

# MOSAICO CULTURALE

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## CALENDARIO ESTIVO HAVE FUN ITALIAN STYLE THIS SUMMER

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WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR THE AUGUST 9, 2007 FESTA ITALIANA EDITION

### Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Regular Board of Directors meeting. Members are welcome to attend; 7:00pm at the Center.

### August 10th & 11th 2007

Make tracks to Railroad Square to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the architectural jewel of Railroad Square--The Hotel La Rose, recognized as an Historic Hotel of America, constructed with the stones quarried by the Italian-American immigrants. Festivities start on Friday night with a gala birthday party at the Hotel. Guests are invited to get into the theme "Hats off to Railroad Square" by wearing festive hats or making their own when they arrive to enjoy music and food. Creative birthday cakes designed by local Sonoma County bakers will be judged. Tickets will be \$35.00, available at the Santa Rosa Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Depot at 4th and Wilson Sts. and at the Hotel La Rose.

Heritage Days will continue on Saturday with many activities, an art show in Depot Park, exhibits and displays by local historical organizations such as Sonoma County Museum, North Bay Cultural Foundation, Luther Burbank Home and Gardens and more. There will be classic cars, the restored 1907 Holman Trolley, a vintage 1900's stagecoach and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad centennial exhibit. NBICF's **Coro Allegro** will sing and the **Pasta King**, Art Ibleto will serve his renowned Italian food mid-day. **Gaye Le Baron**, noted Press Democrat columnist, will be the keynote speaker at 12:00 noon followed by birthday cake for all. Come! Venite!

### WINEMAKER RESERVATION FORM

Reserve \_\_\_ places for 8/20 winemaker dinner

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ by 8/16/07

### August 19, 2007

### Olive Oil & Wine Tasting at the Center

NBICF will collaborate with the American Italian Historical Association--Western Region Chapter to present a program on Olive Oil; its production and pleasures. The AIHA-WRC is focusing on Italian Americans in Agriculture. The program will feature **David Bertoli**, a young farmer who grows 10 acres of olive oil and grapes on his family's 1902 ranch in the Mark West area. He will discuss the care and feeding of olive trees and also speak of what it means to him to return to the land in his father's and grandfather's footsteps.

**Carol Firenze Anglin** author of *The Passionate Olive, 101 Things to do with Olive Oil* will talk about how to use your extra virgin olive oil around *La Casa/house* to clean polish and preserve as well as to drizzle, marinate, saute` and bake. **and** in *Il Bagno/the bathroom* to beautify your skin, hair and hands.

NBICF member **Donna McCulloch** of **Blackstone Winery** will pour two appellation series wines for us, *Dolcetto and Teraldago* from *Italia*. Join us at the Center for an enjoyable, informative afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00pm. No admission, but phone reservations are a **must!** 591-9696 before Aug 17th. (we do have air conditioning)

### Monday, August 20, 2007

### Class in a Glass Winemaker Dinner

**LoCoco's Cucina Rustica**, 4th Street, Santa Rosa, will feature a 4-course Tuscan inspired menu paired with wines from **Forchini Vineyards & Winery**. No host wine bar from 5:30 - 6:30pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Seating limited to 60 people, so make your reservations early. Menu: *Antipasto, Stuffed Mussels; Primo, Pasta with Wild Boar Ragù; Secondo, Grilled Porterhouse Steak; Dolce, Semifrozen Custard with Lemon Liqueur*. Chair Mariann Stackelberg reminds us that our Winemaker Dinners are convivial evenings of food and wine pairing which benefit NBICF's Scholarship Funds for students of Italian language at SRJC. \$60 per person includes tax and gratuity for the dinner and the appropriate Forchini wines. Prepaid only; use reservation form to the left. Mail checks to 64 Brookwood Ave., Santa Rosa, Ca 95404. For special seating arrangements and other information call **Geni Maggi** at 544-5236

## NBICF MEMBERSHIP

### BENVENUTI~WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Richard & Angie Colombini and Mr. & Mrs Don D' Ambrogia.

Mille grazie to Marie Aggio for her donation in memory of *Maravine Lucchini*.

### ROMANA REED

NBICF'S Board of Directors and the members of the Coro Allegro were saddened by the recent death of Romana Reed, a longtime member of the Coro. She will be missed.

### ITALIAN SPEAKERS NEEDED

NBICF has been contacted to see if any of our members could visit Italian-speaking residents at the Sunrise Assisted Living Home in Petaluma. Sunrise is located at 815 Wood Sorrel Drive. For more information or directions call the Director, *Belvia Robbins*, 776-2885.

