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Join Us For a Visit to Garvin Heights Vineyard in Winona, MN November 13, 2012 @ 5:30 PM

Established in 2006, the winery at Garvin Heights Vineyards, LLC evokes the taste and beauty of the Upper Mississippi River Valley. A scenic winery located above the city of Winona in the bluff lands of southeast Minnesota.

The winery and vineyards are protected from the highway with a shelter belt of tree and bushes which afford an ideal spot of birds and wildlife. Take time when visiting the winery to enjoy the many birds including the Bluebirds which use a series of managed houses along Garvin Heights Road.

MEETING PRICE:
\$20.00 for ASQ Members and Guests
\$10.00 for Full-Time Students with ID

RSVP: Reply to Ping invite
or e-mail celeste.lea@bench.com

NOTE: Reply early - there is a restricted capacity of 56.

Future Meetings

TBD

2255 Garvin Heights Road (County 44)

NOTE:
Google and Yahoo maps don't correctly place
Garvin Heights Vineyards
If using a GPS, enter the coordinates
N44 01.500. W91 40.680

Dinner will be catered, buffet style, by Steak Shop Catering of Winona, MN at the vineyard.

Menu:
Vegetable Lasagna
Meat Lasagna
Green salad with choice of dressing
Breadsticks



Product Recalls


by Denise Wermager

Have you ever received a letter in the mail indicating a manufacturer of a product that you had bought is either voluntarily or involuntarily recalling the product due to a safety, health or quality issue? Product recalls happen frequently for a variety of reasons. I recently received such a letter for a product that has been in my home for several years and to my surprise the risk was fire. Having lived through a complete loss fire in early February 1976 as a child, where my father had 3rd degree burns on half of his body and my mom, dad, 5 sisters and 2 brothers were instantaneously homeless, I was terrified at the receipt of this notice. I began to wonder whether there were other items in my house with such risk.

The receipt of this letter motivated me to embark upon a mission to identify all electrical and gas products with “fire hazard” recalls in my home. I began my research and was startled to find that four of the first 10 items I looked at had recalls due to “fire” hazard concerns:

- Microsoft Xbox; recall issued due to fire concerns with the power cord
- NESCO American Harvest Food Dehydrator; recall issued due to a defective capacitor in the electronic control module which can overheat, posing a smoke and fire hazard
- LG Dehumidifier; recall issued due to the possibility of a short circuit in the power connector for the compressor. The fear strikes again, fires have been reported and I have had two of the affected models running in my basement non-stop for the last three summer seasons.
- Katadyn North America Optimus camp stove; recall issued for a mechanical failure which can cause a gas leak leading to fire or explosion.

The age of convenience has driven most of us to load our homes with battery, gas, and electronic tools, appliances, toys, etc. Even with all of the laboratory testing and verification manufacturers complete prior to releasing their products, as we purchase, install and use these items we introduce additional potential hazards in our homes. We may not take the time to register the products, especially products we consider “cheap or throw away” but we should remember that the registration process is the means that allows the manufacturer’s to know we have purchased the products and notify us in the event of a recall.

Organization	Items Concerned With	Website
US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, Vaccines, Blood and Plasma Products, Other Biologics, Veterinary Products	http://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls/default.htm
US Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Meat, Poultry, Processed Egg Products	http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/index.asp
US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)	Appliances, Furniture, Lighting, Clothing, Household, Outdoor, Electronic/Electrical, Children’s Products, Sports/Exercise	http://www.cpsc.gov/
US Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)	Motor Vehicles, Related Equipment, Child Safety Seats, Tires	http://www.safercar.gov/
US Coast Guard (USCG)	Recreational Boats, Manufacturer’s Installed Equipment, Boating Safety Issues	http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/recalls.asp
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Pesticides, Rodenticides, Fungicides, Vehicle Emission Testing	Pesticide Recalls: http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/recalls.htm Vehicle Emissions Correction Recalls: http://epa.gov/otag/recall.htm
Single stop for recalls under the following six federal agencies – CPSC, NHTSA, USCG, FDA, USDA, EPA	 All of the above.	http://www.recalls.gov
US Fire Administration	Fire Safety Concern Recalls Only	http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/cpsc/



Section Mugs

Available for purchase.

Cost: \$5.00 each

Available at
Section Meetings

Cash or Check made
payable to ASQ 1216

Welcome New Section Members!

