



## *Cene Speciali durante l'Autunno*

**T**HE MANGIAMO COMMITTEE hopes you have enjoyed the regional Italian dinner menus that we prepared for you during the past two years. We are closing our series with meals inspired by the regions of Calabria and Sardinia.

### CALABRIAN REGIONAL DINNER

*Monday, September 19, 2016*

**O**UR SEPTEMBER DINNER celebrates the region of Calabria. According to the Lonely Planet travel guide, "If a Vespa-riding, siesta-loving, chaotically unadorned version of Italy still exists, you'll probably find it in Calabria, the 'toe' that kicks Sicily into the Tyrrhenian Sea." For our dinner, we will be serving antipasti, salad, spicy Italian sausage on rolls, with peppers and onions, spaghetti with marinara sauce and dessert, all inspired by the Calabrian region. It was believed by the early Calabrians that chili peppers would ward off malaria, thus hot chili peppers were used in abundance. Ice cream or fresh fruit is mainly served for dessert in Calabria and melons, which are abundant, can also be found on summer tables. It's a glorious way to end summer—with hot spicy sausage, abundant green peppers and fresh fruit.

### SARDINIAN REGIONAL DINNER

*Monday, October 17, 2016*

**O**CTOBER'S DINNER is all about Sardinia, the second largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. A whole host of fish can be enjoyed in Sardinia from lobsters, mussels and sea urchins to tuna, sea bass and red mullet. Their food is generally very fresh, yet plain and simple. Our menu will be antipasti; fennel, orange and lettuce salad; pesce fritto (fried fish); a Sardinian inspired pasta and dessert. As D.H. Lawrence so succinctly put it, "Sardinia is different." Indeed, you can go from near-alpine forests to snow white beaches, find wildlife oddities like the blue-eyed albino donkeys on the Isola dell'Asinara or wild horses roaming Giara di Gesturi. The island also has a distinct take on food and wine, including couscous-like saffron-coated fregola pasta, flat breads, and cheeses such as casu marzu, a sheep milk pecorino. Sardinia's famous wines are Vermentino (white) and Cannonau (red). Have you ever noticed that the Pecorino Romano at Costco comes from Sardinia? Close to four million sheep live on the island of Sardinia, so it's no wonder.

*Dinners are held at St. Rose Parish Hall, Santa Rosa, CA  
Doors open 5:00 pm. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm*

### NBICF WINEMAKER DINNER

*Sunday, October 23, 2016*

**C**OME TO THIS YEAR'S WINEMAKER DINNER with food prepared by Franchetti's Wood Fire Kitchen and wines from Forchini Vineyards & Winery.

The evening begins with a wine reception and pizza appetizers on the patio. Winemaker Jim Forchini will then share the story of his award-winning wines followed by dinner, paired with Forchini wines—Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Papa Nonno Tuscan Red, Bordeaux Blend Beau Sierra. The buffet menu features caesar salad, cheese ravioli, coffee-encrusted pork tenderloin, roasted duck, cauliflower with olives and breadcrumbs, and for dessert, assorted fresh-baked cookies with coffee or tea.

There are only 80 tickets available for this event which benefits the NBICF scholarship program, awarding funds to students studying Italian language at Santa Rosa Junior College. *Deadline for this event is October 15, 2016.* Seating limited, reserve now!

Enclose a check for \$75/person, payable to NBICF, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa 95404 *or* order tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2595132>. Please note with whom you would like to be seated. For more information call the NBICF office: 707-591-9696.

*Wine Reception with Appetizers: 4:30pm–5:15pm*

*Winemaker's Presentation: 5:30pm–6:00pm*

*Buffet Dinner with wines: 6:00 pm*

### RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

**T**HANK YOU TO MEMBERS who donated items or worked at our successful rummage sale. The event brought in over \$633 for our cultural endeavors at NBICF. We are proud to be bringing you Italian films, language classes, Incontro, an Italian-themed book group, Paint Italy workshops, travel in Italy informational meetings and lectures by authors and professors at the NBICF Center. See your Mosaico newsletter or our website: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org), for a list of current events at the Center.

*For November, we will have the Italian-American Heritage dinner, and in December a special Festa di Natale dinner. You'll find menu details in the November/December Mosaico.*

## Membership News

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

**Individuals:** Barbara Grcar, Sharon Marangoni, Rita Pampanin

**Continuing Patrons:** Richard and Pamela Belluzzo, J. V. and R. Ginocchio, Rene Berardi-Stewart

**New & Continuing Businesses:**

Maurizio Castagna, Realtor,  
Harry Licursi, Tax & Retirement Planning,  
Balletto Vineyards, Market Place on Fourth,  
FaiSano Wines of Italy, Pedersen's Furniture,  
Zappelli Body Shop, and Faloni Ranch

**In Memoriam:**

Pat Armstrong  
Edy Regan

## Book Group

The Italian-themed book group meets at 7:00pm on the third Thursday of the month at the NBICF Center. This is open to all members and friends of NBICF. Books are in English. For more information, call 707-591-9696.

