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**THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS SALUTES AMERICAN WINE ON APRIL 9**

(Flint, MI) Guests may feel a surge of patriotism as the Flint Institute of Arts hosts its 12th Annual Wine Tasting Event, **Wine, an American Revolution** on Saturday, April 9, from 7p to 10p.

More than 50 wines will be available for tasting, many from well-known locales. Michigan will be well-represented with wines from the Leelanau Peninsula. As always, guests can sample delicious food from the area's finest restaurants; Brick Street Bar and Grill, Luca's Chophouse, the French Laundry, Fandangles' and DaEdoardo North Ristorante. Joining them will be a few new establishments, such as Cork on Saginaw in Flint, Olio's Café and Grill in Clayton Township and Warwick Country Club in Grand Blanc Township.

Event features:

- Pastries and desserts from five area bakeries and sweet shops, served in the FIA's spacious Lobby. Dessert wines and coffee will also be available.
- Three 15 minute "how-to" sessions on wine tasting.
- A 6p Optional Reception featuring distinctive wines from Schweiger Vineyards in California's Napa Valley. Sally Schweiger will talk about the wines and her family's ideally situated vineyards on Howell Mountain. 501 Bar & Grill in Flint will provide appetizers.
- Streamlined wine ordering with participating retailers; Cork on Saginaw and Oliver T's gourmet grocery in Grand Blanc Township.

The informal, "how-to" sessions are being offered free to those guests who would like to know a little more about how to bring out the best in a wine, according to event chairman Ron Krueger. "Guests will also get a preview of the wine lineup, including those wines they should not miss," says Kueger. The first of these informal sessions take place at 6:45p, and will be repeated at 7:00p and 7:15p.

Reservations are \$60 for FIA members and \$75 for non-members. The Optional Reception is ticketed separately at \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Reservations can be made online at [www.flintarts.org](http://www.flintarts.org) (just click on the wine tasting box) or by calling 810.234.1695. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Complimentary valet parking will be available for the event.

In connection with the wine event, the Friends of Modern Art offers the German film, *Soul Kitchen*. The despondent young owner of an undistinguished Hamburg restaurant tries to sell it, launching a madcap series of events, including a bizarre new chef. Showtimes are April 8 and 9 at 7:30p, and April 10 at 2:00p in the FIA theater.

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