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## **WNC Magazine Announces the Food and Wine Issue Western North Carolina's Internationally-Inspired Food and Nationally Renowned Wine**

November 4, 2008 – Asheville, North Carolina – In *WNC* magazine's November/December issue, meet some of the region's finest international chefs and discover recipes for their favorite holiday dishes ("World's Fare"). Explore Yadkin Valley's up-and-coming wine region, and meet the vintners who are giving Napa Valley a run for its money ("Sonoma of the South"). Finally, in "Eyes in the Sky," the first feature in our new Sustainability section, find out what one organization is doing to protect our environment. This new section will spotlight local individuals and organizations taking the lead on our path to an environmentally responsible future.

In "World's Fare," see how a few of the area's top chefs bring multiculturalism to Western North Carolina through food. These six talented individuals share the holiday dishes that best represent their roots. Culinary experts featured in this piece include the Theros family (Theros Olive Oil), Marco Garcia (Curras Dom), Nicholas Figel (Cyprus International), Ricardo Fernandez (Lomo Grill), Dieter Kuhn (Heinzelmännchen Brewery), and Melinda Vetro (Old Europe).

In "Sonoma of the South," take a trip through the Southeast's burgeoning wine region. Learn about the topography and characteristics that make this area so special for various varietals, and meet a few of the pioneer winemakers who are turning the Yadkin Valley into a wine lover's destination. Vineyards discussed in this feature include McRitchie Wineries, Hanover Park Vineyard, and Elkin Creek Vineyard.

In "Eyes in the Sky," learn about Southwings, a group of pilots volunteering their time and airplanes to monitor environmental ills affecting our natural lands while also flying journalists, politicians, and members of local environmental organizations to view the areas in danger.

Also included in the Food and Wine issue is a special "Point/Counterpoint" taking a look at both sides of North Carolina's alcohol laws. All four of the state's dry counties are located in Western North Carolina. You'll hear from a Yancey County resident who argues that plenty of drinking already happens there, so why deny it? And a Weaverville restaurant owner believes that liquor laws can be used to control rampant commercial growth in small towns.

Lastly, find a profile of Stephen Jackson, the man behind the Aluminum Tree & Ornament Museum. Jackson started the museum 10 years ago, and it now contains more than 100 aluminum trees and ornaments from the '50s and '60s.

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*WNC is a lifestyle magazine celebrating the unique people and cultures; arts, crafts and architecture; history; and foodways of Western North Carolina. Each issue includes features on current issues facing residents; profiles on intriguing locals; and regular departments highlighting gorgeous homes, great weekend escapes, outdoor adventures, a calendar of regional events, and a comprehensive dining guide. Please visit [www.wncmagazine.com](http://www.wncmagazine.com) to learn more.*

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