### LET'S GO OUT TO THE OLD BALLGAME!

Columbus Salame Company is sponsoring the Annual Italian Heritage night, Tuesday, August 7th when the San Francisco Giants play the Washington Nationals at the new AT&T Ballpark. **CALL JIM ALFIERI FOR INFORMATION, 528-7954, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.** Jim can get a block of \$23.00 tickets on the third deck behind first base. Those who attend will be given "Italian Giants' Hats". Jim has suggested that possibly those who would like to go could caravan or car pool to Larkspur and take the Ferry right to the ballpark. Since the game begins at 7:15pm it would be necessary to leave Santa Rosa late afternoon. The Ferry fare is \$9.00 each way.



### FESTA ITALIANA SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

What does the magnificent Rialto Bridge have to do with Festa 2007? This is our new logo and theme for this year's Festa - Beautiful Venice/Bella Venezia. Continuing our celebration of the various regions of Italy/Italia, we will explore the streets, bridges and canals of this wonderful city. The committee is working hard to make this another memorable event.

Guess What? Because one of the famous locales in Venice is the Lido which attracts many gamblers to its elegant casinos, this year's raffle will be called Venetian Lotteria and **we are awarding \$2,000 in prizes! First prize will be \$1,000, second prize \$600, and third prize \$400; other prizes will be announced later.**

As usual there will be three door prizes, baskets of Italian goodies. Please help us fill them by bring donations to the Center on any given Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

In keeping with our theme, Steve Pogni will be selling his exquisite Venetian masks. The Roman entourage will continue to entertain children of all ages. Entertainers Steve Albini, Tom Cordoni, Damiani Duo, Hot Frittatas, Zighi Baci and our own Coro Allegro and Opera Ensemble have been invited to our celebration. **And....do not forget the food, bocce, cars, history exhibits, mercato and silent auction, etc.** You will not want to miss Festa 2007!

### North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation

#### Policies

No refunds/exchanges; tickets transferable; no reservations accepted on event date. Space limited: first come, first served. Any offering in the *Mosaico* should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

*Italian Cultural Center ~ Library ~ Office*  
Tuesdays 1-4 pm or by appointment, 591-9696

***Board Meetings held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm are open to all members.***

### FRA NOI ~ AMONG US

Coro Allegro	483-8075	Sal Peritore
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Refreshments	579-8054	JoAnn Ferrera
Reservations	544-5236	Geni Maggi
Scholarships	523-0296	Gino Muzzatti
Sunshine Cards	542-6605	Cleo Konnoff
Tours (Andiamo)	522-0340	Sharie Sbrazza
Translations	938-8729	Dave Henderson
Volunteers	542-5245	Jeanette Mitchell
	538-7352	Gerri Asti

## A N D I A M O

### **JERSEY BOYS & S.F. Treats ~ Wed. Sept. 5**

Join friends for a rocking good time as we depart Santa Rosa at 10am by private coach. Pause in **North Beach** where many of our Italian ancestors got their start! If you wish, sip an espresso at Cafe Roma or Tosca--or stroll by Italian bakeries, cafes and other businesses with guide map in hand. Admire the original TransAmerica building where Banco Popolare Italiano Fugazi opened its doors in 1909.

Then we'll visit the **Ferry Building Marketplace**. If you wish, lunch *al fresco* or grab some tasty deli treats.

Onto **Union Square's** Curran Theatre to settle into our center-mezzanine seats, when the best of Broadway comes alive at the 2pm matinee. Everyone is raving about **Jersey Boys**, the smash-hit that won several Tony Awards for Best Musical and Best Actors in 2006. So how did four blue-collar kids become the successful pop music group **The Four Seasons**? Hum the songs of Frankie Valli and his Italian friends (for over 40 years now) Tommy DeVito, Bob Gaudio and Nick Massi. You'll go from the streets of Newark to the heights of stardom, including the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Can you resist the words and beat of "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Sherry", "My Eyes Adored You"?

Pause on posh Nob Hill. If you wish, visit **Grace Cathedral** or sip a cocktail in the **Venetian Room** of the Fairmont Hotel, celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2007. Return home in the early evening, traffic permitting.

Our limited supply of tickets is going fast! Send in the coupon today and certainly before the July 9 deadline.

### **Celebrate Easter in Sicily ~ March 19 - April 5**

Escorted by Gino & Julie Muzzatti, this custom tour features great sights, regional cuisine, optional Italian lessons and more! Discover baglios and castles in style!

#### RESERVATION FORM

##### **Jersey Boys Trip on Sept. 5**

Enclosed is check payable to **Andiamo** for \$\_\_\_\_\_ at \$129 per person (over age 12: adult themes) before July 9 to: **Andiamo, c/o Sharie Sbrazza, Box 406, Santa Rosa 95402**

**Other Tours:** [ ] **Sicily** [ ] **France** [ ] **Great Lakes**

Send indicated tour descriptions & applications to us at:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. Cancelled check is your receipt. No refunds/exchanges but **Jersey Boys** tickets are transferable. Participants agree to hold NBICF, Andiamo and their delegees harmless and release any liability for loss or injury arising from tours.

