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**Durango Wine Experience Early Bird Tickets On Sale Now**

**December 1, 2023** -- The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado announces the launch of early bird ticket sales for next spring's Durango Wine Experience. The shoulder-season event, which sold out in the past 2 years, will be held April 26-27. Proceeds from ticket sales and corporate sponsorships will provide the Community Foundation with funding to bolster their mission-driven work supporting the nonprofit sector in Southwest Colorado.

The Durango Wine Experience in downtown Durango features a Friday night Walkabout at multiple locations, a Saturday afternoon Grand Tasting at the Smiley Building lawn, as well as educational seminars, wine dinners, and unique tastings. There will be hundreds of wineries, regional artisan spirits, and local craft beers represented.

Early Bird Weekend Passes to the Walkabout and the Grand Tasting are on sale now at [DurangoWine.com](http://DurangoWine.com). The passes, valued at \$175, are available until December 31 for a discounted price of \$140.

After paying out more than \$25,000 in grants to local nonprofits last year, the Wine Experience will once again include a \$2,500 grant opportunity for ten local nonprofit organizations to participate in the weekend events in a meaningful way. Nonprofit grant applications will be available in January.

"We are excited to once again host this popular community event as a showcase of not only great wine and food, but also a fabulous array of nonprofits making a difference in our region," says Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. "Attendees will get a taste for the amazing, supportive nonprofit work happening in Southwest Colorado."

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