



Nei Giorni dell'Estate



PIZZA, BIRRA & VINO AT THE CENTER

Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 6:00 pm
(Originally scheduled for July 10, 2018)

PLEASE NOTE: Event is limited to 60

JOIN FRIENDS AND FAMILY for our Sixth Annual Pizza, Birra & Vino party. All you-can-eat pizza night, dining al fresco with pizza provided by the downtown Santa Rosa Mary's Pizza. Dinner includes antipasto, salad, dessert, complementary wine or beer.

Make reservations online at www.nbicf.org or mail checks to NBICF, 64 Brookwood, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, by August 17, 2016. Previous reservations for the July 10th date will be refunded if the guest cannot attend on August 21. (See enclosed flyer for details.)

The NBICF Pizza, Birra & Vino annual event raises money for our scholarship programs and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian community. We are grateful to Mary's Pizza for providing a generous discount on pizza for this event and also for the donations to our monthly dinner raffles.

Reserve early: \$25 members, \$30 non-members

• **PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be no regular monthly Member Dinner Meeting in July or August.*

SAVE THE DATE!

September 23, 2018 SCAMPGNATA returns!

Gita fuori porta (trip out of town) is also commonly known as *Scampagnata*, a picnic or outing in the countryside, is a summer tradition in Italy. Although we may be a little late for summer, NBICF is inviting you to attend our Scampagnata at Lake Sonoma on September 23, 2018. This will be a joint event with our friends at Slow Food Sonoma County North.

We'll have the picnic site all day so come early and tour the Lake Sonoma Visitors Center. We'll be in the main picnic area with covered shelter, wheelchair access, restrooms and plenty of parking.

Ticket reservation information, time and directions to the site will appear in the next issue of the *Mosaico*.

UPCOMING DINNERS

MEMBER MEETING DINNERS IN THE FALL, we're looking forward to these monthly offerings.

October: Pasta with Pesto

November: Polenta and Stew (family style)

December: Our annual Christmas Celebration

WEEKENDS AT THE CENTER

ALL EVENTS:

\$5/member, \$10/non-member, unless noted otherwise.

For reservations and more information, call the NBICF office at 707-591-9696 or email Sharie Sbrazza: andiamotravel@hotmail.com.

July 8, 2pm Travel Sicily, lecture by SRJC professor Gino Muzzatti. See Andiamo Travel News (pg 2) for more information.

July 14, 2pm Lecture by author Larry DiStasi, San Francisco's WWII Love Story. See page 2 for more information.

July 15, 3pm Taste Adriatic Wine Social, see Andiamo Travel News (pg 3) for more information.

July 28, 9am-1pm Rummage Sale, please see details page 2.

July 29, 3pm Lecture, Genealogy: Italians to America by Sonoma County Genealogical Society's Jeremy Nichols

August 4, 2pm Art: Zentangle Class, fundraiser for our scholarship programs and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian community. Instructor: Diane McCurdy, \$20 member/\$25 non-member. Please see details on page 2.

August 5, 3pm Accordion Music, listen & play squeeze-boxes with musician Diane Toso

August 11, 3pm Lecture: Ticino to California Immigration, by author M. Geary

August 12, 2pm Opera video performance by SFOG's Neva Turer and Sally Heath (\$5 members and non-members) Limited seating: Please see details on page 2.

August 18, 3pm Open House for NBICF Charter Members

August 19, 3pm Taste Sicilia Wine Social

August 25, 1-4pm Art: Collage Class, fundraiser for our scholarship programs and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian community. Class given by artist Arleen Place. \$20 member/\$25 non-member. Please see details on page 2.

Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

Individuals:

Bonnie Bruinsslot, Rosemary Eichenfield, Lisa Goe

New Family Members:

Beverly Lanzetta & William Walton,
James & Susan Scinto, Andrew Trinkino Family

New & Continuing Business Members:

Rebecca Abbruzzese, Realtor,
FaiSano Wines of Italy, Faloni Ranch,
Forchini Vineyards & Winery,
Harry Licursi—Tax & Retirement Planning,
Pedersen's Furniture, Riviera Ristorante

In Memoriam:

Michael Franchetti, Rita Gondola

Book Group

The Book Club will be on vacation in July and August. See you in September.

Book Group meets every third Thursday from 7–8pm upstairs at the NBICF Center. For more information, contact Diane McCurdy at dmcurdy@sonic.net or call NBICF: 707-591-9696.