CST208083440. Sharie Sbrazza's Phone is 707.522-0340

## **GO INTERNATIONAL at the GREAT LAKES Sept. 15 - 23, 2007**

Sept. 15 - It's a welcome reception with Sharie in **Dearborn**.  
Sept. 16 - In the style of Ferrari, learn automotive history at **Ford Rouge**, the world's largest car factory. Tour the fascinating **Henry Ford Museum** before a Bavarian dinner in **Frankenmuth**, founded by **German** immigrants in 1845.  
Sept. 17 - Shop at **Bronner's**, the world's largest Christmas store before ferrying to **Mackinac Island on Lake Huron**. Stay 2 nights at world famous **Grand Hotel**, built in 1887.  
Sept. 18 - Take a **carriage ride** around this car-less gem. Time to wander amid Victorian charm and sample fudge!  
Sept. 19 - By boat, traverse **Soo Locks**, connecting **Lakes Superior** and **Huron**--hosting more traffic than the Panama Canal! Tour **Ship Valley Camp**, an actual steam-powered freighter to learn about shipbuilding and shipwrecks before staying at **Kewadin Casino Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie**.  
Sept. 20 - Learn about the **French** and their 1715 fur trading at restored **Colonial Michilmackinac**. Drive the **Tunnel of Trees** to stay at **Bay Harbor Inn on Lake Michigan**.  
Sept. 21 - Visit **Music House** to see and hear antique organs, phonographs and pianos. Pass autumn colors to **Grand Rapids** to explore the inter-active **Gerald Ford Museum**.  
Sept. 22 - Tour exciting **Chicago** before an **Italian** dinner!  
Sept. 23 - See Navy Pier, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, and Magnificent Mile on your own before flying home.

## **REJOICE in TWO RIVIERAS St. Tropez, France to San Remo, Italy November 2007**

Our 12th annual affordable autumn custom group tour escorted by Sharie Sbrazza, explores the ritz and art of France's **Cote d'Azur** (Blue Coast) plus Italian charm just over the border on the **Riviera dei Fiori**. As usual, breakfasts, dinners and cultural tours are included daily.

Nov 1 - Our included flight departs SFO for **Nice, France**.  
Nov 2 - Arrive on the French Riviera for a **Welcome Dinner**.  
Nov 3 - Get to know **Nice**, including charming Vieux Nice.  
Nov 4 - Explore the coast from **Antibes'** to elegant **Cannes**; from glitz in **Juan-les-Pins** to scenic **Massif de l'Esterel**.  
Nov 5 - Visit exciting **Monte Carlo** via **Villefranche, Cap Ferrat, Eze, Menton** and **La Turbie**, built by Augustus.  
Nov 6 - A **day at leisure** to relax, shop or museum hop!  
Nov 7 - Linger in Brigitte Bardot's haven of sun, sand, sex and sea in **St. Tropez**. See **St. Maxime & Roman Frejus**.  
Nov 8 - Let's go to **Italy!** Stroll **Hanbury Gardens**, see cave art in **Balzi Rossi** and lunch in the resort of **San Remo**.  
Nov 9 - Marvel at the contrast between **Gorges du Loup's** wild scenery and the perfume scents developed in **Grasse**.  
Nov 10 - Discover charming perched villages: **Vence, Cagnes-sur-Mer** and **St. Paul** before our **Farewell Dinner**.  
Nov 11 - Fly to SFO or stay 6 more days in Europe.

**North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation**

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**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!**

**August 10th & 11th**

**Heritage Days at Railroad Square**

**August 19, 2007**

**Sunday at the Center**

**Olive Oil & Wine Tasting**

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**Winemaker Dinner**

**September 17, 2007**

**General Meeting & Volunteer Dinner**

**September 30, 2007**

**FESTA ITALIANA**

**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS & INTERESTS**

Annual Dues: \_\_\_\$25 Individual \_\_\_\$30 Family \_\_\_\$50 Patron \_\_\_\$100 Donor \_\_\_\$500 Life \_\_\_\$1,000

My Ancestry \_\_\_\_\_ My Italian interests: \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in (circle):

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**Gift membership for person below from** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ day/evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail with check payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Ave., Santa Rosa, Ca 95404 - phone 707-591-9696

**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 things Italian. NBICF activities foster cultural awareness, celebrate traditions and support education via scholarships, classes and programs.

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