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Celebrate Spring on the Shawangunk Wine Trail While Helping to Raise Money for One of Ulster County's Oldest Non-Profits

Bud Break marks the annual spring season in Wine Country when once-dormant vines come to life and the [Shawangunk Wine Trail](#) wineries open their tasting rooms and celebrate spring with pasta and wine. Pasta Primo Vino will be held on April 17 and 18 from 10am to 6pm each day.

Wine enthusiasts will have the opportunity to taste wine at all eleven wineries on the Shawangunk Wine Trail and each winery will have a creative pasta dish for tasting. Many of the wineries will have new releases available.

This year the Shawangunk Wine Trail will donate a portion of the proceeds of the event to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC). CCEUC works to improve the lives of New Yorkers through educational partnerships that put scholarship and local knowledge to work. "Traditionally in the past, the Trail has donated proceeds from this event to a Not for Profit. This year we are bringing back this tradition said Matt Spaccarelli, President of the Shawangunk Wine Trail. CCEUC assists the wineries throughout the year with programs for winemakers and vineyard management and this is a way we can give back."

Tickets for Pasta Primo Vino are \$22 for wine taster and \$5 for designated driver plus tax. Event tickets include wine tasting at all 11 wineries and a pasta sampling. Tickets can be purchased on the Shawangunk Wine Trail website www.gunkswine.com

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About Shawangunk Wine Trail

The Shawangunk Wine Trail offers the most diversity of any wine trail. It is home to the Oldest Winery in America – Brotherhood Winery and the oldest vineyard in America – Slate Hill Vineyard at Benmarl Winery. Wines produced in the region range from dry complex wines, to soft fruity wines, to sparkling and outstanding dessert wines.

The Shawangunk Wine Trail is the closest wine trail to New York City, Westchester, Albany, Bergen County NJ, and Connecticut. It is conveniently located 85 miles north of New York City, 72 miles south of Albany and 40 miles west of Danbury CT. The [Shawangunk Wine Trail](#) is easily accessible by the New York State Thruway at Exits 16, 17, and 18, from Route 17 at Exit 119 and I84 West - Union Avenue Exit.

About Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County

Since 1913, CCEUC has utilized research-based knowledge through their partnership with Cornell University to assist the residents of Ulster County. CCEUC is a registered 501(c) 3 nonprofit educational organization and part of the Cornell Cooperative Extension land grant system, a partnership between County, State, and Federal governments. The mission of CCE is to enable people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work. Extension staff and trained volunteers deliver education programs, conduct applied research, and foster community collaborations.

CCEUC offers resources, tools and education through on-going community programming in efforts to improve the lives of a broad and diverse county population. Program areas include Agriculture, Horticulture, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Science and Environmental programs.

For more information about CCEUC call 845-340-3990 or visit www.cceulster.org.

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