



## Un Altro Bellissimo Autunno

### SCAMPAGNATA (*Gita Fuori Porta*)

*Sunday, September 23, 2018 1:30–5:30pm*

*Lake Sonoma Warm Springs Recreation Area,  
Poker Flat, #2 Picnic Site*

**I**T'S SCAMPAGNATA TIME! Pack your picnic baskets, with plate, fork, glass and napkin but leave the food at home!

Scampagnata, a picnic or outing in the countryside, is a summer tradition in Italy. Although we may be a little late for mid-summer, NBICF has planned our Scampagnata for September 23rd. This will be a joint event with Slow Food Sonoma County North. Together we will dine on crostini appetizers, enjoy grilled rosemary chicken, garlic bread, green salad, pasta salad with roasted vegetables and apple desserts. And, for this event you may BYOB! Cold water will be provided. Appetizers begin at 2pm, Sunday supper will be served at 3pm.

The Visitors Center and Fish Hatchery will be open for you to tour. We'll be nearby in the main picnic area, *Poker Flat #2*, with covered shelter, wheelchair access, restrooms and plenty of parking.

Look for the NBICF and Slow Food signs, colorful tablecloths, vases of flowers and Italian music. This is your picnic in the country, so pack your place settings along with your wine or other beverages. *Note: plates, glassware, napkins and silverware will NOT be provided.*

Cost for this event is \$30/members, \$35/non-members, \$10/children under 12. Seating is limited to 75 and since this is a joint event with Slow Food Sonoma County North, reserve early. Please see enclosed flyer to make your reservations or reserve on the NBICF website by using the "Reservations" link. Directions and map are provided on the enclosed flyer. *Reservations and payment must be received by September 15, 2018.*

### SAVE THE DATE!

*Saturday, December 1, 2018 11am–5pm*

**MERCATINO DI NATALE**, NBICF's big Italian Christmas Market returns to St. Rose Parish Hall with entertainment by Steve Albini and Coro Allegro, Italian Cafe & Bar, vendors, silent auction, Italians in Sonoma County history exhibit, and more. Tickets are \$5/advance available through NBICF or \$10/at the door. Look for more information in the November/December Mosaico.

### OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

*Monday, October 15, 2018*

**T**HE OCTOBER MEMBER MEETING AND DINNER will be held at St. Rose Parish Hall on October 15, 2018 in celebration of Christopher Columbus.

Dinner will feature the specialty of Liguria, direct from the city of Genoa, where Columbus was born—Pesto.

We will enjoy antipasti, roasted sausage, pasta with pesto, mixed green salad, dinner rolls and dessert.

There will be a no-host bar and a raffle. Please see enclosed flyer for reservations and details. *Reservations and payment must be received by October 11, 2018.*

October 12, 1492, is when Christopher Columbus, captain of a fleet of ships from Spain, set foot on the island of San Salvador (modern-day Bahamas). Many foods native to the Americas were brought to Europe during the centuries that followed and even more European products were brought to America. Over time, the Europeans learned to use the foods of the New World, integrating them into their own traditional cuisines. A great example of this is the use of the tomato in pizza. In 1869, Italian immigrants in San Francisco decided to celebrate the day that Christopher Columbus arrived on the new continent. Since 1937, Columbus Day has been a national holiday in the United States.

Doors open at 5:00pm.

Meeting and antipasti at 6:00pm, dinner to follow.

### LECTURE BY LAWRENCE W. DISTASSI

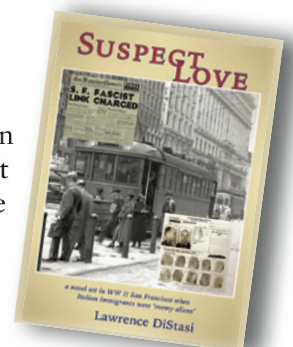
*Author of **Suspect Love***

*Sunday September 9, 2018*

*2pm at NBICF Center*

With the rise of Mussolini, the San Francisco Italian community split into warring factions made worse by the government targeting Italian immigrants as enemy aliens. The lecture discusses the romance of Paolo and Anita whose fathers were on opposite sides of the political divide.

Please call 707-591-9696 to make a reservation as seating is limited to 40 people. \$5/member \$10/ guests.



## Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

**Individuals:** Claire Harris, Juliet Kniffen, Bill Traverso

**Patrons:** Mary Alcocer

**Families:** Tony & Susan Cole

**Student Membership:** Katharine Cederborg

**New & Continuing Business Members:**

Rebecca Abbruzzese, Realtor,

Harry Licursi—Tax & Retirement Planning,

Faloni Ranch, Forchini Vineyards & Winery,

Pedersen's Furniture, Riviera Ristorante

*In Memoriam:*

Jerome Adler (Howard Adler's Father)

John Capitani

It is with sadness that we report the passing of one of our business members, Dennis Thygesen of FaiSano Wines of Italy. Dennis passed away in July, after returning from Italy. Dennis was a welcome contributor to the Incontro group and also attended Emily Evans's Italian classes. He had a passion for Italy and its language. He will be missed by NBICF members and friends.

Donations have been received from Sharie Sbrazza in memory of Sherrie Arendt, Richard Barbieri, Alfonso D'Argenzio, Joan Dinsmore, Jeanette Doyel, Mike Franchetti, Rita Gondola, Patti Tonelli Hurley, Ray Lazzini, Bice Mancini, Pam Noonan, Jean Smith, Jill Tavelli and Ed Von der Porten.

## Book Group

On September 20, 2018 the Book Group resumes with sharing some of your favorite summer reads. The featured book for October 18, 2018 will be *Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions* (an *Auntie Poldi Adventure*). The book is available on Amazon or at the local library or we'll just share the copies we have.

“Break out the prosecco! There's a new detective in town—and she's 60, sexy, wise and utterly adorable. In the first book of what promises to be a smash series, Poldi moves from Munich to Sicily, intent on cheerfully drinking herself to death with a view of the sea. Instead her handyman goes missing, then she finds his corpse. What choice does she have but to solve the crime? To use her favorite saying: ‘Namaste, Poldi!’”

—*People Magazine (Book of the Week)*

The Book Group meets every third Thursday from 7–8pm upstairs at the NBICF Center. For more information, email Diane McCurdy at [dmcurdy@sonic.net](mailto:dmcurdy@sonic.net) or 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.

## Weekends at the NBICF Center

**Saturday September 1, 2018 3pm**

**Taste Italy**—Sip, snack and learn about wines from Emilia-Romagna, Le Marche and Sicily. To make a reservation, call 707-591-9696. Cost: \$5 member, \$10 guest

**Sunday October 21, 2018 at 2 pm**

Join us and the San Francisco Opera Guild Sonoma for a showing of *L'Elisir d'Amore*, a comic opera by Gaetano Donizetti. This 1996 color film of the opera stars Angela Gheorghiu as Adina, Roberto Scaltriti as Belcore and Simone Alaimo as Nemorino. Please call 707-591-9696 to make a reservation as seating is limited to 35 people. \$5 member, \$10 guest (includes refreshments).

## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open 2pm, Screening at 2:30pm

For information: 707-591-9696

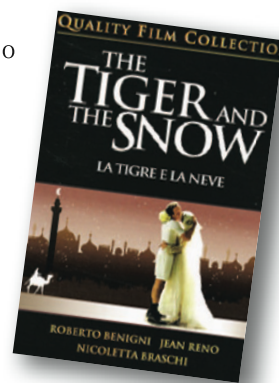
FREE. No reservations required.

**Showing September 30, 2018**

***The Tiger and the Snow*** (2005) 1hr. 58mins.

Let's begin our cinematic cycle with the inimitable Roberto Benigni! Attilio de Giovanni teaches poetry in Italy. He has a romantic soul, and women love him. But he is in love with Vittoria, and his love is unrequited. Every night he dreams of marrying her, in his boxer shorts and t-shirt, as Tom Waits sings. Vittoria travels to Iraq with her friend. They are there with the second Gulf War breaks out. Vittoria is injured and Attilio must get to her side.

In war, does love conquer all? *In Italian, English, and Arabic.*



**Showing October 28, 2018**

***Days and Clouds*** (2007) 1hr. 55mins.

After years of putting it off, Elsa (Margherita Buy) finally returns to school to pursue her art history degree. But her newfound academic bliss crumbles when her husband, Michele (Antonio Albanese), loses his job and the duo is forced to sell their gorgeous flat. The ensuing financial strain soon takes a surprising toll on their marriage in director Silvio Soldini's intimate domestic drama. Shot in beautiful Genoa.

*In Italian with subtitles.* In celebration of Italian Heritage Month—Genoa is home to Christopher Columbus.



