



**Boca Raton
Historical
Society &
Museum**

**THE 18TH ANNUAL BOCA BACCHANAL
WHICH WILL BE COMPRISED OF FOUR ENTICING EVENTS ON
JANUARY 21, FEBRUARY 20, AND MARCH 6 & 7, 2020
WILL ATTRACT OVER 1600 PEOPLE FROM THROUGHOUT SOUTH FLORIDA
TO CELEBRATE THE BEST IN FOOD & WINE**

Boca Raton, FL -- The 18th annual Boca Bacchanal of 2020--which is hosted by the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum--is right around the corner. This extraordinarily popular event, which celebrates the best in food and wine, will be held over the course of four events on January 21, February 20, March 6, and March 7, 2020. The finale event--the Grand Tasting--will be held at the Great Hall at the legendary Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida. BB 2020 is expected to draw over 1600 residents and visitors from throughout South Florida. This year's Bacchanal will bring together world-class chefs from all over the United States; distinguished vintners from all over the world; and a host of enticing interactive experiences. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy scrumptious food and refreshing libations, while supporting an extremely worthy cause. The funds that are raised, at this iconic event, will go towards the BRHS&M's heritage education programs for adults and children. Last year's Boca Bacchanal was a resounding success and raised over \$225,000.

BRHS&M Executive Director Mary Csar states, "This is a truly a fabulous event which keeps getting better each year. As one of the oldest and most popular food and wine events, in South Florida, the Boca Bacchanal remains the 'gold standard' for introducing people, of all ages, to outstanding restaurants, talented chefs, and noteworthy wineries."

Bacchus Beckons hosted by Bloomingdale's is the Boca Bacchanal kick-off event, which will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy yummy appetizers, courtesy of Sandy James Fine Food & Productions, and sample fine wines from the presenting vintners at this informal get-together. The Vintner Dinner chef and vintner pairings, and hosts, will also be announced. Additionally, tickets, for the Vintner Dinners, will go on sale this evening. This event will be held on the second floor, of Bloomingdale's, at Town Center at Boca Raton. Complimentary parking will be available in the garage and in the parking lot. \$75, per person.

Bubbles & Burgers hosted by ALINA Residences will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020--from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.--at the Boca Beach Club. Guests will enjoy an array of scrumptious gourmet burgers, along with a terrific selection of Champagnes and wines, while enjoying panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. There will also be a photo booth and musical entertainment by New York Sounds DJ & Entertainment. Complimentary valet parking will be available. \$100, per person.

Vintner Dinners will be held at elegant private homes and historic venues--on Friday evening, March 6, 2020--from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to feast on delectable five-course meals, created by gifted chefs working in tandem with acclaimed vintners, for the ultimate dinner party experience. \$350, per person.

Featured vintners, for the five Vintner Dinners, are Katie Griesbeck from Cakebread Cellars in Sonoma, CA; Anthony Truchard of Truchard Vineyards in Napa, CA; Anita Correias of Montes Alpha in Santa Cruz, Chile; Tim Duncan of Silver Oak Cellars & Twomey Cellars in Napa, CA; and John Schultz of Flora Springs Winery & Vineyards in Napa, CA.

The Grand Tasting--the festive finale of the Boca Bacchanal--will be held on Saturday evening, March 7, 2020--from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.--in the Great Hall at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Guests will be able to enjoy a truly unique dinner-by-the-bite--from over 25 superb local restaurants--and sample tasting selections, of over 130 wines and Champagnes, from acclaimed wineries from all over the globe. Guests will also have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction, via the BidPal app, for items such as vacations, fine wines, dinners, jewelry, and artwork, including a framed painting which was donated by Thomas Arvid. Valued at \$16,500, this unique piece of art--"A Perfect Crush," which is 67" x 30" framed, and part of the artist's Original program--is a mixed media giclee on canvas print. Thomas will take the foundation and add a unique paint scheme that will not be duplicated. The nation's pre-eminent painter of wine, Arvid will also have a pop-up art gallery, where he will be painting a piece of artwork during the Grand Tasting. This year, the auction will open online, before the event, so that individuals from all over the United States--as well as local residents--will be able to bid early on items of interest.

Additionally, there will be a pop-up store by Yvel, an award-winning luxury brand of jewelry--that is based in Israel--with Florida stores in Boca Raton and Miami's Design District. Yvel is recognized worldwide for its distinctive creations featuring nature's most treasured resources. There will also be a pop-up store by Crown Wine & Spirits; a craft beer station and a full bar; luxury items from select vendors, including Flint & Flame (a high-end line of chef's knives and cutlery) and Parks Luxury Sporting Goods; and the Bloomingdale's Red Carpet Cosmetic Touch-Up Station. The latter will provide guests with complimentary makeup applications, by professional cosmetic artists from Bloomingdale's, throughout the evening. Guests may also purchase products, which will be available for sale, and take them with them (or pick them up, at the silent auction collection table, at the end of the evening).

Guests will enjoy sampling delectable bites from many noteworthy area restaurants, including Benihana, the Boca Raton Resort & Club, Bolay, Bonefish Grill, Burtons Grill & Bar, Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, J&D Cakes, Just Salad, Loch Bar, M.E.A.T. Eatery & Tap Room, Morton's The Steakhouse, Potions in Motion, Raw Juice, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Sammi J's, The Capital Grille, and The Melting Pot.

Additionally, all guests will have the opportunity to view the video, from the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum, centering on their History Alive! campaign. The video will include information on their building expansion project, their installation of new interactive exhibits, and their dedicated permanent children's learning annex.

The theme of this year's Grand Tasting will be Wine Country. New York Sounds DJ & Entertainment will provide the music during this event. Founding Boca Bacchanal sponsors are Republic National Distribution Company, the Boca Raton Resort & Club, and Boca Raton Magazine. As guests exit, the Grand Tasting, they will have the opportunity to take a copy of the current issue of Boca Raton Magazine.

Additional Boca Bacchanal sponsors include Thomas Arvid, Crown Wine & Spirits, Cendyn Spaces, Bloomingdale's, ALINA Residences, Yvel, Schmidt Family Foundation, the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, Discover the Palm Beaches, Palm Beach County, and the City of Boca Raton.

Since its inception, in 2003, the Boca Bacchanal has supported the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. 100 percent of the proceeds, from this wonderful food and wine festival, will fund innovative and diverse heritage education programs for residents, students, and visitors. These programs are now serving upwards of 1200 schoolchildren, each year, with impactful experiences in historic locations.

Csar adds, "The funds that we raise, from this year's event, will help the BRHS&M to build new, state-of-the-art family-friendly exhibits to showcase Boca Raton's unique history. We are proud that all of the proceeds, from the Boca Bacchanal, will go directly back into our community to preserve our history, to educate our children, and to build a sense of place in Boca Raton for generations to come. Boca Bacchanal is a win-win for our community."

Guests may purchase tickets, to any of the Boca Bacchanal 2020 events, by logging on to www.bocabacchanal.com or by phoning the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum at 561.395.6766, Ext. 101. All guests are encouraged to use a taxi, or a ride-sharing service, for all of the Boca Bacchanal events.

The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to preserving the past to enrich the future. Now in its 47th year, the BRHS&M actively promotes historic preservation and education through its archival services, guided tours, and educational programs. Additional information is available at www.bocahistory.org.