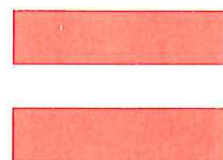




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SPRING OUTING WINE TOUR – NIAGARA PENINSULA SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012

Please note that the date for the Spring Outing had to be changed from May 19th to May 26th, 2012. It was overlooked at the planning stage in September last year that the 19th falls on the long weekend, Victoria Day, and the Saturday prior to that would be Mother's Day weekend, and neither of these Saturdays would really suit too many of our members. Therefore the new arrangements are as follows:

- DATE:** May 26th, 2012
- DESTINATION:** Niagara Peninsula, which seems to have become a favourite with our members and friends.
- DEPARTURE:** 08:15 a.m. sharp from Islington Subway Station Parking Lot North-West corner of Islington and Bloor, West of the bus terminal in the event that the bus cannot enter the parking lot because of size, it will be parked on Bloor Street just outside the entrance).
- PRICE:** \$95.00 per person incl. transportation, visits to three wineries for tastings and lunch at Niagara College Teaching Winery, incl. gratuities and taxes.
- RESERVATIONS:** Please call Herta Ritscher or Christine Meyer at 416-928-1400, or e-mail cmeyer@frastacky.com by latest May 22nd, 2012 and mail your cheques 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. "No shows" will be charged with the full price as we have to prepay all venues. Sorry, but you will understand.

We know that you will find the itinerary that we have mapped out for you again interesting, there seems to be no shortage of new wineries, they appear to grow out of the ground every year like mushrooms after a warm summer rain! We are certain that you will enjoy this year's choices as much as those for previous outings.

- 08:15 a.m.** **Departure** by bus Islington Subway Station
- 10:00 a.m.** **Ridge Road Estate Winery, Stoney Creek.** Here we will be served a tasting of four wines, paired with appropriate cheeses. This winery was founded in 2009 on a farm that has been in the family for over 100 years and is situated on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment. It is one of the first wineries encountered when entering the Niagara wine country from the West. Award-winning winemaker Sean Douglas and interior designer Jayne Douglas established the vineyard in 1994. After many years of supplying grapes and juices to wineries and amateur winemakers they introduced their first vintage of wines and opened the doors of their casually elegant tasting room. The winery offers a range of red, white, rose and sparkling wines including a unique blend that features the Traminette grape. In the summer of 2011, they opened a walking trail that allows visitors to take in the natural beauty of the property and the views from the Escarpment.
- 12:00 noon** Arrival at **Niagara College Teaching Winery in St. Catharines**, where we will be treated to a Teaching Winery Tour and Tasting. The college is situated at the base of the Niagara Escarpment in the St. David's Bench sub-appellation. It is the first facility of its kind in North America. The Wine Visitor and Education Centre was officially opened in November 2009 by Prince Charles and it is the ideal destination for those interested in learning wine basics or enhancing their knowledge through specific tour and seminar experiences. Not only does the Niagara College host an award winning winery but they are also the site of future winemakers! The College offers some unique programmes that not only teach theory but also teach using applied learning. Students can be seen pruning and tying the grapevines as well as in the winery producing their own "project wines".
- 01:00 p.m.** **Lunch in the Benchmark Restaurant** at Niagara College:
 Asparagus and Fennel Puree with Cream
 Quiche Loraine with hand cut house greens, cider vinaigrette
 Seasonal Fruit cobbler
 Coffee or Tea
- 02:30 p.m.** Departure Niagara College
- 02:45 p.m.** Arrival at **Creekside Estate Winery, Jordan.** Creekside has been doing its premium thing on the Niagara Peninsula since 1997 when owner Laura McCain jumped at the opportunity to pursue a growing passion for wine, purchasing a 15 acre vineyard on Fourth Avenue near Jordan. Early on the darlings of the Creekside portfolio were, like the people who created them, a little outside of the mainstream fold. Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz despite being considered viticulturally off-kilter for the region at the time showed particular promise.

