

The Member Services Committee is looking forward to our Cocktail Wars event on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> where eight teams will compete for the title of Cocktail Wars Winner 2024. We can't wait to see what will be shaken, stirred, or mixed up for us to taste!

Team Rules:

Cocktail Wars will take place at the Winter Park Farmer's Market, and the theme of the event is CLUE (the Board Game). Each team will select or be assigned a room or a character from the board game CLUE. ALL COCKTAILS AND TABLE DÉCOR SHOULD ALIGN WITH THIS THEME AND BE INSPIRED BY THE room and/or character suspect. (SEE SELECTION RULES BELOW) Each team will participate as a room and character different than the other teams. Each team should report to Emily Smith, (Emily.smith@fnf.com) what their claimed theme will be, and be assigned the second portion of their theme. This information will be kept confidential and is only collected to prevent duplication.

You may choose to select your character, or your room. If you choose your character, Member Services assigns your room from a pre-set list. If you choose your room, Member Services will assign your character from a pre-set list.

FOR EXAMPLE:

List of Characters

Mrs. White  
Mrs. Peacock  
Professor Plum  
Colonel Mustard  
Miss Scarlet  
Reverend Green  
Miss Peach  
Butler Borris

List of Rooms

Dining Room  
Study  
Kitchen  
Hall  
Ballroom  
Lounge  
Library  
Billiard Room  
Conservatory

Example #1. Your team is the first team to register and you pick Colonel Mustard. Your assigned room would be the dining room as it is the first on the list of rooms.

Example #2. Your team is second to register and you select Miss Scarlet (Colonel Mustard is taken by team 1). Your assigned room would be the study as it is next on the pre-set list of rooms.

Example #3. Your team is third to register and you select the library. Your assigned character would be Mrs. White as it is first on the list of characters not yet assigned or selected.

These lists are just an example and are not in the final order to be used during registration.

Cocktails may include any combination of alcohol/ingredients you wish- Mocktails are welcome, too. Teams are permitted to prepare a cocktail and a mocktail version of their cocktail (should they desire). Both drinks will be eligible for judging, but there will not be separate categories for cocktails and mocktails. Your concoctions can be pre-mixed and brought to Cocktail Wars ready to pour, or mixed once you arrive at the venue. There will be plenty of ice available, but all other ingredients should be provided by your team. Please don't forget to bring your small shot-size cups for tasting purposes. Each 'taste' should be 1-2 ounces - only one alcoholic and one mocktail drink

per team is permitted. We anticipate having 80-100 attendees - including our teams and spectators. We will provide you with an attendee number update as registration goes along, as well as a few days prior to the event. Due to an unknown number of walk-ins, teams should prepare for 10% over the last attendee number provided. The cocktail recipe can be printed on a card, or paper, for display on your table for attendees to keep. This has been done in the past – it is a suggestion, not a requirement.

No more than four people per team, preferably all CREW Members, but at least one CREW Member is acceptable. Team registration of \$100 must be paid in full to reserve your table. No partial payments (\$25 paid per person) will be accepted. Only one team member name is required with the registration fee; other team member names can be added later. Team spots are filled on a first come-first serve basis and themes are selected/assigned only once registration invoice is paid.

**Teams will have access to the Farmer's Market building at 4:00 pm** to begin set up of their tables. The event will take place inside the Farmer's Market - with all eight cocktail teams around the room. Food and beverages will also be inside. There is ample parking in the Market's lot, so unloading your décor and supplies should be easy. Teams will be provided with one 6-foot table covered with a black tablecloth. There is access to power, but teams will have to provide their own extensions cords. Tables are not assigned and will be first come, first serve upon arrival. **NOTHING MAY BE ATTACHED TO ANY WALL. Banners may be used provided they are on a stand, connected to your table, or otherwise displayed without the use of a wall.**

**\*\*THIS YEAR-** in line with the Clue theme, each team will be provided with a 'clue' card to be provided to guests as they visit your table. Guests will collect clue cards from each table in order to solve the murder. **\*\***

Attendees will begin arriving by 5:30 pm and will have immediate access to the competition room so teams can have uninterrupted time to set up their tables for approximately 1 ½ hours. Beer, wine, and appetizers will be available beginning at 5:30 pm. Voting will begin at 5:30 pm when we open the doors to the competition area, and voting will end at 6:30 pm. Each attendee will be given two poker chips of assorted colors. One chip will be used to vote for their favorite drink, and one chip will be used to vote for the table with the best décor. Directions for which chip to use for voting will be provided to attendees when they receive their chips. The Member Services Committee will provide a box for each team to collect 'votes,' or poker chips. The box should be stationed on your table so that attendees can easily locate where to place their 'vote.' If you would like the box in advance to decorate it and coordinate with your table design, please let me know.

The winning cocktail team and winning table will be announced around 7:00 pm, once members of the Member Services Committee have an opportunity to tally the votes. Our event will end at 8:00 pm, so please make sure to remove or throw out any items as close to that time as possible so we are not charged an additional fee by the venue. You may want to consider containers to transport any leftover cocktails if you plan to mix your drink onsite. The winning cocktail team will receive one \$75 gift card for each member and acknowledgement on their monthly luncheon nametag. The second-place cocktail team wins a \$50 gift card each. The team that wins for the best décor will win a \$50 gift card for each member, with second place receiving \$25 gift card for each member. More importantly, the team with the favorite cocktail wins the BRAGGING RIGHTS of being the Cocktail Wars Champion!

Any additional questions can be directed to Emily Smith, [Emily.smith@fnf.com](mailto:Emily.smith@fnf.com) or Mary Pat Dunleavy, [mdunleavy@fnf.com](mailto:mdunleavy@fnf.com).