

Columbus Metropolitan Club

Dec. 16 forum will feature local distilleries

Celebrate the holidays with the best mixologists in town at the next CMC forum on Dec. 16. After a pre-forum mixology demonstration and tasting, the forum will continue with lunch and a panel discussion about the local growing spirits industry. The panel features Brady Konya from Middle West Spirits, Garry White, owner of Denmark on High, and Cris Dehlavi, mixologist from M. Travis Hoewischer, editor of (614) Magazine, will host the discussion.

CMC's final forum of 2014 featured a beer tasting with several of Columbus' local breweries, so Andrew Campbell, vice president programs, decided to follow that successful topic with a forum this year about the local distilleries.

He also learned that several local companies adopted the CMC forum as their holiday office party. "It was a lot of fun, and our guests learned about the business aspects also," said Campbell.

The craft spirits business has been thriving side by side with craft breweries. Middle West, known by its OYO brand, was founded by Brady Konya (CMC speaker) and Ryan Lang, and began commercial production in 2010.

As small business owners, they have focused on "championing Ohio's world-class agriculture, small business innovation and culinary inspiration to produce a line of artisan spirits that reflect their originality as creators their integrity as producers and their passion for the craft of producing spirits from scratch."

Watershed Distillery, was also founded by two men in 2010 — Greg Lehman and Dave Rigo. For Greg, Columbus was home and where he chose to set-up shop establishing the micro-distillery near Grandview to create handcrafted, artisan-quality vodka, gin and bourbon. Their website, for those 21 and up, offers recipes for

cocktails, including the old favorites such as the local gin fizz to the new cocktails like the ground to glass that requires fresh juice and poblano pepper for kick and color.

The success of Watershed and Middle West are particularly noteworthy because of Ohio's liquor laws. Due to state alcohol laws, Ohio has very high tax rates and prices are controlled by the state, offering thin profit margins to the distilleries.

CMC forum attendees are encouraged to arrive at 11:30 a.m. to taste specialty drinks created by the some of the most talented mixologists in town, including Rebecca Monday, from Curio/Harvest Pizza in German Village, Sean Ward from Guiseppe's Ritrovio in Bexley, and forum speakers Dehlavi and White. The cocktails will be created with products from Middle West Spirits and Watershed.

– Calendar of Events –

This Week

Tuesday, December 8
Jingle Mingle at the Hollywood Casino
Includes delicious hors d'oeuvres buffet and annual "Not-So-Silent" Silent Auction
Sponsored by Hollywood Casino Columbus

Wednesday, December 9
Cartoon Crossroads Columbus:
The "Arnold" of Cartoons
Featuring **Jeff Smith**, creator of Bone, **Tom Spurgeon**, creator of Wildwood, **Lucy Caswell**, professor emerita and founding curator of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum at The Ohio State University, moderated by **Sherri Geldin**, director, Wexner Center for the Arts
In partnership with Wexner Center for the Arts
Forum attendees will receive a special discount offer for the film Hitchcock/Truffaut and a gallery pass to the Wexner Center.

Upcoming

Wednesday, December 16
Holiday Spirits and Mixology
Featuring **Brady Konya** from Middle West Spirits and **Gary White**, mixologist from Denmark on High, **Cris Dehlavi**, mixologist from M, discussion hosted by **Travis Hoewischer**, editor of (614) Magazine
Come early for mixology demonstrations and samples of the best cocktails in Columbus.

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
Bluechip Forecast
Featuring **Bill LaFayette**, owner Regionomics, **Ben Ayers**, senior economist with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and **Mark Williams**, business reporter with the Columbus Dispatch

Wednesday, January 13
Immigration Nation

Wednesday, January 20
Rev1 Ventures Revs up

Wednesday, January 27
Kirk Davis, CEO of Gatehouse Media, **Bradley Harmon**, publisher of The Columbus Dispatch and **Ray Paprocki**, Publisher and Editor of Dispatch Magazines

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Members First Event – Neil deGrasse Tyson
A block of tickets has been reserved for CMC members and their guests at the Palace Theatre to see Neil deGrasse Tyson at the Palace Theatre. These tickets may be purchased at www.columbusmetroclub.org under events.



Hoewischer Dehlavi

CMC's Jane Scott earns Young at Heart award



Courtesy of CMC

Jane Scott surrounded by CMC friends including (bottom row) Jean Nemeti, Michelle Chippas, Kelly Atkinson (2nd row) Lanie Cuthbert, Mo Wright, Jane Scott, Andrew Campbell, Chris Scott and Daren Maloney.

Jane Scott, president and chief executive officer of the Columbus Metropolitan Club, was honored Dec. 1 with a Young at Heart award presented by the Columbus Young Professionals Club.

In accepting the award, Scott said her secret for staying young at heart is to stay curious.

It's no coincidence that CMC is the perfect place for Scott and others to quench their curiosity with weekly forums. Scott said "CMC is all about engaging and connecting intelligent people, creating professional and social circles and stimulating curiosity."

Columbus Metropolitan Club's Dec. 2 forum focused on the downtown Scioto River renaissance

The Columbus Metropolitan Club's Dec. 2 program, The Harrison Smith Legacy in Civic Engagement Forum: The Downtown Scioto River Renaissance, featured Guy Worley, CEO and president of Columbus Downtown Development Corporation and Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Brian Ross, CEO of Experience Columbus, Doug Kridler, CEO of The Columbus Foundation and Michael B. Coleman, Mayor of Columbus.

The "Smithy" awards were presented by the Downtown Commission.

The forum was sponsored by The Ohio State University, Smith & Hale LLC, The Robert Weiler Company, The Green Fund of The Columbus Foundation, MKSK and PNC.



Photo by Larry Shuman

The new wing at the Columbus Museum of Art was the winner of the 2015 Harrison W. Smith award presented by the Downtown Commission. Representing the organizations involved in the project are Mark Corna from Corna Kokosing Construction Company, Nannette Maciejunes from the Columbus Museum of Art, Michael Bongiorno from the Design Group and Chris Kimbrel from MKSK.



Photo by Lucy Wolfe

Participating in the forum were CMC CEO Jane Scott, CMC chair Mo Wright, from sponsor The Ohio State University Stephen Myers, speakers Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Guy Worley, Doug Kridler, Brian Ross, from sponsor The Robert Weiler Company Robert Weiler, from sponsor PNC Mike Gonsiorowski and from sponsor Smith & Hale Jeff Brown.



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Among those attending the Dec. 2 forum were left above, Brian Ross, Tammy Wharton and Laurie Marino, right above, Shannon Morgan and Mary Yerina.

RE-TWEETS FROM THE DECEMBER 2 CMC FORUM – @CMCFORUM



Interesting to me how greenspace (often pooh-pooed as waste of public \$) is being viewed as a catalyst of economic development. #cmcforum
Honestly had no idea there were mussels that needed to be rescued from the Scioto downtown during the river renovation
— Gus Dahlberg

Worley: Building amenities downtown will hopefully help keep more @OhioState millennials here in #Columbus when they graduate. #cmcforum
— Kelly Atkinson

"The @SciotoGreenways are the Eighth Wonder of the World"
—Mayor @MichaelBColeman #cmcforum
—Tayor Eva LaPuma

500,000 cubic tons of sod; 33 acres of green space-- @MichaelBColeman is right: Scioto Greenway is the 8th Wonder of the World #cmcforum
— Rachel Janutis

A power plant, horse & buggy manufacturer and 16 bridges were among the discoveries in the #SciotoRiver, who knew? #cmcforum
— Sarah McQuaide