



August 2025 Newsletter

To: Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society
From: Becky Wilson, former Chair, and Dean Wilson, Webmaster.

Greetings, all!

We made it back from Sweden just in time for the July event at the Grillons! Much warmer here, of course. Thanks so much, Jackie and George!

July Recap

It was the PICNIC! What a great day at the Grillons' lovely estate. Lots of sun, pool, food and wine! Sorry if you missed it.

Here is a photo of the Grillons' charming Spring House, which they are restoring. Sorry, I don't recall how old it is.



AWS News

Registration is OPEN for the 2025 National Conference in *Chantilly, Virginia* November 6-8!

[The AGENDA is HERE.](#)

and

[Here's where to register.](#)

August Preview

Bill has provided a statement regarding the upcoming tasting in August:

“The August tasting will feature wines from Loew Vineyards in our neighboring Frederick County. Rachel Lipman, granddaughter of the first Loew to arrive in the United States after World War II and the winemaker for Loew, will be presenting the wines along with the history of winemaking in the Loew family. This history dates back to the 1870's in Eastern Europe. She'll be joined by Christian Orr who manages their tasting room and who many of us know from his time at House of Liquors in Westminster. Wines will be available for purchase if you're interested.

The tasting will be held at the Sadler farmhouse in Gamber, on August 17th at 2pm. Our plan is to have the tasting on the back porch overlooking the meadow unless the heat is too oppressive to handle, so plan to dress casually. Please remember to bring a dish for the communal table.”

The next tasting is:

Sunday, August 17th at 2 PM

If you can attend, please RSVP via the website, ccaws.net or RSVP as soon as you are able to or **Reply All** to this email with how many are attending.

Also, remember to please bring a food dish for the shared table after the tasting, not only for the picnic, but for tastings in general. Our table has gotten a bit sparse lately, with more takers than givers, it seems. Thanks for your understanding.

Thanks again to all the recent volunteers who have recently stepped up to host! We are still looking to fill much of the 2025 and all of the 2026 schedule, so see if you can fill any openings!

Chapter and AWS Dues

Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at the tasting or mail it to him at: [the address found on the [Membership Brochure at ccaaws.net](#)].

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$59 (for 1 year); \$159 (for 3 years)

For two people at the same address - \$89 (for 1 year); \$239 (for 3 years).

Other options are available, too.

To pay national AWS dues online, go to <http://americanwinesociety.org/join-now/> to join or renew your membership.

Please keep in mind AWS requires that everyone who participates in AWS activities, which includes local chapter tastings, must be AWS members. Non-members and guests can only attend two times per year.

Member Wine Discount

The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members (don't forget to show your card):

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
- Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
- Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
- Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
- The Wine Post, Glyndon
- Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg

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Our Facebook page: [Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society](#)



Our website: CCAWS.net

Call for HOSTS!

Summer 2025 is almost over! We need hosts desperately! Please contact **Bill Sadler** at bill.sadler@nyu.edu to volunteer to House host or Wine host in the coming months. See the 2025 schedule below. If a Sunday doesn't work for you, let Bill know, and some changes are possible.

Tasting Schedule

We are always looking for future events. If you are interested in serving as a house or wine host, please reach out to Bill at [the **Chairperson** link on ccaws.net] and we can set that up!

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
		2025	
January 1/19/2025	SNOWED OUT	SNOWED OUT	SNOWED OUT
February 2/16/2025	Tammy Mangan	Nan Slick and Guest Speaker: Russ Lorber	Italy vs. France
March 3/16/2025	Hampton	Hampton	AI in the Vineyard
April 4/27/2025	Piper	Sadler	South Africa
May 5/18/2025	Reppe	Pipers	Wines of Puglia, Italy
June 6/15/2025	Breeding	D. Wilson	National Tasting Project: Australia
July 7/20/2025	Grillon	BYOB	PICNIC
August 8/17/2025	Sadler	Loew Vineyards Guest Speaker: Rachel Loew Lipman, Loew Vineyards	Loew's Maryland Wines
September 9/21/2025	Reppe	Lee Stewart with Guest Speaker: Gary Griggs	"Georgia On My Mind" (Not the state, the country!)
October 10/19/2025	Horrocks	?	?
November 11/16/2025	?	?	?
December 12/21/2025	Corynne Courpas	?	Sparkling Wine Gala