

June 2012



Dear Members,

After a two year hiatus, our Independence Day Celebration is back on! So we are very happy to invite you to a picnic at a Sonoma Valley winery.

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## Belgian Independence Day Celebration Gundlach-Bundschu Winery, Sonoma, Saturday July 21

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We will get together around 11:30am. A private tasting of 5 estate wines will be held at 12:00pm. This will be followed at 12:45 by a casual deli lunch at the picnic tables. There will be time to visit other wineries in the area or stroll through downtown Sonoma after the event.

**Time:** 11:30 am. Please be on time as the wine tasting will start promptly.

**Location:** Gundlach-Bundschu Winery, 2000 Denmark Street, Sonoma



**Cost:** \$35/person for members, \$50/person for non-members and guests. This includes the wine tasting and the lunch. [Become a BCNC member here](#)

**Register to this event before July, 12:** [Sign up online](#) on our website or fill in the sign up sheet below.

For questions, please email Caroline Sedda at [carolines@bcnc.com](mailto:carolines@bcnc.com) or Lieve Maes at

[lieve@bcnc.com](mailto:lieve@bcnc.com). Or call Lieve at (408) 568 5650.

### Thank You:

- In addition to the BCNC Easter Egg Hunt team we mentioned in last month's letter, we also would like to thank Katja Coppens, Lieve Maes, Maniza Malik and Andreas and Nathan for hiding the eggs. Inge & Marc Vanlerberghes for managing the logistics of all the Easter eggs and decorations from year to year. Benedicte Simonart for contacting Lotus and getting delicious speculoos and of course the Lotus Team.

### Announcements & Events:

- All BCNC members are invited to the **book signing of Tomas van Houtryve's "Behind the Curtains of 21st Century Communism"**. The event will be held at Carte Blanche, 973 Valencia Street, San Francisco on Thursday, July 5 at 6-8:30pm. Please RSVP via Facebook: [www.facebook.com/events/378580432190978/](http://www.facebook.com/events/378580432190978/) or email [cvanhoutryve@hotmail.com](mailto:cvanhoutryve@hotmail.com). Tomas is the son of our member Christian van Houtryve. He is a member of VII and he is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards including POYi Photographer of the Year, the Bayeux Prize for War Correspondents and the Perpignan Young Photographer Award. Solo exhibitions of his work have been shown in Paris, New York City, Spain and Italy. Many of his photographs of intense political actions are, paradoxically, distinguished by their intimacy. Tomas is part of Carte Blanche's permanent collection.
- **Stella Artois will be hosting the "Taste of Belgium Festival" in San Francisco to celebrate Belgium and Belgium National Day:** the heritage, culture, cuisine and of course Belgian beers. This free event will feature a day of activities with live music, boules courts, Belgian beer sampling, beer school and the highlight event of the Mussels Throwdown competition. The competition will feature 6 local chefs who specialize in Belgian cuisine, showcasing a new mussels recipe created exclusively for the event with media and expert judges critiquing each dish and ultimately deciding the winner. Guests of the event will also have a chance to enter the "fan favorite" vote. The event will be held on Friday, July 13 at Fort Mason. The gates will open at 4pm and the event closes at 11pm. [sf.funcheap.com/taste-belgium-beer-festival-stella-artois-fort-mason/](http://sf.funcheap.com/taste-belgium-beer-festival-stella-artois-fort-mason/)
- Our next event will be the Labor Day Weekend camping trip. This year we will go to French Meadows Reservoir in the Tahoe National Forest.

### Congratulations:

- Robert Saul and Joyce Podevyn are the proud parents of twin baby girls, Caroline and Johanna, born on May 21th. We wish the new family lots of happiness.

The board

**Reservation for the Independence Day Celebration**  
**DEADLINE: JULY 12**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ BCNC Members @ 35\$ \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ NON-BCNC Members and Guests @ 50\$ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please return with your check payable to BCNC and mail to  
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