Rebekka Huth from Riverside Electronics in Lewiston, MN

Elizabeth Walby from La Crosse, WI

Job Postings

3M has openings for Product, Process, System and Manufacturing Engineers in its Manufacturing Plants in Prairie du Chien, WI.



Applicants should have a formal Engineering degree from a 4 year college. Interested applicants should apply by e-mailing the Site Human Resource Manager, Shelly Gruber, or the plant manager, Tom G. Harris.

Shelly Gruber: E-mail: sgruber@mmm.com phone: 608-326-2466-x2259

Tom Harris: E-mail: tgharris2@mmm.com phone: 608-326-2466 x3348

Plant website: http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/PrairieduChien/Plant/
Employment website: http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/careers/home/



Benchmark Electronics has a significant number of career opportunities available between their Winona, MN and Rochester, MN facilities.

Employment website: <http://www.bench.com/careers/Pages/Job-Search.aspx>



Watlow has an opening for a Software Engineer in Winona, MN.

Employment website: <http://watlow.hrmdirect.com/employment/careers.php?>



HGST a Western Digital Company has a vast number of career opportunities in Rochester, MN.

Employment website: <http://www.hgst.com/company/employment/>



Trane, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ingersoll Rand has a number of career opportunities in La Crosse, WI.

Employment website: http://careers.ingersollrand.com/default.asp?user_id=

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To see what current meetings/events the ASQ Minnesota Section 1203 is offering please visit
<http://mnasq.org/events-calendar/>



ASQ 1216 Section Members receive a 10% Discount on the below classes. Information and registration at
[Classes: Business: ASQ](#)

COURSE NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COST
Failure Mode & Effects Analysis	Thursday November 8, 2012	8a-4:30p	Faribault	\$235
Understanding ISO 9001 & Internal Auditor Skills	Tuesday & Wednesday Dec 11 & 12, 2012	8a-4:30p	North Mankato	\$445

Rocky Mountain Quality Conference 2013



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Information Contact:

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Date: February 6-9, 2013
Location: Arvada Center for the Performing Arts
6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Denver Colorado 80003

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Offered by ASQ or Co-Sponsored by ASQ

20th National Quality Education Conference (NQEC)

Dates: November 11-12
Where: Louisville, KY
Website: <http://nqec.asq.org>

ASQ Rocky Mountain Quality Conference

Dates: February 6-9, 2013
Where: Denver, CO
Website: <http://www.asqdenver.org/>

Minnesota Reliability Consortium(MRC)/IEEE Reliability Society 2012 Upcoming Events

Organization: Minnesota Reliability Consortium/IEEE Reliability Society 2012
About: The MRC is a Reliability Society Chapter of the IEEE and supported by the Minnesota Section of ASQ and the Reliability Division of ASQ.
Dates/Where: November 20th, 2012 → Jeff Wilkinson, Radiation and Microelectronics
January 15th, 2013 → Mr. Hu Chao, Medtronic, Topic TBD
February 19th, 2013 → Dan Cook BSCI, A DfR Journey
March 19th, 2013 → Lab Tour at Northstar Labs Rogers
April 16th, 2013 → Lab Tour at MEE Labs, Plymouth

For more info
& to register: aron.rolnitzky@usfamily.net

Offered by Other Organizations

7th International Conference for Food Safety and Quality

Organization: International HACCP Alliance
About: <http://www.haccpalliance.org/sub/index.html>
Dates: November 12-16
Where: Chicago, IL
Website: <http://foodhaccp.com/conference12/>

24th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Healthcare

Organization: Institute for Healthcare Improvement
About: <http://www.ihl.org/about/pages/default.aspx>
Dates: December 9-12
Where: Orlando, FL
Website: <http://www.ihl.org/offerings/Conferences/Forum2012/Pages/default.aspx>

Did you know?



The Global Quality Community is celebrating “World Quality Month” in November. This celebration is now in its third year. For more information visit: <http://asq.org/world-quality-month/index.aspx>.

FREE – Monthly ASQ Exclusive Gift for Members: <http://asq.org/member-gift/>

NOT A MEMBER – JOIN NOW: <http://asq.org/membership/members/your-benefits.html>

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING!

We are seeking motivated individuals to join our board for the 2013-2014 year. Please contact a current board member if you are interested and remember that joining the board earns you extra Recertification Units!

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