

## Wine and Food Fans – Jardineros Interest Group

Welcome to the Wine and Food Fans interest group! The co-chairs for 2018-2019 are Ruth Clark, Harriet Neal, and Lynne Kaskela (contact information is below). We offer the following information in the way of guidelines and orientation for the group. We also welcome your input, suggestions and questions (to Ruth Clark).

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Please mark your calendars for a welcome and orientation meeting on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 6 pm at Harriet and Jim Neal's home at 12 Petroglyph Trail in Placitas, NM.

1. Those members who hosted (2016-2017) or who sign up to host (2018-2019) will be on the first email invitation. The remaining members will be also be given the opportunity to participate on a space availability basis and will be on a second email list. A tasting typically takes place at the member's home, but might instead take place at an alternative venue (e.g. restaurant, winery, park, etc.). **Please note: Co-hosting an event does not fulfill the obligation as a host and does not automatically get you on the primary (first email) list.**
2. Each host is encouraged to ask a member to help assist with their event. This will provide more members with an opportunity for participation.
3. Tastings will typically be scheduled monthly on the third Saturday of the month. There will be some exceptions to avoid conflicts with already scheduled events of broad appeal.
4. Invitations for upcoming tastings will typically be sent out (by Lynne Kaskela) about 30 days before the scheduled date (and very soon after a prior tasting). The host will determine the number of potential attendees, and reservations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis in response to the email invitation.
5. If responses from the first email invitation do not fill the event, a second email will be sent to the entire group.
6. Checks should be sent at least 7 days prior to the tasting (to Ruth Clark). There will be no refunds in the last week prior to the event, so if someone must cancel within that week, a potential replacement from the waitlist will be identified to fill the spot and to reimburse the original attendee. **Note: Hosts of the event do not have to pay, but any assistant will pay.**

**Also, if the event is at a winery, all participants (including the host) will need to pay.**

7. One of the co-chairs (Harriet, Ruth, or Lynne) will be selected to assist each host.
8. A host who must cancel is responsible, with the assistance of Harriet Neal, for identifying a replacement host.
9. Hosts should plan on a cost per attendee of approximately \$15-\$25. Cost is determined by number and price of wines served, type and amount of food to be provided, and any venue costs. Typically, 5 or 6 wines are served (plus or minus a “welcome” drink and/or a “dessert” drink) and the number of bottles is usually figured at 3-4 ounces per wine per person.
10. If the host chooses that wine needs to be shipped please double check on the availability ahead as typically shipping is limited during the warm months of the year.