



January 2012 Newsletter

The Australian Wine Society of Toronto and the Canadian Australian Chamber of Commerce, invite you to our annual Australia Day Dinner, Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at the Albany Club.



The First Fleet

The First Fleet of ships to carry convicts from England to Botany Bay sailed from Portsmouth, England, on 13 May 1787. It arrived at Botany Bay on 18 January 1788. When that place proved unsuitable for a settlement the fleet made its way a short distance up the coast and on 25 January 1788 entered what is now known as Sydney Harbour and anchored in Sydney Cove.

AWS and CACC will commemorate Captain Arthur Philip's landing of the first fleet. In Australia the day will be celebrated in all states and territories of Australia, as we celebrate here in Toronto, on Wednesday, January 25th at The Albany Club. As is our custom, the evening begins at 6:30 with a reception on the Fourth Floor followed by a four course dinner at 7:30 in the main dining room. The Albany Club Executive Chef Jay Parhar, has once again put together a splendid menu and as always, there will be wines, and special door prizes, all included with the ticket price of \$125.00 per person.

Australia Day Menu

First Course

Curried Chicken Mulligatawny Soup

Second Course

Beet Cured Pacific King Salmon with Wasabi Panacotta & Green Olive Salsa

Third Course
**Shiraz Braised Australian Lamb Shanks in a Reduction with
Garlic Smashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

Dessert
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Medjool Dates & Caramel Sauce

Tea and Coffee

There will be door prizes, and entertainment from our friend Peter Shaw, the strolling man from down under. Peter asks you to bring your enthusiasm and your voice to join in and make this a memorable Australia Day evening.

Our thanks to **Churchill Cellars Ltd.**, who are providing the main course wine **d'Arry's Original Shiraz Grenache**, a full-bodied, fruit-driven Australian classic that will match well with the Lamb Shanks.

Please note that we are limited to 120 seats for this event, so reserve early. Tickets are \$125.00 for AWS Members and Guests, CACC Members and Guests, including all taxes and gratuities. Business suit is appropriate, with Black Tie optional and always welcomed.

The link to on line registration is <http://aday2012.eventbrite.com>

Or download the attached Registration Form and mail to AWS, c/o Barbara Barde, 900 Yonge Street, Suite 503, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3P5



We sadly announce that longtime AWS member, Bill Harrison passed away on December 6, 2011. Bill, we are certain, holds the record for consistently attending AWS events for over 20 years, with his wife Dorothy. Bill loved his Australian wines. We will invite you to raise your glasses on the 25th and toast Bill Harrison.

Past Events

Our Holiday Dinner at Coco Lezzone on December 6 was a great success, judging by the noise level of members and guests greeting the arrival of each course and the approval of the selected wines.

Future Events

February 22, 2012. Cellar Treasures Walk Around Tasting.

March 20, 2012. Wines of Coonawarra Tasting at the Faculty Club.

April 24, 2012. D'Arenberg Dinner.

May 23, 2012. The Annual Shiraz Tasting.

June 21, 2012. Summer Solstice Dinner.