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## PGCA/IPW drupa Excursion May 27 - June 1, 2024

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The Print & Graphic Communications Association (PGCA) and Independent Printers Worldwide (IPW) are sponsoring an excursion to the industry renowned drupa trade show, being held May 28 to June 7, 2024, in Dusseldorf, Germany.

The PGCA/IPW trip is scheduled for May 27 to June 1, 2024, and will combine 2 to 2-1/2 days at drupa and 2 to 2-1/2 days visiting the wine country in Eguisheim and Katzenthal, France. PGCA had been planning the PGCA/IPW trip for the 2021 drupa which, unfortunately, was cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. For that reason, we are especially excited about holding the program this year.

As many people know, IPW is the premier national group purchasing organization specializing in superior vendor programs for independent printers.

What you may not know is IPW President Dan Bendele's family is from the Alsace wine region, and he has cousins who are 14th and 9th generation wine masters in the region. Plans are to visit their wineries, the Domaine Emile Beyer in Eguisheim (https://www.emile-beyer.fr/) and the Domaine Jean-Marc Bernard in Katzenthal (https://www.jeanmarcbernhard.fr/). We will also see Colmar, France and have a group dinner following the tours.

Participants would make and pay their own travel costs. We would have some group dinners, tours, etc. and these costs would be split among participants. We can assist you in locating a hotel also.

## Space is limited so let us know ASAP if you're interested.

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## See tentative schedule on page two.

## PGCA/IPW drupa Excursion TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

| Sun., May 26, 2024                                         | Travel to Dusseldorf                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Mon., May 27, 2024                                         | Welcome Dinner- Location TBA                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tues., May 28, 2024                                        | drupa 10 AM-6 PM followed by Happy Hour at Fatty's Irish Pub<br>in Old Town Dusseldorf                                                                                                                                                              |
| Wed., May 29, 2024                                         | drupa 10 AM-6 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Thurs., May 30, 2024                                       | Options:<br>< ½ day at drupa<br>< Fly to Basel Switzerland, 48-minute drive to Eguisheim from there<br>< Drive to Heidelberg, Germany (3 hrs.) on to Eguisheim (2-½ hrs.)<br>< Drive to Eguisheim (4-½ hrs.)                                        |
| Fri., May 31, 2024                                         | Wine tours<br>< Domaine Emile Beyer Tour- 14th generation wine master<br>(Eguisheim)<br>< Domaine Jean-Marc Bernhard tour- 9th generation wine master<br>(Katzenthal)<br>< Colmar, France Tour and Dinner                                           |
| Sat., June 1, 2024                                         | Options:<br>< Fly from Basel Switzerland to home (48-minute drive to Basel from<br>Eguisheim)<br>< Drive to Frankfort, Germany (3 hrs.) and fly home<br>< Drive to Dusseldorf (4-½ hrs.) and fly home<br>< Continue in Europe to other destinations |
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