

'Wine Coach' Laurie Forster schedules two special events

In celebration of the start of spring, Laurie Forster, "the Wine Coach," will present two special events.

Today, St. Michaels Winery will host "Entertaining ... Uncorked!" from 6 to 8 p.m. Jump-start the season with great wine and food, plus valuable ideas for easy at home entertaining and simplified springtime gatherings.

Forster will be joined by Kerry Dunnington, a board member of the American Institute of Wine and Food. Dunnington is a caterer, columnist and author of "This Book Cooks: A Caterer's Secret Collection," which features almost 200 easy-to-prepare recipes.

Dunnington will introduce five easy-to-make dishes that Forster will pair with five wines of St. Michaels Winery. The menu includes cheese curry pate with plum sauce; apricots and cream with teriyaki walnuts; carrot and leek gratin; melted swiss dip; and roasted vegetable and herb cheese torte. Forster will add secrets to creating an easy (and affordable) wine-tasting party at home, and share tips on pairing wine and food from her new book, "The Sipping Point: A Crash Course in Wine."

On Sunday, March 29, Forster will present the first in a series of monthly wine tastings at NightCat in Easton (formerly Coffee East) from 3 to 5 p.m. The event will include five wines that are perfect for spring-time holiday feasts, each with a seasonal food pairing.

Tickets for each of these



Laurie Forster, "the Wine Coach," poses with her recently released book "The Sipping Point: A Crash Course in Wine." Forster presents "Entertaining ... Uncorked!" today at St. Michaels Winery and "A Taste of Spring ... Wines for Ham or Lamb" at NightCat on Sunday, March 29.

two events are \$28 per person, including tasting of five wines and five food pairings.

Forster's complete event calendar is available at www.thewinecoach.com. Purchase tickets at www.shop.thewinecoach.com. Contact Forster at 410-820-4212 or laurie@thewinecoach.com.