

Corks & Cuisine



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Wine & Food Festival 2008 a Great Success!

The week of May 12-17 brought together 1,456 guests and 400 volunteers led by co-chairs Stella Fong and Susan Carlson. Local, regional, national, and international chefs and experts joined to help celebrate the 16th annual Wine & Food Festival with exceptional wines and delectable foods. This signature event for wine and culinary enthusiasts tantalized taste buds and expanded wine knowledge through gourmet dinners, cooking schools, wine presentations and the two main events under the big party tent on the campus of MSU Billings.

Special guests included winemasters Dave Lattin of Kuleto Estate Winery in St. Helena, California, and Linda Trotta of Gundlach Bundschu Winery in Vineburg, California; Executive Chef Garry Waldie from Le Cordon Bleu Schools at Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona; Elizabeth Andoh from Tokyo, Japan; and Chef Jim Dodge from Palo Alto, California. The Guest Chef Dinner was presented by Executive Chef Thomas Donohoe and Proprietor Patrick Hurd of the Rainbow Ranch in Big Sky, and Executive Chef David Maplethorpe of the Rex Restaurant. Cooking School chefs included Matt Wallop from Sheridan, Wyoming, and Montana chefs Laurent Zirotti, Amy Smith and Marcy Tatarka who dazzled guests with their culinary expertise and exceptional foods.

We toast our corporate partners Briggs Distributing Company, Wells Fargo, Computers Unlimited, Billings Gazette Communications, Sodexo, and MSU Billings Foundation and our corporate sponsors Albertsons, Fortin Enterprises, Underriner Motors—Bill and Mary Underriner, Heins Creative, Party Time Plus, Travel Café, and RBC Wealth Management. Their invaluable support of the Wine and Food Festival is essential to the growth and success of the event. We thank them all.

Mark your calendars for Wine & Food Festival 2009 – May 11 – 16 – and plan to have a great time expanding your wine and food knowledge while helping to raise funds to support the good work of the MSU Billings Foundation on behalf of our students, especially in providing student scholarships.

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