

# Greetings, Salutations and Slainte!

Welcome to the May 2011 Edition of the  
Murphy Beverage Company Newsletter!

Old Town survived another Apple Blossom, none the worse for wear and we are staring down the barrel of Mothers Day. Hug her if you got her!

This weekend promises to be another big one for Old Town. This Friday is First Friday May 6th and Bill McKenney of Michael Downey Selections will be here for a tasting of wines selected for dear old mom. It'll run from 6pm to 9pm and our tasting are always free and open to the public.

There's a rumor going around that a "Flash Mob" is going to magically occur on First Friday also. It's going to happen in front of the Stained Glass Shop 161 N. Loudoun St. at 6pm, if it's on your bucket list, come on down! To find out more: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/event.php?eid=206266949395325>

This Saturday May 7th, the Shenandoah Valley Corvette Club presents the 2011 Matt Miller Memorial Corvette Car Show. It'll run from 10am-3pm on the Mall. To find out more, go to [www.svcorvetteclub.org](http://www.svcorvetteclub.org)

We are proud to be taking part in "An Evening with Ellen Crosby" on Wednesday May 18th at the Handley Library Auditorium at 7pm. Ellen writes books set in Virginia Wine Country and she'll be talking about her research techniques and other "behind the scenes" info. The Winchester Book Gallery will be on hand selling her books and refreshments will be served. It's brought to you by The Friends of the Handley Regional Library.

Saturday May 28th, Elliot Spooner of Nice Legs Distributing will be here for a tasting from 1pm-4pm.

Wine Tip of the Month: What the heck is that? Sometimes you'll uncork a wine and find tiny crystals attached to the cork. Don't sweat it! They are merely potassium tartrate (cream of tartar) which is found naturally in wine. It simply means the wine got too cold for too long. The ideal serving temperature for wine is 50° - 70° F depending on the wine, and it should rarely need more than one hour in the refrigerator or 20 minutes in an ice bucket. If crystals *are* present in the wine, you might want to decant the bottle first.

Wine Quote of the Month: “ When Noah, the favored of the lord, got out of the ark, the first thing he did as a husbandman was plant a vineyard and get roaring drunk on it's fruits. He savored neither it's nose nor it's finish, neither did he compare it to woodsmoke or apples, and he lived on for another 350 years, happy as a clam.” The Joy of Drinking by Barbara Holland

See you on First Friday!  
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