Rummage in your Attic

NBICF will sponsor its annual Rummage Sale fundraiser on **Saturday, July 28th, from 9am–1pm** at the Italian Cultural Center. Come shop for affordable treasures! To donate your unused, or gently-used items, or to volunteer for 2 hours—please email chair Sharie Sbrazza at andiamotravel@hotmail.com before July 20th.

In the Fall at SRJC

The Santa Rosa Junior College Italian language program is going strong and invites you, or your children and grandchildren!—to improve your appreciation of Italy's culture through its *bella lingua*.

Information is available on the SRJC website at: www.santarosa.edu. Click on the letter "I" in the "A-Z index" in the upper right corner, navigate to "Italian" and you'll find the lovely Italian Program webpage! *Buon studio!*

Opera: La Forza del Destino

Sunday, August 12, 2018, 2pm, at NBICF Center. Join us and the San Francisco Opera Guild Sonoma for a showing of the opera *La Forza del Destino* by Giuseppe Verdi.

Phone reservations are required as seating is limited to 35 people. Please call 707-591-9696 to make a reservation. \$5.00 at the door. Light snacks will be served.

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Sunday movies will be on vacation in July and August. See you in September.

For more information, call: NBICF at 707-591-9696

Incontro

Ongoing Incontro group meets at 10:30am every other Saturday at the NBICF Center for informal Italian conversation. For more information contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

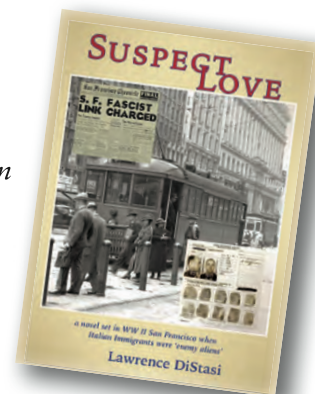
Lecture by Lawrence DiStasi

Saturday, July 14, 2018, 2pm at the NBICF Center

Lecture subject: San Francisco's WWII Love Story.

Lawrence DiStasi has been the project director of the traveling exhibit, *Una Storia Segreta: When Italian Americans Were "Enemy Aliens"* since its inception in 1994. As the current newsletter editor/curator of the Italian American Studies Association, Western Regional Chapter, he works as an editor, writer and publisher with his own imprint, *Sanniti Publications*.

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members.



Zentangle Method of Drawing

Saturday, August 4, 2018, 2pm at the NBICF Center
All materials provided.

You can relax, focus, expand your imagination, feel gratitude and appreciation for this beautiful world and all that you can do. And, perhaps most importantly, have fun!

It may look simple, but there's a lot going on in this art form. Diane McCurdy is a *Certified Zentangle Teacher*.

\$20 members, \$25 non-members, Fundraiser for NBICF.

Making Art: Collage Class

Saturday, August 25, 2018, 1–4pm at the NBICF Center.
All materials provided.

Collage is the perfect art form to allow you to be creative. You will be using many different mediums—paint, glue, paper, photos and fabric—to make your collages. There is no wrong way to work. Presented by Arleen Place, who has elementary, secondary and junior college teaching credentials.

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TRAVEL NEWS: Andiamo/Let's Go!

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

Welcome home to those who just enjoyed Roman ruins in Vienna and Budapest!

NOVEMBER 2018: VENETIANS IN THE ADRIATIC

Fly SFO–Dubrovnik roundtrip to discover the bewitching Balkans! Stay three nights in Kotor for Croatia and Montenegro. Linger three nights in Tirana for recently-revealed secrets of Albania. Stay three nights near Corfu for Greece's splendors including Meteora. Relax three nights on the serene shores of Lake Ohrid for Macedonia. Return to Dubrovnik to fly home or stay on. To attend the *Taste Adriatic Wine Social* event on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 3pm, RSVP via email by July 9th to Sharie: andiamotravel@hotmail.com.

APRIL 2019: MODERN-DAY SICILY

Circle the island of Sicily, exploring the area's Easter traditions, archeological marvels, the volcanic soil influenced wines and current eco-social political themes. To attend the *Travel Sicily* event on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2pm, RSVP via email by July 5th to Sharie at: andiamotravel@hotmail.com.

MAY 2019: CELEBRATE LEONARDO DA VINCI AT 500

Leonardo was lured to the Loire Valley where he died in 1519. Join me to honor the 500th anniversary of da Vinci's death in Amboise. Enjoy Loire chateaux, Dordogne caves and Bordeaux wines.