## Incontro

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

## Scambio Culturale

Teacher Carla Forchini and her Santa Rosa High School Italian students will host 18 students and their teachers from the Veneto region October 14–28, 2016. Each Italian student will be hosted by a family from SRHS, attend school, and explore Sonoma County and beyond during their two-week stay. In exchange, Carla and her students will visit Italy during March 17–April 1, 2017, staying in the homes of the Italian students. SRHS students will attend 4 days of school at the Liceo Veronese in Montebelluna and visit nearby cities in Italy.

While the Italian students are staying in Santa Rosa, NBICF members are encouraged to provide local transportation from SRHS to places nearby. Donations of food for the welcome reception and farewell gathering would also be greatly appreciated. Cash donations can be made to *Santa Rosa High School Scambio Culturale*. For more information, call Carla Forchini 707-433-1192 or email or cforchini@comcast.net.

## Save the Date!

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 11am–5pm  
St. Rose Parish Hall

This year celebrate the holidays at a traditional Italian Mercatino di Natale, an Italian Christmas Festival at St. Rose Parish Hall. Ticket in advance are \$5/each. Children under 12 are free.



## Win A Trip to Tuscany for Two!!

NBICF is excited to announce a raffle for a 10-day TRIP TO TUSCANY for two. The trip includes airfare, lodging, and transportation. Travel will take place in Fall 2017. The drawing will be held on December 17, 2016 at the NBICF Christmas Dinner. Tickets are \$20/each. Only 600 tickets will be sold. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Santa Rosa High School *Scambio Culturale* Italy Student Exchange Program. Tickets will be available at all NBICF events and dinners, and also from any NBICF board member, or by calling George Golfieri: 908-202-7321 or Les Villanyi: 707-484-4992.

**Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy**—  
Doors open 2:00pm. For information: 707-591-9696  
**Free. No reservations required.**

Showing September 25, 2016  
*The Starmaker (1995)*

“Dottore” Joe Moretti travels around Sicily doing screen tests for the big Roman studios. He’s a con man and takes money or favors for his efforts. Beata, a young illiterate convent girl, desperately wants to change her life and falls for him. Belatedly, he realizes his feelings for her. Their love affair is doomed when he is arrested. Nominated for best foreign film.

*In Italian*

Showing October 30, 2016  
*Miracle at St. Anna (2008)*

Directed by Spike Lee, *Miracle at St. Anna* follows four members of the U.S. Army 92nd Infantry Division, known as the Buffalo Soldiers, that are trapped behind enemy lines after one of them risks his life to save a traumatized Italian boy. *In English*

**Pronti, Partenza, Via! (Ready, Set, Go!)**

**Beginning Italian classes at the NBICF Center**  
October 5–26, 2016, Wednesdays 7:00pm–8:30pm

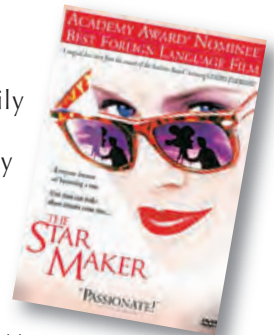
Join us for a four-week Italian class for beginners with a focus on vocabulary and phrases useful for travelers. This class is designed to help you gain confidence and feel more comfortable in speaking and understanding Italian.

**Instructor: Stefanie Nourse**

**Fee: \$120 for members (\$130 for non-members)**

**Includes materials. Minimum class enrollment: 10**

If interested, please email or call Stefanie Nourse:  
stefanienourse@gmail.com 707-799-8520



## Travel News/Andiamo

Saturday, September 24, 2016 2:00pm

REGIONAL TRAVEL PROGRAM: CALABRIA

Sharie Sbrazza of Andiamo Travel will present her next free lecture/video on the region of Calabria at the NBICF Center. Join us to learn about the wonders of La Bella Italia! Listen, watch, and receive handouts while sipping vino! A donation of \$5 for refreshments and to cover utilities is suggested. These events are well attended so RSVP early to Sharie: [andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com).

Saturday, October 22, 2016

*Gathering for Maremma Tour* which is sold out!

To inquire about the wait list, please contact escort Sharie Sbrazza. The Maremma Tour (November 1–15) lingers five days in Lucca, plus eight days on the scenic Tuscan Coast, rich in Buttero and Etruscan lore.

