

Thousand Oaks Winery News

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Wooden Ships Back From Dead



I'm sitting here looking at a bumper sticker Bill Booth gave me. On a simple white background with plain black letters it reads "WOODEN SHIPS BACK FROM DEAD". If you were fortunate enough to watch Bill Booth perform at Thousand Oaks Winery, you're in for a treat when he reunites with the other founding member of Wooden Ships, Scott Stewart.

The unique sound of Wooden Ships is due to the diverse musical backgrounds of Bill and Scott. Bill is a St. Louis native, brings powerful and soulful vocals and rhythm guitar from his varied blues and rock-and-roll roots. Bill's has been performing since he was 14 and

formed his first band, the "The Impacts". One of Bill's first band members was Pat Liston, who later formed the popular band "Mama's Pride". Bill played in "Moving Walkers", "Rain Forest", and Wooden Ships, He's played with "Prodical Son", "Drop Silver", and "Feed Louie" and played singles in St. Louis at the Gaslight Square, O'Shea's, and various venues around St. Louis. Bill has played for the last six years all over Southeast Missouri.

At the age of nine, Scott began taking classical piano lessons and in one year was playing the Masters such as Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, and Brahms. Later that year he joined his school's symphonic band and played trombone and baritone. Meanwhile, curiosity prompted him to pick up his brother's old acoustic guitar. By this time he knew that he had already found his favorite instrument. Growing up in the heart of Acadiana in Lafayette, Louisiana, Scott Stewart was exposed to a variety of musical styles including Zydeco, R&B, Soul, Rock'N'Roll, and Classical. By the age of twelve, he formed his first garage band, and by fifteen was performing at school dances and local clubs. After high school, Scott joined Jamey Slane with the Richardson Brothers and later toured with The Cold and Wiz. He also worked doing studio sessions for several local Louisiana artists while writing and recording his own originals.

After completing college, Scott moved to Missouri, where a chance night out led him to meet St. Louis veteran musician, Bill Booth, who was performing as a solo acoustic act in a local club. With only acoustic guitars and vocals they joined forces to form Wooden Ships. While refining their sound and repertoire, they continued to work an aggressive schedule and consequently built a rapidly growing fan base in the Southeast Missouri area.

The diverse guitar stylings played entirely on acoustic guitars produces a distinct sound unlike any band in the area, which explains the rapidly growing fan base, and keeps this band in demand! Be prepared for a music experience that spans the fifties, blues, country, rock, and original music. Thousand Oaks Winery is pleased to host "Wooden Ships" during our Oktoberfest

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3-4 October, 2009. "Wooden Ships" will perform on 3 October (2-6pm), during our live radio broadcast at Thousand Oaks.

Wine Club Members Excel at SEMO Fair Wine Competition

We would like to extend our congratulations to Thousand Oaks Wine Club members Mike Meyer and Chris Weiss. Mike was named the Reserve Champion for his Shiraz and Chris placed 3rd in the sweet fruit category with his Kiwi Pear Sauvignon. I'm trying to talk Mike into taking over my winemaking duties so I have more time to golf (badly), but no luck so far.

2nd Halloween Horror Fest

We hope you will join us for our 2nd Halloween Horror Festival on Halloween Saturday, October 31st from 6-12pm. We will continuously show classic black and white horror movies on two separate screens. We will play dance music outside, and feature Halloween themed food and deserts. We might even arrange a hay ride under the stars. Our seasonal wine "Frankenstein" will be resurrected for this special event. Come in costume and compete for the best costume prize.



Costumes are not required, but are certainly welcome. We plan on hourly drawings for Thousand Oaks wine, merchandise, and \$50 for the best costume. We're expecting a good turnout for this event so recommend making your reservations early at (573) 866-2522.

Wine Club Grapes Arrive Saturday, 19 Sep (Noon)

The wine club is receiving Norton and Traminette grapes on Saturday, 19 Sep 2009, around Noon. We're hoping this is convenient for the wine club members who requested the grapes. We also need to begin bottling Frankenstein this weekend so it's ready for our Halloween Horror Fest.

September Wine Club Meeting on Friday 25 Sep (7pm)

The September wine club meeting will be held on Friday, 25 Sep (7pm) at the home of Floyd Masters and Sarah Zimmer of Perryville. The following directions to their home are from the I-55 Perryville exit:

1. Take Hwy 51 south, go 8 miles
2. Turn Left on Hwy O, go 2 miles
3. Turn Right on PCR 622, go 1 mile
4. Turn Left on PCR 624, they are the first house on the left.

This link to [Google Maps](#) provides driving directions.

Harvest Season

Like all Missouri wineries, we've been exceptionally busy with harvest and processing grapes for next years wine. We've already processed Edelweiss, Frontenac Gris, Chardonel, Chardonnay, Vignoles, Corot Noir, Elderberry, Blackberry, and more. We plan to crush Traminette, Norton, Cayuga White, and Vidal Blanc grapes the weekend of Sep 19-20. If you happen to be at Thousand Oaks Winery that weekend, you might gain some interesting insight into what it takes to produce a bottle of wine start to finish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEP 20 MUSIC BY GRISHAM SPUR (2-6PM)

SEP 27 MUSIC BY BRANDON EMMETT (3-6PM)

**OCT 3 OKTOBERFEST: BIG IDEA (11-2PM)
WOODEN SHIPS (2-6PM)**

OCT 4 OKTOBERFEST: BRUCE ZIMMERMAN (3-6PM)

OCT 11 MUSIC BY BILL BOOTH (2-6PM)

OCT 18 MUSIC BY GRISHAM SPUR (2-6PM)

OCT 24 MUSIC BY CABIN FEVER (3-6PM)

OCT 31 HALLOWEEN HORROR FEST (6-12PM)