

Wine Auction benefits Institute

Whitefish Pilot

Two days of events including wine tastings, raffles, entertainment, a silent auction, a four-course wine-paired dinner and the coveted live auction are slated to benefit the Whitefish Lake Institute this weekend.

Fifty organizations have come together to support the event with an excellent selection of wines, specialty items, services and adventures. Foley Family Wines is the featured winery and Friday night sponsor, and River Design Group is the sponsor for Thursday. Auction items can be previewed in the Wine Auction Catalogue which is online at www.whitefish-wineauction.org.

Founded in 2005, the Whitefish Lake Institute is a science and education based non-profit 501 C(3) corporation led by a volunteer board of directors. Whitefish Lake Institute is committed to acquiring scientific research and engaging the local citizenry to protect and improve the

Whitefish area lake resources.

Schedule of events

Thursday, July 21

4 - 5 p.m. Tasting with Wine Spy Dan Vogel

Learn or refresh your wine tasting skills in a lovely lakeside setting. Taste a variety of wines while having the aromas, flavors, and characteristics described by a professional. Join us for an event that will enhance your wine tasting skills and enliven your wine drinking experiences.

5 - 7 p.m. Wine Tasting, Wines Sales, Raffle & Entertainment

Join the raffle for a special selection of items and adventures while sampling fine wines and hors d'oeuvres and enjoying the Whitefish Youth String Quartet.

Friday, July 22

6 - 7 p.m. Cocktails, Silent Auction, Raffle

Hosted cocktails and bidding on a

fabulous assortment of Silent Auction and Raffle items.

7 - 10 p.m. Dinner and Live Auction

Cocktails and bidding will be followed at 7 p.m. by a four-course meal prepared by the wonderfully creative chefs at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake — each course paired with wines from Foley Family Wines. Back by popular demand, radio personality Ross Strauser of bigvalleyradio.com will emcee the event. Guests will once again be treated to an exciting and entertaining Live Auction with auctioneer Marc Vessar. With specialty wines, exciting adventures, and unique items to be auctioned, there will be something to delight and entice everyone.

Tickets are on sale now online at www.whitefishwineauction.org; Whitefish Chamber of Commerce; The Lodge at Whitefish Lake; Crush Wine Bar; and Whitefish Lake Institute.

Wine auction benefits lake group

The Whitefish Wine Auction, a benefit to support the science and education programs of the Whitefish Lake Institute, will return to The Lodge at Whitefish Lake on July 21 and 22.

The event kicks off

Thursday at 4 p.m. with Tasting with a Sommelier — an opportunity to learn or refresh your wine tasting skills. Taste a variety of wines while having the aromas, flavors and characteristics described by

Wine Spy Dan Vogel.

From 5 - 7 p.m. guests will have the only opportunity during the two-day event to purchase wines directly from distributors.

The Friday festivities get under way at 6

p.m. with hosted cocktails and bidding on silent auction and raffle items. Ross Strauser of BigValleyRadio.com will emcee the event. Call 862-4327 or go online at www.whitefishwineauction.org.