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Delicious Schedule for 20th Annual “Taste of Solvang” Revealed

Solvang, California, USA – From Wednesday, March 14 through Sunday, March 18, 2012, visitors from near and far as well as local residents are invited to savor the **20th annual Taste of Solvang** presented by the Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau with sponsorship support from the Santa Ynez Valley Hotel Association. Enjoy locally grown foods, wines, beers and diverse cuisine and discover the rich cultural and culinary heritage of the area. In celebration of the 20th anniversary, the **2012 Taste of Solvang** has expanded into five days of events. Here is the complete delicious schedule:

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

2:00-6:00pm: Solvang Village Farmers Market (First Street between Mission & Copenhagen Drive); find farm-to-you fresh fruit, veggies, flowers, meats, cheeses, breads and savories from around the Central Coast.

****New! Farmers Market Chef Walk & Talk:** Meet local Chefs at the corner of First Street and Copenhagen Drive for a personalized tour as they source for ingredients and dish up tips on farm fresh inspiration. RSVPs required by registering at www.SolvangUSA.com (limited to 10 attendees per chef).

2:30pm: Chef David Cecchini, Cecco Ristorante (Walk, Talk, followed by Cooking Demonstration, Free).

3:00pm : Master Chef Norbert Schulz, Mirabelle Restaurant (Walk, Talk & Culinary Cooking Class, plus 3-course gourmet dinner paired with wines; \$120 per person; call Chef directly to reserve: 805-688-1703)

4:00pm: Chef Brian Champlin, Succulent Café (Walk & Talk, Free).

****New! 6:00 pm: Farmer’s Market Winemaker Dinner**

Succulent Café Chef/Owners Brian Champlin & Cynthia Miranda-Champlin will select fresh fruits & vegetables to create an amazing infusion of flavors and combinations paired with the artisanal blends of Consilience & Tre Anelli wines.

Winemaker Brett Escalera will take personally guide guests through wine making journey while tasting five of his vintages paired with 5 gourmet food courses. \$95 per person, reservations required, limited seating. Call 805-691-9548

Thursday, March 15, 2012

****New! 11:00am-4:00pm: Taste of Solvang Wine Tours of Santa Ynez Valley Vineyards** will be offered from local tour operators including **Serenity Limousine & Sedans** (4-hour tours to 4+ wineries & picnic lunch for 2 or 4 people, \$359/\$460 per limo) and **Stagecoach Tours** (11:00am-4:00pm; \$95 per person; includes picnic lunch; 4 winery tasting stops). Reservations are required via www.SolvangUSA.com or call 1-800-719-9106

Friday, March 16, 2012

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7:00-9:00pm: Taste of Solvang **Dessert Reception** offering delicious sweet treats, wine and live jazz at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 1765 Mission Drive. Dessert participants include: Ingeborg's Danish Chocolates, La Bella Rosa, Nielsen's Market, Olsen's Danish Village Bakery and Solvang Bakery and more. Dessert-style wines will be offered by Lions Peak Vineyard & Winery, Presidio Winery and the Wandering Dog Wine Bar. Live jazz music by the Alan Satchwell Quartet will accompany the sweets. Ala carte tickets (available in advance via www.SolvangUSA.com or call 1-800-719-9106; or at the door; \$25 per person).

Saturday, March 17, 2012

11:00 am-4:00pm: Walking Smorgaasbord features 40 taste stops around the village featuring delicious bites of Danish, American, and international cuisines offered by restaurants, bakeries as well as retailers. Ticket purchase includes detailed map and menu plus valuable coupons for "day of" specials and some coupons for future dates as well. Ala carte tickets (available in advance via www.SolvangUSA.com or call 1-800-719-9106; or available for purchase at Taste of Solvang ticket office, 1511-A Mission Drive on day of event; \$30 per person).

5:00-8:00pm: Wine & Beer Tasting Walk offering **14 stops*** at downtown tasting rooms pouring their vintages into the prized souvenir Taste of Solvang etched glass. Ala carte tickets (available in advance via www.SolvangUSA.com or call 1-800-719-9106; or available for purchase at Taste of Solvang ticket office, 1511-A Mission Drive on day of event; \$40 per person, must be 21 years or older—ticket valid for both Saturday and Sunday).

Sunday, March 18, 2012

Noon-3:00pm: Wine & Beer Tasting Walk offering **14 stops*** at downtown tasting rooms pouring their vintages into the prized souvenir Taste of Solvang etched glass. Ala carte tickets (available in advance via www.SolvangUSA.com or call 1-800-719-9106; or available for purchase at Taste of Solvang ticket office, 1511-A Mission Drive on day of event; \$40 per person, must be 21 years or older—ticket valid for both Saturday and Sunday).

****14 Stops along the 2012 Solvang Wine & Beer Tasting Walk (Both Days)***

Carivintas Winery, Dascomb Cellars, Lions Peak Vineyard & Winery, Lucas & Lewellen, Olive House, Presidio Vineyard & Winery, Randy's Tap Room at C&R, Solvang Brewing Company, SevTap Winery, Sort This Out Cellars, Tastes of the Valleys Wine Bar, Toccata, Valley Vino and Wandering Dog Wine Bar.

PLUS: During Taste of Solvang and year-round, visitors are encouraged to **BYOP**—Bring Your Own Picnic—to one of many free public parks such as Solvang Park (corner of Mission Drive & First Street); Hans Christian Anderson Park (633 Chalk Hill Road) or Sunny Fields Park (900 Alamo Pintado Road). Taste of Solvang is a rain or shine event.

Advance ticket purchases are highly recommended. A **Weekend Passport** including logo wine glass & souvenir canvas tote bag is \$75 per person or individual event tickets (ala carte) may be purchased— (Dessert Reception \$25; Walking Smorgaasbord \$30; Wine Walk \$40). **To purchase tickets by phone call 1-800-719-9106 or online at www.SolvangUSA.com**

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