



THE CANADIAN-AUSTRIAN SOCIETY OF TORONTO

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The Ambassador of Austria

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Dear Members and Friends:

As indicated in previous letters we have arranged a Fall Outing for you and invite you to join us on a

"FAHRT INS BLAUE - PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY"

We have visited this charming part of Southern Ontario once before and we are certain that it will again be an enjoyable event, an area rich in history, dating back to Loyalist era. And, by the way, did you know that Sir John A. Macdonald, one of our former Prime Ministers, came from Picton (formerly the Village of Hallowell)? The area today shows a multitude of new vineyards and wineries, all worthy of mentioning, however, we can only take in so much in a limited time frame. Since we are heading East this time, we have two pick-up points, one in the West and then in the East which will facilitate getting to the bus:

DATE: Saturday, October 15th, 2011

DEPARTURE:

- a) **8:00 a.m. sharp departure** from Islington Subway Station Parking Lot north-West corner of Islington and Bloor Streets (in the event the bus cannot enter the parking lot, it will be parked on Bloor Street outside the parking lot!).
- b) **8:30 a.m. sharp departure** Kennedy Commons shopping centre and Kennedy and 401, in front of the Cinemas.

PRICE: **\$100.00 per person**, incl. transportation, visits to three wineries and lunch at Casa Dea, all gratuities for wineries and lunch included.

RESERVATIONS: Please call Herta Ritscher or Christine Meyer at 416-928-1400 for reservations by latest October 12th, 2011 and mail your cheque as soon as possible to Canadian Austrian Society, Suite 1500, 22 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario M4T 2S5. Please note that seats are limited and we will deal with reservations on a "first come - first serve" basis, and we will have to charge "no-shows" for the full price as we have to prepay the bus and the lunch. Sorry but you will understand!

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Due to the rising gas prices and a somewhat greater distance we have to increase the cost slightly from the last outing unfortunately:

1. 11:00 a.m. - "Hillier Creek Estates" will be the first stop after leaving the 401 after a 2 hour trip. This is a very rustic setting with a large vineyard where they actually have their own harvester. Amber and Kemp Stewart purchased the property in 2000 and though it had not been inhabited for 15 years, the land has quite a history, tracing its root to the Loyalist days of the County. The land had originally been granted to Dr. Latham, a British army surgeon serving in the United States during the War of 1812. He is noted as being the first inoculator of the smallpox vaccine. The winery in its current state, is a "farm winery" comprised of 50 acres, 24 of which are planted with Gamay, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and a newly planted Vidal. Their wines have won several medals already. We will have a tour of the winery and a tasting of three of their wines, with a selection of cheeses to get the adventure started.
2. 12:30 p.m. We travel a short distance for "A Casa Dea Moment" at the Casa-Dea Estates Winery. Here we will take over La Pergola Restaurant, a Cucina Italiana experience, where we will have a tasting of three of their wines, a Pinot Gris, a Dea Cuvee Sparkling and a Cabernet Franc while we will be served our lunch of salad, a homemade pasta dish and a dessert with coffee. Once you have tasted their wines you may just wish to order another glass with your lunch. This is an estate in a lovely pastoral setting which was opened in the Spring of 2009 with a passionate new winemaker who has been creating their new wines.
3. 2:00 p.m. When finished with our lunch we will have enough time to take a leisurely drive through the country-side, through Wellington, Bloomfield and on along the lake to the next stop at
4. 3:00 p.m. - "Huff Estates Winery" is an architecturally impressive, modern, state-of-the-art structure on top of a hill with a perfect view of the County down to the Lake. This location on top of a hill allows for a natural gravity flow from the top of the hill into a temperature controlled barrel cellar just behind the wine tasting area. Lanny and Catharine Huff have always had a passion for fine wine and Prince Edward County, both having been born and raised in the County. The Winery was opened in June 2004. The 150 acres of land are guarded in the south by ancient oak trees. Oak and wine are entwined in a relationship that dates back to early wine making and so it is only fitting that the towering oaks of Huff Estate stand guard over the vineyard in the valley below. "Huff Estates is dedicated to the production of only finest wines that this age old relationship of oak and grape can create" (Lanny Huff). Our visit there will provide a tasting of three wines, a rose, a Riesling and a Merlot.

Situated just a little up-hill from the Winery is the Oeno Gallery which exhibits contemporary art by artists from this region and other parts of Canada and occasionally exceptional international artist. The new gallery space is light-filled, with separate painting and sculpture exhibition spaces. After the wine tasting you may wish to walk the short distance up to the Gallery, we would give it an extra half hour for those who would like to explore.


4:00 p.m. Departure for Toronto- on the way back up to the 401 we could make a stop in Belleville at the Big Apple for either a coffee and pie or perhaps someone would like to purchase one of their fresh apple pies or apple crumble.

We should arrive back in Toronto by 6:30 p.m at Kennedy Commons and perhaps around 7:00 p.m. at Islington Subway Station.

We hope you will take advantage of this beautiful outing with good company and new experiences awaiting us all.

Please note the enclosed Invitation to the Austrian National Holiday Celebration on Sunday, October 30th, 2011.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Meyer', written in a cursive style.

Christine Meyer
President