Faced with the issues of demand above supply (a fantastic position to be in) the Creek Team realized they needed more grapes. After much scouring and scouting a 50-acre site on the St. David's Bench was selected, marking the birth of the now famous Queenston Road Vineyard. Creekside's Mission and portfolio is the story of a winery that refuses to be pigeon-holed. Under the stewardship of Laura McCain, the winery is now run by a group of like-minded industry professionals, whose ongoing focus is to continue to produce wines that are unmistakably distinctive and that reflect the unique micro-climates of the Niagara Peninsula. The winery continues to be a pioneer in the industry, following its own path.

04:00-04:30 p.m. Departure from Creekside Estate Winery for arrival at Islington Subway Station at approx. 06:00 – 06:30 p.m.

We hope that you will come and join us in another great adventure into the wine country at our own door step! Please call early to reserve.

OTHER EVENTS

Since there is quite a span between now and the Spring Outing we decided to fit in another **FILM EVENING** on Wednesday May 9th, 2012.

DATE: **Wednesday, May 29th, 2012 – 6:45 p.m.** – Please note that this time the film evening is scheduled for a Wednesday not Thursday as is usual!!

PLACE: The Musket Dining Lounge
40 Advance Road, Etobicoke, Tel. 416-231-6488

TICKETS: \$5.00 per person administrative contribution, no booking necessary.

Since it is so close to Mother's Day on May 13th, we thought of a very fitting movie called

"MUTTERTAG"

It is a relatively new Austrian production of 1994, a satirical and also sarcastic view of the Viennese "Kleinbürgertum", a caricature of what happens around Mother's Day. It plays in an apartment complex in Vienna and has all the then current Austrian Cabaret artists. The apartment complex "Am Schöpfwerk" in Altmannsdorf, Vienna Meidling is the scene for the story; it constantly arouses the interest of the public because of its continuous social conflicts and tensions. The actors include Alfred Dorfen, Roland Düringen, Andrea Händler, Reinhard Nowak, Willi Resetarits, I Stangl, Hanno Pöschl, Herwig Seeböck, Lukas Resetarits, Roland Neuwirth, Fritz Muliar, Niki List etc. etc.

As "**Vorspann**" we found an older Sepp Forcher video that we have not shown before. "**Gute Alte Nachbarschaft**". Sepp Forcher, Salzburg native himself, takes us through the surroundings of Salzburg, on the Bavarian side, through the good old neighbourhood.

And just so we don't forget that winter is only just behind us, we visit the area in the winter time which gives it a totally different look. Sepp Forcher explains in his homey Salzburg dialect and shows us the diversity of the area: powerful mountains and graceful landscape and peaceful "Almen", the old salt mine in Bad Reichenhall vis-a-vis the rich heritage of the old spa town, the oldest cable car in the world in its original construction taking you to the summit of the Predigtstuhl, castles and fortresses, old churches from the Romanesque, gothic and baroque periods, which are testimony to the past wealth but also of the continued devoutness of the inhabitants of the area. A large part of the immediate "neighbourhood" used to belong to Salzburg for about 1,000 years, that is to say to the Archbishops of Salzburg! And through it all he entertains us in his charming Salzburg dialect and introduces us to local musicians (one of them the Toby Reiser Ensemble!), local bands in their traditional costumes playing on their traditional instruments. It is heart-warming to see that today's youth is still interested in the old traditions and heritage! For once we take a unique look at a neighbour and not Austria itself, and for once "La Grande Dame" Salzburg is not the centre of attention but her neighbours are.

OTHER ISSUES

We are currently in the process of putting together a group event for a bus tour to Stratford for a Theatre Outing and first of all we want to find out the level of interest we could garner for such an outing. We are thinking of either July or August, depending on when we would get enough interest to fill a bus of 32 seats. We enclose a response sheet which we would ask you to fill out and return to us by mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope as soon as possible, indicating which month would suit you best. Alternatively, you could let us know your interest by e-mail to cmeyer@frastacky.com as indicated on the response sheet. We would estimate the cost for such a visit to Stratford to be approx. \$130.00, including bus, theatre tickets and lunch, depending on the number of participants. At a later date and if there is indeed interest we might look also at a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Shaw Festival. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



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STRATFORD THEATRE OUTING

Yes, I would be interested in a visit to Stratford for a theatre performance either in

____ July or ____ August

Name

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Comments: