

CHAMBER CHAT

November 2022

Skagit Wine & Beer Festival is Back!

By Andy Mayer/President & CEO

I am very excited that our Skagit Wine & Beer Festival will be held on Saturday, November 12, after a 2-year break. Adding to the excitement is that the event is being held at the Heritage Flight Museum, a destination experience on its own. The hours are: VIP Hour from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and General Admission from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For those of you that haven't experienced the Skagit Wine & Beer Festival, it is a celebration of the wine, beer, cider, and spirits, produced in our region. You will be able to taste a variety of unique and in some cases award-winning examples of each of them. When you've decided which of them you enjoy the most you can purchase bottles for your holiday gatherings, at special prices. Gourmet chocolate and cheese will also be available to sample. Delicious food, including enchiladas, pulled pork sliders and Indian curry will also be served from outstanding area restaurants.

As mentioned, the Heritage Flight Museum adds greatly to the event. It is one of the coolest "museums" around. I put museums in quotations, because they are often stuffy, and this one is far from it. They have a collection of vintage aircraft and antique military vehicles that are very interesting, but there's far more. The new Earthrise Gallery walks visitors through mankind's first trip to the moon on the Apollo 8 mission. Included is the famous "Earthrise" photograph, taken by Astronaut (and FHM founder) Major General William Anders, on the mission. To top it off, there's an actual piece of the moon on display. There are several more interesting exhibits. The one that I particularly enjoy, as a student of recent American history is "The '68 Experience." It chronicles the tumultuous year leading up to the launch of Apollo 8.

As I hope I've gotten across to you, the Wine & Beer Festival will be lots of fun and educational, through all the offerings in which to indulge, and the special venue that is the Heritage Flight Museum. I want to extend my thanks to our generous event sponsors and all the participating vendors. See you there!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Wednesday, November 9

12 p.m.

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Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce

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Multi-Chamber After Hours Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster Unveiling

Wednesday, November 9

5:30 p.m.

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Skagit Wine & Beer Festival Presented by Draper Valley Farms/Perdue Farms

Saturday, November 12

3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

[Get tickets here](#)

Heritage Flight Museum

15053 Crosswind Dr

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Latino Business Leaders

Como Alcance el Exito / How I Became Successful

Miercoles 16 de Noviembre a las 6:00 PM

Wednesday November 16 at 6:00 PM

Skagit Station

105 E. Kincaid

Mount Vernon

[Register Here](#)

The entrepreneurship panel features three of the most successful Latino entrepreneurs in Northwest Washington. Our presenters have been selected from within three of the sectors with the highest Latino participation.

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- Freddy Zavala, Birrieria Tijuana
- Junior Galeas, Junior Flooring

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BRONZE LEGACY



Thriving Latino businesses to share their stories

We are proud to present three of the most successful Latino entrepreneurs in Northwest Washington for an evening of inspiration and motivation on Wednesday November 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Skagit Station. Our panel has been selected from within three of the sectors with the highest Latino participation and will be presenting at the next Latino Business Leaders session this November.

Skagit County

Glenda Herrera, Custom Cleaning Washington. As a woman-owned business, the challenges were many when Herrera decided to start Custom Cleaning Washington. Despite the challenges, the company has expanded its services within Skagit, Whatcom and Shonomish County in less than a year.

Whatcom County

Junior Galeas, Junior Flooring. With residential and corporate clients in Washington, Alaska and Hawaii; Galeas has transformed Junior Flooring into one of the fastest-growing Latino-owned businesses in the construction/remodeling sector while helping those in need.

Snohomish, Pierce, King, Spokane

Freddy Zavala, Birrieria Tijuana. Zavala is the founder of one of the most successful restaurant chains in Washington with locations in Everett, Federal Way, Lakewood, Burien and Spokane. In 2021, Birrieria Tijuana was featured by KING 5 Evening (KING 5) as one of the most popular restaurants in Northwest Washington.

As part of the Latino Business Leaders program this event will be presented in Spanish and with free admission. Those interested in attending are highly encouraged to RSVP in advance. Please note that because of its continued growth and expansion, the Latino Business Leaders sessions are now held at the Skagit Station on 105 E. Kincaid in Mount Vernon

The 2022-2023 Latino Business Leaders program is sponsored by Thrivent Financial - Shawn Steffens

Latino Business Leaders is a Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce program created to facilitate the advancement and participation of the Latino businesses in our region.

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Member Announcements

Port of Skagit Purchases Two Hangars on Airport

The Port of Skagit added to its holdings at Skagit Regional Airport with the purchase of two box hangars. Port Commission formally approved the acquisition of the aircraft hangars during a special meeting last Thursday. The two separate transactions will provide the Port with nearly 14,000 square feet of additional publicly-owned hangar space along Flightline Road, adjacent to the northwest apron off the main runway.

These strategic purchases align with the Port's Airport Master Plan, which focusses on general and business aviation growth at Skagit Regional Airport.

Free RLE Q&A Night at Cascadia Eye

Do you want to learn more about achieving customized vision correction with Refractive Lens Exchange (RLE)? Cascadia Eye will be hosting a free RLE Q&A night this November. Our experienced surgeons will explain what RLE is, along with answering any questions you have and identifying whether you are a good candidate. An RSVP is required to attend this event. Please call 360-755-3280. Learn more [here](#).

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6 to 7 p.m.

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Chamber Chat
Wednesday Mornings

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8:20 a.m. **KBRC** CLASSIC ROCK

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Send your announcements to
Jeremy@mountvernonchamber.com

Executive Session presented by Andy Mayer at Chamber Statewide Conference

Last month the Washington Chamber of Commerce Executives held its annual Statewide Conference. The event took place in Tacoma and was attended by chamber teams from different regions within the state and featured topics that ranged from legislative priorities to economic development.

The annual conference kicked off with Mount Vernon Chamber President/CEO Andy Mayer leading the Executive Session designed to help new and upcoming CEOs navigate the chamber of commerce industry. The presentation included topics like the role of the chamber board, communication, finances and human resources.

Chambers of Commerce continue to make a big impact on our local economy. The peer-to-peer support, training and mentoring that Andy provided will help the new Chamber CEOs thrive in their role and for their organizations to make a positive impact in their communities.

President/CEO Andrew T. Mayer Presents at WCCE Conference



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October in pictures



Members network at the Biz Buzz Networking Luncheon



Chamber Connections groups meet for a social



Record attendance for the Latino Business Leaders in October!



Ambassador meeting at Pacionis Pizzeria and Lounge

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Not a member of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce? You are still able to participate in this great program and promote your business.

For more information, please contact Jeremy Kindlund, Operations Director

Via email: Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com

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Participation requirements -

- \$25 payment
- Raffle Prize (Value of \$25 or more)

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- Shop Local Poster
- PDF copy of flier with partnering businesses listed can be distributed to your customers via email or print off to put in bags, etc.

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