Grazie da Sharie Sbrazza,
RSVP email: andiamotravel@hotmail.com
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Un Mille grazie to Ginny Pitts (Harvest Moon Winery) for the generous donation of wine.

Randy Apel

from a recent letter –

My friend Nancy has been coming to the dinners with me for a long time. Last year she and others lost interest in the dinners while new cooks were brought in. But now that our old cook Randy is back, she and other friends won't miss one again. To have good traditional Italian style dinners again is so welcoming. Thank you to Randy for bringing back our good Italian dinners back. If any of you weren't happy with the things we were trying, come back. It's like old times again.

— Lynne Burton, Secretary,
Board of Directors

President's Corner

Cari Amici,

For members who did not attend at the May Dinner, the Foundation welcomed Cheryl Parkinson, executive director of The Living Room and presented her with a check for \$225. Each year the Foundation donates half the raffle proceeds from the San Giuseppe Dinner to a local charity. This year it was The Living Room.

Also, at the May Member Dinner a special presentation was made to one of our NBICF members from The Italian Welfare League located in New York City. The Italian Welfare League was established over 95 years ago, helping Italian immigrants on the New York City piers find jobs and housing. The Italian Welfare League's current mission is to help children of Italian descent who are ill or who have suffered an emotional trauma.

Last November the Italian Welfare League contacted NBICF after hearing about the fire storm in Santa Rosa and wanted to help a family in need. The NBICF Board selected the Azevedo family. Lois lost her home and down the road, her son David and his family, including their son Daniel that was born with Down syndrome, also lost their home in the fire. On behalf of the Italian Welfare League, Lois Azevedo was presented with two \$300 Target gift certificates and a \$150 Barnes Noble gift card. This generous donation from the Italian Welfare League was very appreciated by Lois and her family.

The Foundation would like to congratulate the following recipients of the spring 2018 Santa Rosa Junior College scholarships in Italian Studies: Laura Ferreira, Italian 1; Jenna La Troche, Italian 1; Lindy Moriarty, Italian 3. Each recipient received a \$500 scholarship.

The Foundation would also like to congratulate the following scholarship recipients: Maria F. Cremades who was awarded the \$425 Marianne Pedroncelli scholarship for Italian Studies, and Maria E. Trejo who was awarded the \$650 Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell scholarship for Education and Italian Studies.

Since the inception of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, over \$112,000 has been awarded in scholarships to students for Italian Studies.

Did You Know?

Giuseppe Garibaldi, who is best known for his Military leadership in the unification of Italy in the 19th century, was born on July 4, 1807.

In the south of Italy you will find the country's three active volcanoes: Vesuvius near Naples, Etna in Sicily and Stromboli off the south-western coast of Italy.



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North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Statement of Purpose: A nonprofit, open membership organization dedicated to the study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture. Founded in 1984, NBICF brings people of all ancestries together to share all things Italian. NBICF activities foster cultural awareness, celebrate traditions and support education via scholarships, classes and programs.

U P - C O M I N G E V E N T S

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- August 25, 2018** Saturday, 1-4pm: Art: Collage Class Fundraiser at NBICF Center
- September 23, 2018** Scampagnata, Lake Sonoma Visitors Center, Time TBA

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No refunds/exchanges; tickets are transferable; No reservations accepted on event dates. Space is limited: first come, first served.

Any offering in the Mosaico Culturale should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

Italian Cultural Library & Office

Tuesdays 2-4 PM or by appointment, 707-591-9696
Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of every other month.

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APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

- ___ INDIVIDUAL: \$35 ___ HOUSEHOLD: \$50
- ___ PATRON: \$100 ___ BUSINESS: \$150
- ___ STUDENT: \$10 (Please provide a copy of your valid student I.D.)

Please indicate your areas of interest below; mark all that apply.

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Pizza, Birra e Vino

FUNDRAISER AT THE CENTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018

6:00PM – 9:00PM

Join us for a night of dining al fresco!

We are grateful to the downtown Santa Rosa Mary's Pizza for providing a generous discount for this event, and for donations to our monthly dinner raffles.

Dinner includes antipasti, all-you-can-eat pizza, salad, dessert and complimentary wine or beer.
(No outside alcoholic beverages allowed.)

Reserve early! — only 60 tickets available

For more information visit: www.nbicf.org

or call: 707-591-9696

R E S E R V A T I O N S

Pizza, Birra e Vino Fundraiser at the Center

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Prepaid Reservations Only

_____ places at \$25/each for Members _____ places at \$30/each for Guests

Name _____

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