please Print Information

NAME:

_____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last) _____ (Title)

COMPANY NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ EXT: (____) _____ HOME PHONE: (____) _____ - _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please Indicate the Type of Membership Below

_____ **Student Membership:** Annual Dues **\$10.00** with current school ID. This is a Non-Voting Membership.

_____ **Associate Member:** Annual Dues **\$20.00**. Suppliers, manufacturers, or transporters of grapes, wine, or grape products. This is a Non-Voting Membership

_____ **Commercial Member:** Annual Dues **\$40.00**. Any Florida resident who sells or markets grapes, wine, or grape products or who is in the certified grapevine nursery business or has 200 or more vines. Each Commercial Member has one vote.

_____ **Non-Commercial Member:** Annual Dues **\$25.00**. Anyone employed by a grape grower or winery, a home winemaker or hobbyist who grows grapes and makes wine for home consumption, but who has less than 200 vines, or who is in university research or extension, or who is a government employee in the agriculture field. Each Non-Commercial Member has one vote.