**Un Mille Grazie**—As my yearlong term as chairman of NBICF's Rejuvenation Group comes to an end, I wish to thank everyone who helped clean and organize the interior and exterior of the Center. Mille grazie to the Board of Directors, members, guests, speakers, donors, renters and volunteers who presented new programs for Weekends at the Center.  
—Sincerely, Sharie Sbrazza

## TRAVEL NEWS: Andiamo/Let's Go!

### REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS:

#### APRIL 24, 2019—LEONARDO DA VINCI IN FRANCE

Honor the 500th anniversary of da Vinci's death in France with escort Sharie Sbrazza. Stay 3 nights in each area—Bordeaux for wines and dunes, Dordogne for prehistoric art caves and quaint villages, and Loire Valley for lavish castles and spring gardens. Email escort Sharie Sbrazza at [andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com).

#### MAY 19, 2019— ANCIENT & MODERN ITALY

The big island of Sicily boasts more Greek ruins than Greece itself. Let temples and artifacts dazzle you! Learn about contemporary socio-eco issues which face this diverse land at historic crossroads. Email escort SRJC professor Gino Muzzatti at [gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu](mailto:gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu).

#### *Italy earns another UNESCO award in 2018*

Ivrea, where Olivetti still operates, was selected as Italy's newest World Heritage site for its role as an early 20th century technology center. Nearby is Torino and Aosta!

*Grazie da Sharie Sbrazza, Andiamo, Post Office Box 406, Santa Rosa, CA 95402*

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## Paint Italy Workshop

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 1–5pm, at NBICF Center. Attention all creative souls with Italy on your minds. This is the 20th Paint Italy Workshop for beginning to advanced painters who want to take their imagination to Italy.

All materials are supplied. Arrive with an apron and leave with your 11" x 14" original painting in acrylics. No experience is necessary. The 4-hour class includes step-by-step instructions, canvas, paints, brushes, snacks and drinks.

Space is limited to 12 participants. To enroll, send a check for \$40 to Susan Adler, 307 Buckeye Circle, Cloverdale, 95425 by September 29th. There is \$10 cancellation fee. For more information email Susan at [adler@sonic.net](mailto:adler@sonic.net).

### DONATE TO NBICF

*Your donations to NBICF will help us maintain our goals of study, preservation and enjoyment of Italian Culture.*

Donations can be applied to the following areas:

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## President's Corner

Cari Amici,

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable summer with family and friends.

As many of you, I am proud of being an Italian-American. I enjoy participating in various Italian cultural events and being part of an organization that promotes Italian culture in the North Bay. If you are not aware October is "Italian Heritage Month," coinciding with the festivities surrounding Columbus Day. (Yes, it's still called Columbus Day.) Proclamation of the day is in recognition of the many achievements, contributions, and successes of Americans of Italian decent, as well as Italians in America.

This past June the Foundation offered its Italian Language Camp for Youth. This year the themes were "Feste Italiane" and "Marco Polo". There were 12 children enrolled in the two-week camp. I enjoyed assisting instructor Joli Love with the many language activities and skits that were put on by the campers. Each week ended with the children performing skits in Italian for their parents to showcase what they had learned and to demonstrate their new language skills.

I would like to thank Riviera Ristorante for donating their delicious tiramisu and Ca' Bianca for donating their delicious panna cotta for our pot-luck lunches on Friday.

I would also like to thank Carla Forchini for her help in providing counselors Hailey Lillo and Katie Cederborg. They were a great help in assisting Joli and me.

On August 5th, Diane Toso gave a history of the accordion and played several songs for those of us in attendance. Interestingly, it is believed that the accordion was invented in China about 2,500 years ago.

I would like to thank Sharie Sbrazza and Bob Parker for organizing the rummage sale on July 28th. Also, a big thank you to the following volunteers who helped: Linda Apel, Carole Stewart, Diane Toso, Rosalie Towers, and Anna Golfieri.

Congratulations to Francesco Molinari who become the first Italian to win the British Open Golf Tournament.

I would like to thank Sharie Sbrazza, Bob Parker, and Ernie and Lovey Marcucci for their hard work and for investing their personal time in cleaning up and reorganizing the Italian Center. A big improvement was made to the Center's exterior landscaping by trimming trees and removing dead bushes. This has made a noticeable difference in the appearance of the Center.

Please note that nominations for new board members will start in October. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or would like to nominate a member, please contact me or any current board member. The future of the Foundation rests on its members who actively participate as officers, as board members, and as volunteers.

