



Social Scene: Tahoe City blossoms for Wine Walk

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TAHOE CITY, Calif. — Much like the spring flowers blooming now, the laid back town of Tahoe City blossomed June 18 at the Tahoe City Wine Walk. A colorful wine walk map of Tahoe City guided 600-plus food and wine enthusiasts to more than 30 food and wine stations throughout the picturesque lakeside town on a beautiful summer-like day.

The wine walk, produced by Maja Thaler of Sandbox Studio, and Lolly Kupec and Ed Miller of Wild West Communications, is a benefit for the Tahoe City Downtown Association ([www.□visittahoe.com](http://www.visittahoe.com)), the organization that puts on those fun concerts on Commons Beach every Sunday.

The walking traffic was a much-needed shot in the arm for Tahoe City's downtown businesses which are gearing up for a busy summer season. Winter business was hindered at times by massive snowfall. Many stores reported a nice uptick in sales. "The Wine Walk really boosts sales in the heart of Tahoe City," explained Linda Bigelow, owner of Bluestone Jewelry. "Of all the events the TCDA does, this one is by far the best for me."

Kudos to the many wineries, restaurants, and food providers that donated to the fun event including Barry Callebaut Chocolate, The Blue Agave, Coffee Connexion, Christy Hill, Dockside 700, Evergreen, Fat Cat Café, Fire Sign Café, Jake's on the Lake North Shore Hawaiian Grill, Rosie's Café, Sawtooth Café, Spoon, Sunnyside Restaurant, Syd's Bagelry, Tahoe City Chocolates, Tahoma PDQ and Crystal Dairy, Uncommon Kitchen, West Shore Café, and Wolfdale's.

Wineries and spirits were provided by Arbios Cellars /Praxis Cellars, Avanguardia Wines, Blue Agave Tequila Tasting, Beam Global Whiskey, Buckbean Brewing Company, Canard Vineyard, Cupcake Vineyards, Fawnridge Winery, Hatcher Winery, Joel Gott Wines, Lone Buffalo Vineyards, Loxton Winery, Lucchesi Vineyards & Winery, Madroña Vineyards, Perry Creek Winery, Rancho Roble Vineyards, Robert Mondavi, Sean Minor, Segura Viudas, Sierra Vista Winery, Simi Winery, Single Leaf, Truckee River Winery, Twisted Rivers Wines, Wenté Family Estates, Wilderotter Vineyard, and Montevina Winery.

Some of those spotted sampling tasty tidbits and sipping great wines included Jo and Jim Smith, Linda and Peter Morris, Robin Dworkin, Sandy Evans Hall, Dave Wilderotter, Vicki and Neil Johnson, Sarah and Rich Wilde, Sally Taylor, Meg DeVre, Amber and Alex Barrett, Melissa Molyneaux and Brian Pick, Sheri and Chris Thibaut, and Skylo Dangler. Some of those lending a helping hand were Sandy Tomlinson, Dianne Shontz, Danny Brolliar, Vicki Brown, Deed Veruti, Stephanie Mears, Lisa Fox, Kimberly Lopez, Gary Davis, Cathy Dangler.

Farm to Lakeshore

And speaking of Tahoe City, a very special farm-to-table dinner will take place Tuesday evening, July 19 at

Commons Beach.

This first-time ever, on the beach, elegant evening will start with passed hors d'oeuvres, followed by a four-course dinner featuring the best farmers market produce prepared by Chefs Douglas Dale of Wolfdales, David Lutz of Evergreen, Scott Yorkie of Jake's and Andrew Schimer of Christy Hill complemented by wines from local Foothill vintners with music by "After Eights."

To purchase tickets go to www.visittahoe.org /2011/06/17/farm-to-table-dinner-july-19th/.

The 'Original' is back

After much anticipation, Hacienda Del Lago opened this week for dinner upstairs in the Boatworks Mall.

Original owner and longtime Tahoe City business man Joe Lanza has brought back the Hacienda of the past which is open daily for dinner.

Starting July 1, they will add lunch as well.

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