

# *Great Camp Sagamore Tour and Wine Tasting Weekend*

*September 15-17, 2017*



Rap-Shaw members and guests join us for another ultimate Adirondack weekend that will include regional history and wine tasting. On Saturday we will be touring Great Camp Sagamore whose history includes a private residence of the Vanderbilt's, a sportsman's retreat, entertainment headquarters, vacation complex, and an educational institution. People have been enjoying Sagamore and its surrounding wild lands since 1897. The growth and structural alterations that have occurred reflect the varying visions that Sagamore's successive owners have had: William West Durant's use of it as a home; Alfred Vanderbilt's expansions of infrastructure and comforts for his sporting friends; Margaret Emerson's amenities which served friends and family; Syracuse University's use for adult programs; and, the current dedication to stewardship, education and interpretation mold Sagamore.

The guided tour begins in the Upper Complex (or "Workers' Camp"), where you will learn about the history of the workers who built the camp under the direction of W.W Durant, and who maintained and expanded the camp during the ownership of the Vanderbilt family. Next, you will move to the Lower Complex, where you will see the bark-covered Vanderbilt guest buildings, including the famous Main Lodge, which has served as a model for the National Park Service lodge buildings. You will also see the beautiful dining hall overlooking Sagamore Lake, and the Playhouse, where the Vanderbilts entertained their guest. We will complete our visit at your own pace by viewing the permanent exhibits.

# *Wine Tasting “Happy Hour”*

*Bill Murray: presenter*

*Store manager Liquor City Wine and Spirits*

*Wegmans Plaza Dewitt, NY.*



*Bill has graciously offered to lead our wine tasting “Happy Hour” adventure by bringing us a selection of some of his favorite wines from the Wegman’s Liquor City store. He offers up this bio as a demonstration of his passion and knowledge.*

I have spent my life surrounded by the Wine and Culinary world. In the seventies, I found the most interesting chefs to work with and take in all I could. The United States was just getting established as a true influence in the wine world. I continued through the years to absorb myself in delicious meals, wines and people. My travels have taken me to the great wine regions of California, Europe and the Finger lakes. Every stop along the way had a common theme. The people involved in the industry were all passionate, consumed with being the best and looking for ways to only get better. That has been a lasting life lesson for me. Food and Wine is truly about family, friendships and celebration. It is infectious. It is a place for connection, a place for fellowship and a place to build memories. It’s the place that was a fit for me. I have the opportunity to share my thoughts and adventures in that world everyday with my job. I hope that I can pass along a tip or a thought that can make this weekend event special.

The weekend adventure starts on Friday evening with a Happy Hour to “meet and greet” our fellow members and guests. Dinner will be a fall harvest of local produce and farm products. A warm evening campfire follows at dusk to get us into the Adirondack/Stillwater spirit. Saturday morning enjoy a hardy breakfast followed the short journey off to Camp Sagamore for our day’s adventure. We’ll enjoy a picnic lunch prepared by Rap-Shaw’s chef while we take in the history of Sagamore. At the end of the afternoon we will return to the Rap-Shaw Club, for the second of our “Happy Hours” on the porch of Main Camp. Saturday night’s dinner will be a fall culinary festival followed by a campfire for your pleasure. Sunday will give us time to enjoy all that Rap-Shaw has to offer as we ponder are weekend experiences.

Fee: The “Sagamore/Wine Weekend” program fee (for Sagamore entry fee, guide, speaker) is \$50 in addition to the standard room and board fees. Children under 12 are \$25. See the Rap-Shaw website for the 2017 Member and guest daily fees. Reservations should be made early with Jerry, as space is limited. Deadline to register is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Additional questions call Chris Lighthipe 315-663-8312.