*Sharie Sbrazza, an NBICF member since 1986, has designed and escorted individual/group vacations since 1979. A portion of the member Andiamo travel fees are donated to NBICF every January. For more information and to RSVP to any event, please contact Sharie Sbrazza at [andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com) or visit the Travel Page on the NBICF website: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org).*

## Parole e Musica

— *What has your Coro been up to lately?*

The Coro was invited back to perform at the annual *Liguri nel Mondo* picnic on August 13th at the Calegari Vineyards in Healdsburg. We have performed there for several years and were enthusiastically received as we sang thirty old and new songs. Coro has been on new musical paths, learning popular songs from classic movies and musicals. So many American standards, with melodies that everyone knows, were actually written by Italians with Italian lyrics. We are continually searching for new voices to add to our choral family. Besides being a heck of a lot of fun, it is also a great way to learn and practice Italian, along with Neapolitan and Sicilian dialects. Come and join us!

By the way, we will be singing for you on December 3rd at the Mercatino di Natale Festa, and on December 17th at the members annual Festa di Natale dinner.

## Sundays at the Center presents

Lawrence W. DiStasi

Lecture by the author of *Branded—How Italian Immigrants Became “Enemies” During WWII*

September 11, 2016 2:00 pm

Lawrence W. DiStasi will present a lecture on his new book, a thoroughly documented account of the restrictions, internments, exlusions and evacuations of Italian immigrants during World War II. Charge is \$5/members and \$10/non-members. Seating is limited to 45 people, reservations are preferred. **Phone reservations are accepted, or pay at the door.** *Reservation form.* →

## From the President's Corner

Cari Amici,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. It has been a busy summer for the Foundation.

In June, the Foundation offered its annual “Summer Italian Language Camp for Youth”. This year, 21 students enrolled for the two week camp. I really enjoyed assisting the instructor Joli Love with the many language activities. She has an innovative style of teaching and is very creative in developing language aids, allowing the students to quickly grasp concepts of the Italian language. It’s amazing how readily the children learn grammar and vocabulary. End-of-week skits in Italian showed parents and friends what the children had learned. I would like to thank Carla Forchini for providing student counselors from her Italian high school class.

On July 12, the Foundation held it fourth annual *Pizza, Birra e Vino* fundraiser. It was a very successful event and as usual sold out early. The Foundation raised \$847 which will help fund our scholarship programs, cultural events, and cover operating expenses. Thank you to Franchetti’s Wood Fire Kitchen for supplying the pizza and salad. A special thanks to Don Raimondi for coordinating the event and for the white wine, Pellegrino and ice. I would also like to thank Maggie Brothers for the red wine and Allen Barbieri for the Peroni beer. Such events cannot happen without the help of volunteers who help plan, organize, and clean up. Special recognition to Virginia Wilburn, Linda Apel, Reid Sheridan, Carole Stewart, Barbara Moseley, Diane McCurdy, Maggie Brothers, and Mark DeVincenzi.

The Foundation conducted a two-question survey at the June 20th member dinner. The survey showed that Monday is still the preferred night for the dinners (44%). NBICF will occasionally have special dinners on other evenings, such as the Festa di Natale event. A majority of votes (74%) indicate an interest in a short cultural presentation at the dinners.

Nominations for new Board members begin in October. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or would like to nominate a member, please contact me, Patti Buttitta or any current board member.

“La vita ben spesa lunga è.” (Life well spent is long.)

—Leonardo Da Vinci.

## RESERVATION FORM

Lawrence W. DiStasi Lecture

*Branded—How Italian Immigrants  
Became “Enemies” During WWII*

Doors open at 2:00pm Program begins at 2:30pm

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 for members \$10 for non-members

Make checks payable to NBICF. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Phone reservations accepted.



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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 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**

- September 11** 2pm  
Sundays at the Center, *Lawrence W. DiStasi Lecture*
- September 17, 2016** 1–5pm  
Paint Italy Workshop at the Center
- September 19, 2016** 6pm (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)  
Member Dinner—Calabria, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA
- September 24, 2016** 2pm  
Saturday at the Center, *Regional Travel Program—Calabria*
- September 25, 2016** 2pm  
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The Starmaker*
- October 5–26, 2016** 7–8pm  
Beginning Italian Classes at the Center
- October 17, 2016** 6pm (*doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm*)  
Member Dinner—Sardinia, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA
- October 23, 2016** 4:30pm  
Winemaker Dinner at Franchetti’s Wood Fire Kitchen
- October 30, 2016** 2pm  
Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Miracle at St. Anna*

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

**NBICF Board of Directors:**

Susan Terracina Adler (Secretary), Ann Abbruzzese, Linda Apel (Treasurer), Allen Barbieri, Maggie Brothers (1st VP 707-544-9244), Patti Buttitta, Mark DeVincenzi, Kathy Dowdall, George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176), Don Raimondi (2nd VP 707-525-1939), Reid Sheridan, Carole Stewart, Denise Traverso, Les Villanyi

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*Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Susan Adler, George Golfieri, Patti Buttitta*

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

**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 Culturale should not be read as an endorsement or warranty by NBICF

**Italian Cultural Library & Office**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2-4 PM or by appointment, 707-591-9696  
 Board Meetings held the first Wednesday evening of each month.

