

FWGGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

January 12-13, 2024

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT – DOWNTOWN
DELAND, FL.**

Thursday – January 11th

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

Friday – January 12th

Registration - 8:00 am – 12:00 in Hotel Lobby (drop
wines for competition here)

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

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

Elliott Vineyards, 525 Minshew Rd, Pierson

(386) 749-4031

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

All afternoon sessions at **“The Second Floor” at 145
N. Woodland Blvd.** 5-minute walk south of the hotel
on the east side of the street. Entry to the right of
The Byte Restaurant.

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm - **Welcome** – **J.R. Newbold,**
President of FWGGA

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm – **Session I –Maureen
MacDonald - Blending Wine and Fruit**

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm - **Session II - FAMU - Islam El
Sharkawy, PhD. - Grape Breeding Program at
Florida A&M University, Current & Future**

2:45 pm – 3:00 - **BREAK**

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm - **Session III -Keynote – Fritz
Westover- Penn State U – “A Holistic Approach to
Vine Health, Production and Longevity in a
Vineyard System” Via ZOOM**

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 at Venue 142**

**Venue 142 - 142 N. Woodland Blvd, DeLand Across
from “The Second Floor”**

Food stations and party. **Yellowstone theme
celebration.** Western dress attire.

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

SATURDAY – January 13th

All Saturday Sessions will be held at **“The Second
Floor” at 145 N. Woodland Blvd.** 5-minute 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- 8:00 am – Registration in Hotel Lobby (after
that at The Second Floor)

8:30 am – 9:30 am – **Session IV - Todd Steiner - 10
Top Wine Production Practices**

9:30 am – 10:30 am – **Session V – - Maureen
MacDonald – Malolactic Fermentation**

10:30 – 10:40 am– **BREAK**

10:40 am – 11:40 am - **Session VI — UF – Dr. Ali
Sarkof = Pierce Disease**

11:40 pm – 12:00 pm - **LUNCH** –lunch provided

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm - **Session VII -- Golden Tickets
presentations** – 20 minute each

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm - **Session VIII – Frank Humphries
(FAMU) -Uncorking the Latest Trends in
Winemaking**

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm – **BREAK**

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm - **Session IX - Todd Steiner -
(Ohio State) - Oxygen Management**

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm - **Session X - FDAC/ VAC and
state updates**

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm - **Session XI – UNIVERSITY AND
OTHER UPDATES (15 min each)**

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm –**PRESIDENT’S NOTES and
CLOSING COMMENTS**

**SPECIAL DOOR PRIZE DRAWING –
You MUST be present to win**

**Stay and enjoy the sights in West
Volusia**