

October 9, 2012

Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday, October 30, 2012**
WCO Town Hall Meeting
Pillitteri Estates Winery
9:30am – 3:00pm

Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance (OCTA) Summit – Oct 22nd, 2012 London Ontario

Space is still available to attend the OCTA Summit in London. More information is available at: <http://ontarioculinary.com/octasummit>

Ontario Tourism Summit (OTMP) – Oct 23, 24th, 2012 in London Ontario

More information is available at: www.ontariotourismsummit.com

VQA Support Payment Cheques

WCO members were advised a couple of weeks ago that we were informed by MEDI that VQA Support Payment cheques would be arriving by mid to late September. Wineries have NOT received them yet, which has generated many requests for an update.

Obviously, standard government procedure includes a lot of approvals from different areas prior to the release of funds. MEDI has signed off on the payments, and the process is now with the Ministry of Finance for routine approvals and processing. MEDI expects the cheques to be released this week.

Consumer Wine Shows

There is still space available in the Wine Country Ontario booth, the first LCBO onsite store deadline is October 12th so be sure you're signed up by then.

Attached is information about exhibiting in the Wine Country Ontario booth at the Ottawa Wine and Food Show and the Gourmet Food & Wine Expo in Toronto. Both shows take place in November. Register to participate here <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/consumershows2012>
Contact Linda Watts for more information.

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Wine Competition

Further to the email forwarded to you on October 5th from the competition organizers, this is a reminder that the competition entry and wine delivery deadline is Friday, October 12th. The entry information is attached.

Taste Ontario! Ottawa 2013

Wine Country Ontario will organize a trade and media tasting at the National Gallery of Canada on Monday, February 11, 2013 which is during the annual Winterlude Events.

Wineries can sign up to participate at the following link until Friday, October 26th
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ottawa2013> Contact Linda Watts for more information.

Taste Ontario! Toronto Wine Returns

A Reminder that the wines remaining after the September 28 events at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Toronto can be picked up as soon as possible at Borderline Systems, 140 Cushman Road, St. Catharines. If needed, contact Linda Watts for more information.