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1 Wine experts discuss impact of climate change on
2 winemaking in June 20 talk at BMAC

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5 In an event taking place at the Brattleboro Museum & Art
6 Center (BMAC) Saturday, June 20, at 6 p.m., two winemakers
7 from Vermont's Champlain Valley, Deirdre Heekin and Caleb
8 Barber of Domaine La Garagista Farm & Winery in Barnard, will
9 discuss how they are managing the impacts of climate change on
10 their livelihood.

11 Climate change profoundly affects the ancient craft of
12 winemaking, altering where grapes can be grown, when grapes
13 are harvested, and even how wine tastes in the glass. As a result,
14 the geography of wine production is changing — so much so that
15 the Champlain Valley is poised to become a federally recognized
16 wine region.

17 Heekin and Baber will be joined in conversation by
18 geologist David G. Howell, author of *The Winemaker's Dance:
19 Exploring Terroir in Napa Valley*. Their talk will be followed by a
20 tasting of La Garagista wines.

21 Heekin and Barber met as students at Middlebury
22 College. After a stint living and working in Italy, they returned to
23 Vermont and opened the restaurant Osteria Pane e Salute in
24 Woodstock, which they ran for over 20 years before closing in
25 2017 to focus on La Garagista, their winemaking operation in
26 Barnard.

27 Heekin is the author of three books and is at work on a
28 fourth, *The Vineyard of Lost Time*, to be published by Timber Press
29 in 2027. Barber, originally from Brattleboro, develops and writes
30 recipes for *The Boston Globe*.

31 A retired research geologist and Stanford University
32 professor, Howell taught one of Stanford's most popular courses:
33 Geology and Wines of California. Based in Walpole, New
34 Hampshire, Howell serves as an advisor to several wineries in the
35 Napa and Sonoma valleys. He is a member of Walpole Artisans
36 Cooperative and a former trustee of the Brattleboro Museum &
37 Art Center.

38 Admission to the talk and tasting is \$50 (\$30 for BMAC
39 members). Space is limited, and tickets must be purchased in
40 advance at brattleboromuseum.org or by calling 802-257-0124,
41 ext. 101.

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