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Wine & Food Week celebrates 20 Years in The Woodlands

A Gem of A Celebration June 3-9, 2024

Houston, Texas (April 8, 2024) ...Celebrating 20 years as one of the region's top culinary and wine events, Wine & Food Week returns June 3-9 with A Gem of a Celebration underscoring the strength and vitality found in the heart of the wine and food industry. Featuring hundreds of wines, twenty special guests, a list of fresh culinary faces, and new event experiences, get ready to raise a glass to a culinary gem. For wine and food lovers, this event is an absolute must. Fan favorites include **Wine Around the World Wednesday; Get Frosted at Rose' Way** at The Peach Orchard Venue; **Ladies of the Vine Tasting, Luncheon, & Panel Discussion**, at The Club at Carlton Woods, and **Sips, Suds & Savor**. The week culminates with the grand dame—the elaborate **Wine Rendezvous Grand Tasting & Chef Showcase** at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Ballroom where acclaimed chefs compete for the coveted *Chef of Chefs* Award and a \$5,000 cash prize presented by Goya Foods. Looking for that extra touch of VIP, be sure to get tickets early to the Bayway Cadillac VIP Luxury Lounge with ultra-premium wines but limited space. Wine & Food Week is truly foodie heaven all the while supporting charitable organizations such as Southern Smoke Foundation, The Woodlands Arts Council, and New Danville, and the Montgomery County Food Bank.



Throughout the 20-year history of Wine & Food Week the mission has been to celebrate and recognize talented industry individuals shaping the food scene. This year Wine & Food Week announced that it will be inducting power food couple Chris Shepherd and Lindsey Brown into the Wine & Food Week Hall of Fame for their decades of culinary achievements including the formation of the Southern Smoke Foundation which Chris and Lindsey cofounded and Lindsey currently oversees. Southern Smoke has distributed more than \$11.3 million directly to people in the food and beverage industry in need via the Emergency Relief Fund.

“Let’s raise our glasses to “A Gem of A Celebration”—two decades of exquisite wine and culinary delights and industry accomplishments. For 20 years, Wine & Food Week has been a beacon of flavor, camaraderie, and joie de vivre,” said Constance McDerby, Founder of Wine & Food Week. “As the vines matured and the dishes evolved, this event became more than just a gathering—it’s a timeless tradition where every sip, every bite, and every laughter-filled conversation adds to the rich tapestry of memories. And just as a gem sparkles in the sunlight, so does Wine & Food Week illuminate our hearts. Here’s to the past, the present, and the promise of many more years of culinary brilliance,” exclaimed McDerby.



Wine & Food Week guests will rub elbows and mingle with tastemakers who have made their mark on the culinary and wine industry in remarkable ways. Meet special guests throughout the week including Guy Stout, Chris Sheperd and Lindsey Brown, Carlos Ramos, Michael Cordua, Patrica Sharpe, Katie Stone, Masaru Fukuda and more. Don’t delay. Get tickets today for this culinary extravaganza—the 20th Anniversary celebration of Wine & Food Week. Event information and tickets at wineandfoodweek.com.

Wine & Food Week is presented by H-E-B. Sponsored by: Bayway Cadillac of The Woodlands, Aruba Tourism, Goya Foods, Visit The Woodlands, Palm Bay International, Trinchero Family Estates, Winebow Fine Wine + Spirits, Volante Integrated Planning Northwestern Mutual, Alexander Valley Vineyards, Michael David Winery, Hess Persson Estates, Roots Run Deep Winery, SpeedPro The Woodlands, The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel, Market Street, The Peach Orchard Venue, The Brightpoint, The Woodlands Country Club, Women Driving Business, Woodlands City Lifestyle Magazine, PaperCity, Houston Magazine, Hello Woodlands, Woodlands Online, Infiniti Graphics, Genesis Photography, Kelley Sweet Photography, and SRG Photography with more announcements to follow.

ABOUT WINE & FOOD WEEK AND FOOD & VINE TIME PRODUCTIONS

Food & Vine Time Productions, producer of Wine & Food Week, celebrated 20 years in 2022 and is proud to have raised over \$2 million dollars through various channels since its inception in 2002 for local charities and deserving non-profits.

