

*****MEDIA ALERT*****

**KITSAP WINE FESTIVAL AT HARBORSIDE FOUNTAIN PARK TO
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New Food and Wine Event on Scenic Bremerton Waterfront to Benefit Harrison Medical Center Foundation



WHO: The City of Bremerton, The Port of Bremerton, Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside and Harrison Medical Center Foundation

WHEN: Sunday, August 23, 2009
2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Harborside Fountain Park, located adjacent to the Bremerton Ferry Landing
Bremerton, Wash. 98337
www.kitsapwinefestival.com
www.kitsapconferencecenter.com

WHAT: The inaugural 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.

The event will feature more than 20 wineries from around the state including:

Balboa, Camaraderie Cellars, Chateau Ste. Michelle, DiStefano Winery, Domaine Ste. Michelle, Dusted Valley Vintners, Forgeron Cellars, Gordon Brothers Cellars, Hard Row to Hoe, Hightower Cellars, J Bookwalter, Mercer Estates, Novelty Hill, Olympic Cellars, Revelry Vintners, Snoqualmie, SYZGY, Thurston Wolfe Winery, Vin du Lac, Whidbey Island Winery, Yellow Hawk Cellar and Zero One Vintners.

Guests can meander through the spectacular Harborside Fountain Park, enjoy live music and take in views of Puget Sound and the Port of Bremerton Marina.

Cuisine will be provided by Chef Marsha Henry of Kitsap Conference Center, Chef Shawn Walker of Anthony's at Sinclair Inlet and a variety of local artisan food producers like Amy's Chocolates from Bremerton and Crimson Cove Smoked Specialties from Poulsbo.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person and can be purchased online after June 1 at www.kitsapwinefestival.com. Tickets are also 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 free 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, visit kitsapconferencecenter.com.

About Anthony's at Sinclair Inlet

Anthony's at Sinclair Inlet is part of the Anthony's family of waterfront restaurants located throughout Washington and in Bend, Oregon. Locally owned, Anthony's owns and operates its own seafood company to insure their restaurants serve only the finest and freshest seafood. The restaurants compliment their fresh fish with fresh from the farm in season local produce, Northwest wines, local microbrews and Washington beef providing their guests with a truly Northwest dining experience. For more information visit anthonys.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, mixed-use hotel developments, event venues and conference centers, offer world-class service in exquisite settings. Columbia creates memorable experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company's continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 80 hospitality development projects in the western United States, Canada, Portugal and the United Kingdom. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit columbiahospitality.com.

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