

## \*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\*

### SIP ON THIS: THIRD ANNUAL KITSAP WINE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO SCENIC BREMERTON WATERFRONT ON AUGUST 20, 2011

*Local brews, a Summer Sipper Bar, and discounted tickets mark new additions to popular food and wine event*



*(Photo Caption: Photo #1, Guests enjoyed a beautiful day at the 2010 Kitsap Wine Festival at Harborside Fountain Park. Photo #2, Kitsap County's Bella Bella Cupcakes returns to serve sweet treats in 2011.)*

- WHO:** Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside and Harrison Medical Center Foundation, The City of Bremerton and The Port of Bremerton
- WHEN:** Saturday, August 20, 2011  
2:00 to 5:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Harborside Fountain Park, located adjacent to the Bremerton Ferry Landing  
Bremerton, Wash. 98337  
[www.kitsapwinefestival.com](http://www.kitsapwinefestival.com)  
[www.kitsapconferencecenter.com](http://www.kitsapconferencecenter.com)
- WHAT:** The third annual Kitsap Wine Festival at Harborside Fountain Park, a celebration of food and wine on Bremerton's scenic waterfront. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit Harrison Medical Center Foundation and its mission to make a positive difference in people's lives through exceptional medical care. More than \$12,000 was raised for the foundation at the sold-out 2010 festival.

**New additions to the 2011 Kitsap Wine Festival include a discounted 'early bird' ticket structure, a Summer Sipper Bar and local breweries.** On sale May 23, 2011, tickets are \$40 each through June 30, \$50 each from July 1 to August 19, and \$60 at the door. At the Summer Sipper Bar, guests will be able to sample Rieslings, rosés and sparkling wines side-by-side from many of the participating wineries. Additionally, Silverdale's Silver City Brewery and Bremerton's Der Blokken Brewery will offer a selection of their favorite brews to festival attendees.

The event will feature wineries from around the state and Oregon including:

Anam Cara Cellars, Camaraderie Cellars, Chinook Wines, Davenport Cellars, Hightower Cellars, Kiona Vineyards, Masquerade Wine Company, McCrea Cellars, Mercer Estates, Naches Heights Vineyards, Waterbrook and many more.

Cuisine will be provided by Chef Marsha Henry of Kitsap Conference Center, Anthony's at Sinclair Inlet, Bella Bella Cupcakes, Boston's Pizza & Deli, CJ's Evergreen General Store & Catering, McCloud's Grill House & Saloon, The Boat Shed and more.

Guests will enjoy live music and take in views of Puget Sound and the Port of Bremerton Marina from the spectacular Harborside Fountain Park. The Festival features on-site wine purchasing so that guests have the opportunity to purchase the wines they have sampled, with all net proceeds supporting the Harrison Medical Center Foundation.

**DETAILS:** Tickets go on sale on May 23 and can be purchased online at [www.kitsapwinefestival.com](http://www.kitsapwinefestival.com), or are available for purchase at Kitsap Conference Center.

Parking is provided at the parking lot adjacent to the ferry terminal. No car is needed for those arriving by ferry from downtown Seattle, as the event takes place immediately next to the ferry terminal along the marina.

#### **About Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside**

Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside is a high-tech conference center on the waterfront of Bremerton, Wash. The conference center is available for professional conferences and retreats, banquets, weddings and other special events. Kitsap Conference Center can accommodate 10 to 750 guests. The Center, which is a one-hour ferry ride from downtown Seattle, offers views of Sinclair Inlet and is literally 100 steps from the Seattle-Bremerton ferry terminal. Amenities include complimentary Wi-Fi service, videoconferencing, teleconferencing and onsite catering. The conference center is owned by the City of Bremerton and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information, please call (360) 377-3785 or visit [kitsapconferencecenter.com](http://kitsapconferencecenter.com).

#### **About Columbia Hospitality**

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio of premier properties, including boutique hotels, award-winning resorts, event venues and conference centers, offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 100 hospitality development projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit [www.columbiahospitality.com](http://www.columbiahospitality.com).

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