



Vintage Crystal Sunday, September 21, 2008

Gorgeous weather welcomed the more than 2500 people who attended the second annual Vintage Crystal, A Taste of Wine and Jazz. This year, the event expanded onto Crystal Drive, and patrons were treated to tastes of 30 different wines and more than 20 different restaurants and food markets. In addition to the wine and food, festival-goers could browse in an open-air art market, and listen to the fantastic sounds from the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, including renowned jazz harmonica player, Frederic Yonnet.

The Crystal City BID also debuted its green “low to no waste” event policy. The BID provided all of the restaurants and partners with compostable plates, cups, forks, spoons, and napkins. JK Moving and Storage collected all of the materials, and delivered them to Whole Foods, who will chop up all of the waste and compost it. All materials were printed on recycled and recyclable materials, and all of the wine bottles were recycled as well.

In addition to JK Moving and Storage, and Whole Foods, the Crystal City BID partnered with Arena Stage, Concord Luxury Apartments, DC Modern Luxury, Duke Ellington Jazz Festival, Jaleo, Mix 107.3, Old Virginia Tobacco Co., and Synetic Theater. Partners poured wine, and had special giveaways and offers. Between the wine, the food, the music, the market, and the festive sprinklings, there was plenty to entertain and delight patrons of the 2nd Annual Vintage Crystal. As Sam, a Meetup.com user wrote online, “This was an absolutely outstanding event... This event in Crystal City, combined with the various restaurants' food tasting and the live jazz/blues music was the best!”

