

Cuisine to enlighten your senses...

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Featured Artist for February

Every month Vitis will feature a new artist, and the artist will visit Vitis on the First Thursday of the month. During First Thursday, hundreds of people walk from art gallery to gallery, sipping wine and meeting local artists. At Vitis we decided to kick it up a notch and offer dinner alongside art, wine and meeting the artist. Please come and welcome Tedd Chilless at our "First First Thursday Dine and Meet the Artist" Event.



Tedd remembers from his early childhood that he always had the passion to paint. His training is from art classes in college, architectural rendering classes and personal

study. Ten years ago, when computers started taking over his architectural practice he experienced what he calls "Graphite Withdrawal." After sketching eight hours a day for twenty years then switching to sitting in front a monitor and moving only a mouse he found the need to express his artistic skills and began painting watercolors & oil paintings. His studies have included workshops with Arne Westerman, Susan McKenna, Barbara Nechis, Ryan Wurmser, Nelson Shanks and Xhaoging Zhu, and his paintings have been exhibited with local galleries' "Group Shows" and with the Watercolor Society of Oregon shows.

A recent review of his artwork: "It's very thought provoking and your paintings makes one wonder 'what' is going on in this person's mind."

Winemaker Dinner

Vitis Enoteca is hosting its first in a new series of Winemaker Dinners at its Pearl District space. The pan-Italian restaurant has invited new Oregon winery, Dalla Vina, to present its wines, accompanied by Vitis' signature Italian cuisine. Each dish will be accompanied by a different varietal of Dalla Vina, with a description and talk by Dalla Vina winemaker, Karl Dinger. All four of the winery's wines will be featured during the winemaker



dinner, including the inaugural 2004 vintages of Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, and a red Bordeauxstyle blend called Bella Vista Red. Each diner will get samples of the wines with specific dishes from Vitis Enoteca. Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm on February 21st; cost per person is \$60. Please call 503-241-0355 for reservations.



Vitis Enoteca will host a different winemaker dinner each month throughout the 2006 calendar year. In addition, Vitis will also host wine tasting evenings once a month. For the most up-to-date information, please visit <u>www.vitisenoteca.com</u>

Vitis Cuisine

Try our new dishes! We've added some tasty morsels to our menu recently, including a Potato Gateau, baked with with pancetta, fontina, and Pecorino Romano cheeses for \$7. Other items include a wonderful jumbo shrimp broiled in a casserole with mushrooms, cream, onion and wine for \$9.50, and a chicken breast stuffed with roasted peppers and pancetta for \$9.

About Vitis

Vitis Enoteca is located at the edge of the immensely popular and chic Pearl District in downtown Portland. We offer distinctively different Italian dining, featuring small plates of regional Italian cuisine. Our affordable menu offers the chance for diners to share and taste the regions of Italy. We offer over 80 wines by the glass.



Vitis Enoteca is located... 535 Northwest 16th @ Hoyt Portland, Oregon 97210 <u>http://www.vitisenoteca.com</u> <u>dana_giardina@msn.com</u> <u>info.vitis@gmail.com</u> 503.241.0355 for reservations Dinner Tuesday thru Thursday 5 - 9 pm Friday and Saturday 5 - 10 pm

Catering and private parties available, please contact Dana, 503.241.0355

Remember, Vitis offers all its wines by the glass or bottle. we will gladly pour you a taste of any wine we have open, just ask your server.



Tedd Chellis, After the Recital

Upcoming Events

The Winemaker Dinner for March will feature David Hill Vineyards & Winery, please visit them at <u>http://www.davidhillwinery.com</u>.

Our wine tasting schedule will be announced soon.

Vitis will be hosting a Fundraiser for the Community Reading Connection in affiliation with Oregon Literacy, Inc. and we welcome you and a guest to The 78th Academy Awards presented and shown live beginning at 5 pm, March 5, preceded by a half-hour arrival segment. Dance after the party with special musical guests! \$20 suggested donation at door to benefit the Community Reading Connection. Black-tie optional. Please R.S.V.P. by February 28th 503.421.7447 ~ annie@lvdmedia.com



Tedd Chellis, Diana