*"La casa è dove si trova il cuore."  
("The home is where the heart is.") —Pliny the Elder*



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

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DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

**NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Linda Apel, Allen Barbieri, Lynne Burton, Patti Buttitta, George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176), Evelyn Izzarelli, Marie Maggi-Wilson, Arleen Place, Don Raimondi, Sharie Sbrazza, Carole Stewart, Les Villanyi

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*Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Marie Maggi-Wilson (editor), George Golfieri, Patti Buttitta (text editor, graphic design & production)*

**NOTE:** *Members are encouraged to submit articles or items for publication. Submit your articles four weeks prior to the bi-monthly Mosaico publication date. Please submit articles as Word documents or PDFs. Editors reserve the right to select and edit as space allows.*

**North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Policies:**

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.

**For Information:**

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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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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Italian Classes at NBICF with Emily Evans

**Intermediate–Advanced Italian:** Thursday evenings 6:30–8:30pm. Course includes reading short stories or articles, conversation, preparing definitions, grammar exercises and translations. Class fee: \$25/per class (drop-in), or \$100 per 4-class session, paid at the start of the session. Classes begin on September 6, 2018; need at least 6 students.

**Beginning–Intermediate Italian:** Thursday evenings 5:30–6:30pm. Class will cover some grammar points and practice in speaking Italian and may include reading short articles. Class fee: \$15/per class (drop-in), or \$50 per 4-class session, paid at the start of the session. Classes begin on September 6, 2018; need at least 4 students.

**Italian Games Night:** Monday evenings 7:00–8:30pm, once per month. Games night may include making up definitions, playing Taboo and other types of games. Fee: \$10/per night

If you plan to attend any of the above classes, please let Emily Evans know in advance. You can contact Emily at [emilyoevans@gmail.com](mailto:emilyoevans@gmail.com).

### NBICF Needs You

**Website:** We need someone to assist Don Raimondi with managing and maintaining the NBICF website and membership **communications**. If you are interested in volunteering, contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176 or leave a message at the NBICF office: 707-591-9696.

**Newsletter:** We are also looking for help with design and production of the *Mosaico* Newsletter. This requires a volunteer familiar with graphic layout programs, creating final files for digital printing and creating PDFs for the NBICF website. The software programs currently used to produce the *Mosaico* are Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator and Acrobat. Please contact Patti Buttitta at 707-546-1257 for more information and to volunteer.

### Italian Classes at SRJC

Santa Rosa Junior College has implemented a strict policy regarding enrollment. The minimum number of students needed for classes is 20. Late registration is accepted until September 9th. Contact Dave Henderson at [davehen@sonic.net](mailto:davehen@sonic.net) or Dr. Terri Frongia at [tfrongia@santarosa.edu](mailto:tfrongia@santarosa.edu) for more information. To register visit [www.santarosa.edu](http://www.santarosa.edu)



— MEMBER MEETING & DINNER —

## October Italian Heritage Month

Monday, October 15, 2018

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

*Doors open at 5:00pm, Meeting & Antipasti at 6:00pm, Dinner to Follow.*

### DINNER RESERVATION

#### Prepaid Reservations Only

Doors open at 5:00pm, Meeting & Dinner at 6:00pm

- \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$18/each for Members
- \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$20/each for Guests
- \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$12/each for Teens, 13–18 yrs
- \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$ 8/each for Child, 5–13 yrs
- \_\_\_\_\_ places at free/each for Child under 5 yrs

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations must be made by October 11, 2018.**

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### — MENU —

In celebration of Christopher Columbus

**Antipasti, Roasted Sausage,  
Pasta with Pesto,  
Mixed Green Salad,  
Dinner Rolls  
Dessert**

*(Wine, Coffee and Tea Included)*

**No Host Bar & Raffle**



# Scampagnata!



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**1:30pm–5:30pm**

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The Visitors Center and Fish Hatchery will be open for touring. Appetizers begin at 2pm, Sunday Supper will be served at 3pm.

**\$30 for members, \$35 non-members**

**\$10 for children under 12**

Limited number of places available—space only holds 75.

***Remember: Dishes, glasses, napkins and silverware will NOT be provided.***

## — DIRECTIONS —

Take Highway 101 to Healdsburg and exit on Dry Creek Road. Travel west another 11 miles to park boundary. Watch the road signs and make a left turn across from the Visitor Center to reach the Warm Springs Recreation Area.

*Note: Parking is free, but limited to the paved and gravel lots. Parking on lawn is subject to citation.*

## SCAMPAGNATA RESERVATION

### Prepaid Reservations Only

Arrival: 1:30pm, Appetizers: 2pm, Sunday Supper: 3pm

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$30/each for Members

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$35/each for Guests

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$10/each for Child under 12 yrs

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Limited number of places available. Reserve early!

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## MAP OF WARM SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