The first large scale event in the Metro founded by Food & Vine Time Productions, Wine & Food Week, was the first multi-day, multi-faceted, comprehensive destination culinary and wine event and the first nationally to promote locally sourced and sustainable products. Founder Constance McDerby with life and business partner, Clifton McDerby have been promoting and furthering the diverse culinary scene to avid followers since 2002. Diffusing the mystique of wines, FVTP events make wines approachable by educating the novice to the aficionado. Food & Vine Time Productions created another first when it launched the state’s first multi-day craft beer destination and educational event featuring over 300 craft beer selections. Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival celebrated a decade of craft beer experiences, being named #3 beer event in America by USA Today and #1 in Houston by Houstonia Magazine. Food & Vine Time Productions’ events include Houston Chronicle Culinary Stars, Katy Sip N Stroll, Wine Fair Cy-Fair, Zest in the West, Haute Wheels Food Truck Fest, and a myriad of public lifestyle events and private events for various clients.



A GEM OF A CELEBRATION EVENT LINE-UP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Wine Around The World Wednesday

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott | 6:00 - 9:00pm | Ticket: \$55

Get ready to travel around the world with your own tour guide. No passport required. Just bring along your tastebuds and a friend, for this international wine-tasting experience. Salud! Nosh on lite bites with international foods paired with each wine. Knowledgeable wine experts will be on hand to walk you through the wines exploring the wine industry in the country of origin. Pack light and let your wanderlust take hold as we journey wine glass in hand around the world.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Get Frosted at Rosé Way,

The Peach Orchard Venue | 6:00 - 9:00pm | Ticket: \$75 • Reserved Fashion Show Seat: \$125

Step into your pink mode and get ready to sparkle at this year's Rosé Way. Rosé wines, sparkling wines and trending sweet wines will flow as guests enjoy getting their posh on with a fashion show, beauty experiences, music, door prizes and more. Plus have your photo taken in sparkly gems and bid on a Smokin' Hot Chef Culinary Experience to benefit the Southern Smoke Foundation. The gorgeous venue, The Peach Orchard, will have your jaw-dropping at the beauty as you arrive.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Ladies of the Vine Tasting, Luncheon & Panel Discussion

The Club at Carlton Woods | 11:30am - 3:00pm | Ticket: \$135

Monique Studak returns to Moderate a panel of women winemakers, owners & experts, guiding guests behind the bottle. Intimate experience with tasting stations followed by a multi-course wine meal.

Sips, Suds & Savor

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott | 6:00 - 9:00pm | Ticket: \$45

Looking for a fun Friday night out with great grub, live music, wine, beer, craft spirits and an amazing live art performance? Sips, Suds & Savor is the perfect date night, or Friday outing with a group of friends featuring the electrifying performance art show PaintJam where paintings are spun together in minutes live onstage. A command performance featuring Harvey Dunn. The crowds love him, and you will too! Mark your calendar for June 7 to see Harvey Dunn live in PaintJam.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Wine Rendezvous Grand Tasting & Chef Showcase

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Ballroom | 7:00 - 10:00pm | Ticket: \$150

A culinary extravaganza for the decadent taste bud enthusiasts. You'll enjoy chef demonstrations and culinary offerings from 35 restaurants competing for the coveted national title of *Chef of Chefs* Culinary Awards and a \$5,000 cash prize as voted by an esteemed panel of judges. Featuring hundreds of wines, The Wine Rendezvous Grand Tasting & Chef Showcase presents guests with the opportunity to slip into their finest emeralds and green evening attire and be in the company of serious wine enthusiasts.

Bayway Cadillac VIP Luxury Lounge

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Ballroom | 7:00 - 10:00pm | Ticket: \$200

If the finer life is more your style, the lavish VIP Luxury Lounge is the place for you. Indulge in luxury with crème de la crème wine selections only available in this posh playground. Rub elbows with Wine & Food Week special guests, celebrities, media, and food judges throughout the evening.