

Enjoy 'fruits' at B&G Club Wine Tour Saturday

Sign up today for the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County's ninth annual Wine Tour, taking place Saturday, April 30.

This year's tour will visit four fantastic wineries in the Umpqua Valley region: River's Edge Winery and Bradley Vineyards in Elkton and Becker Vineyards and Melrose Vineyards in Roseburg.

As an added treat this year, the tour's lunch stop will include a visit to the Southern Oregon Wine Institute (SOWI) at Umpqua Community College.

One of two Viticulture and Enology degree programs in Oregon, SOWI students also produce their own wines.

Along with a delicious lunch catered by the UCC Culinary Program, there will also be an opportunity to tour the facility and taste the "fruits" of their efforts.

This year's tour will meet at Three Rivers Casino Resort 5647 Highway 126, for continental breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Buses will depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided.

Buses plan to return to Florence at approximately 6 p.m. There will also be a live raffle on each bus for great prizes, including wine gifts, gift certificates for local services and entertainment, and more.

Seats for the Wine Tour are \$75 per person, which includes breakfast, lunch, beverages, transportation and tasting fees.

Raffle tickets will be available for an additional donation.

Seats are limited and going quickly so sign up today.

Call the Boys and Girls Club at 541-902-0304 to reserve your seat, or visit the Teen Center or Coast Insurance to purchase a seat on the tour.

Only adults 21 years or older are allowed.

Those who are unable to join the tour but would still like to help give the gift of a great future to local kids, donations and volunteers are gratefully accepted.

For more information, visit www.bgwlc.org.

AN EVENING OF WALLFLOWERS, WINE RETURNS

Come create your own wall art with artist John Leasure while enjoying a glass of wine Saturday, May 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St.

All the paints, canvas and art instruction are provided to create your own sunflower masterpiece.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include a free beverage (one glass of wine or non-alcoholic choice) and a multitude of delicious snacks while participants are given professional, step-by-step painting instruction.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot by visiting www.eventcenter.org, stopping



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"Poppy Squash" by artist John Leasure

by the FEC box office or by calling the box office at 541-

997-1994.

This fun event is sponsored

by the Friends of the Florence Events Center.

Seventh-Day Adventists to discuss religious liberty

In recent years, religious liberty has been the topic of much debate and discussion. In fact, the Barna Group released a report showing that concerns over religious freedom in America have grown significantly. From overt concerns over the right to worship, to people upset about coffee cups they felt didn't represent the Christmas holiday, the conversation has often been heated.

Beginning Thursday, April 28, the Florence Seventh-Day Adventist Church will explore this fascinating subject as revealed through the Bible, in addition to a source

that illustrates the topic perfectly: the life of the Emperor Constantine.

Shadow Empire begins at 6 p.m. in the Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4445 Highway 101 in Florence. It will continue Friday, April 29, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 30, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

This is a free event. Shadow Empire is a series hosted by Voice of Prophecy speaker and director Shawn Boonstra, and will take a documentary-style, Bible-based approach to this topic.

Boonstra recently traveled to countries such as Serbia, Italy and Turkey to make his-

tory come to life and reveal little-known details about the intriguing historical figure of Constantine.

Boonstra was even granted rare access to a major archeological dig site, on the location believed to be one of Constantine's homes.

It's the story of an unlikely emperor born out of wedlock and into poverty, who rose to power against staggering odds and whose legacy has endured for centuries. The story of the costs and sacrifices made in the name of religious freedom will approach his life story from a new angle.

"This series will be an honest examination of the church and prophetic history that will answer many questions people have today," said Boonstra. "By simply taking a fascinating trip into the past, the world we live in now will suddenly make a lot more sense."

This series will address questions such as:

- Was the marriage of Constantine's government and Christianity a good thing for Christians?
- Why did the early Christians have so much trouble fitting in?

Did Bible prophecy really

predict that the government would persecute the church?

• Was it a good idea for the Roman emperor to step in and try to solve the internal disputes within the church?

• If Christians really are Jesus' followers, then why do they still have disputes?

All are welcome to attend this free event, and all attendees will receive a copy of Boonstra's new book, "Shadow Empire."

The Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church is thrilled to be hosting this series. "Shadow Empire" will involve both documentary-style and live elements, featuring local moderator Pastor Andy Wittenburg.

"During Shadow Empire, you will learn how Constantine's impact continues to echo through the lives of every person on earth today," said Boonstra. "I hope you will join us for this intriguing study."

Topics will include: "The Rise of the Early Church," "The Persecution of the Church," "A Marriage of Church and State" and "Constantine's Christianity."

For more information, visit www.shadowempire.com.

Deadlines for press releases and news items are by noon Mondays and Thursdays. Email them to: PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM.



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4 snapper fillets, 6 ounces each
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2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, finely sliced
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/4 cup dry white wine
2 large tomatoes, chopped
1/4 cup green olives, pitted and chopped
2 tablespoons capers, drained
1 serrano pepper, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 bay leaf

PREPARATION:
Brush the fish with olive oil, season with salt and pepper and grill for 2 minutes on each side. Remove and cover.
Heat olive oil in a non-corrosive saute pan over medium-high heat, add onions and garlic and cook until soft. Add wine and reduce. Add tomatoes, green olives, capers and pepper, sugar and bay leaf and bring to a boil and cook until thickened. Reduce heat, add grilled fish and cook for 2 minutes.

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