**For Information:**

Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi  
 Library/Office: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn  
 Italian Classes at the Center: 707-874-2512, Emily Evans  
 Membership: 707-544-3499 Denise Scaglione  
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**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP**

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

*Italian ancestry (regions)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate your areas of interest (circle all that apply):*

Bocce Festa Italiana Fundraisers History Language  
 Mailings Music Office Scholarships Travel

*Please make checks payable to NBICF,  
 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 Tel: 707-591-9696*



— R A F F L E —

# *Win a Trip to Italy for Two*

## **Ten Days in Tuscany**

Trip includes airfare, lodging, and transportation.

**Drawing: December 17, 2016**  
at the NBICF Christmas Dinner  
Winner need not be present to win  
Trip to be taken in Fall 2017

A portion of the proceeds to benefit: Santa Rosa High School  
*Scambio Culturale* Italian student exchange program

**\$20/ticket**

**Only 600 tickets will be sold! Get yours soon!**

**For Tickets:**

Call George Golfieri: 908-202-7321 or Les Villanyi: 707-484-4992

Tickets available at all NBICF events, or by calling the NBICF office: 707-591-9696

Terms and conditions for the raffle and the trip to Italy are available on the NBICF website: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org).  
Hard copies of the terms & conditions are available upon request.



**NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION**  
Dedicated to the Study, Preservation and Enjoyment of Italian Culture



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and Slow Food Sonoma County North



P R E S E N T



AN ITALIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

# *Mercatino di Natale*

Saturday, December 3, 2016  
11am – 5pm

St. Rose Parish Hall, 320 Tenth St. Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Live Entertainment by  
Sheri Mignano of Due Zighi Baci and NBICF Coro Allegro

Food, Wine, Beer, Live Music, Food Tastings,  
Local Crafts, Artisan Gifts, Silent Auction,  
Children's Books & Toys, and more.

Special Appearance by La Befana  
*(the kind Italian Christmas witch)*

\$5/ticket in advance  
\$10/ticket at the door  
Children under 12: Free

**Be sure to get your tickets soon!**



FOR TICKETS

Call the NBICF office 707-591-9696.  
Also available at all NBICF events and dinners.  
Or email Slow Food Sonoma County North:  
[slowfoodsonomacountynorth@gmail.com](mailto:slowfoodsonomacountynorth@gmail.com)

For more information, please see the NBICF website: [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org).

*Proceeds from this event benefit the community endeavors of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and Slow Food Sonoma County North, non-profit organizations in Sonoma County, CA.*

# NORTH BAY ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION

Dedicated to the Study, Preservation and Enjoyment of Italian Culture



2016

## *Winemaker Dinner*

with Jim Forchini, Forchini Winery

**Sunday, October 23, 2016 4:30pm**

Franchetti's Wood Fire Kitchen  
1229 North Dutton Avenue, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

4:30–5:15pm Wine Reception on the Patio with Appetizers

5:30–6:00pm Winemaker Jim Forchini's Presentation

6:00 pm Buffet Dinner with Forchini Wines

**\$75/person**

**Only 80 tickets are available!**

Reservations need to be received by October 15, 2016

Forchini wines will be served with a buffet menu of caesar salad, cheese ravioli, coffee-encrusted pork tenderloin, roasted duck, cauliflower with olives & breadcrumbs, and for dessert, assorted fresh-baked cookies with a coffee or tea.

Order tickets at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)  
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2595132>  
or use the reservation form and mail with your check to: NBICF,  
64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

For more information,  
call the NBICF office: 707-591-9696.



### RESERVATIONS

#### **Winemaker Dinner with Jim Forchini** **Sunday, October 23, 2016, 4:30pm**

Franchetti's Wood Fire Kitchen  
1229 North Dutton Avenue, Suite A, Santa Rosa  
Prepaid Reservations Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people at \$75/per person

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

*I would like to be seated with:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations by October 15, 2016**  
Make checks payable to NBICF.  
64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation

— MEMBER DINNER —

*Celebrating the  
Region of Calabria*

Monday, September 19, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

**Dinner Menu:**

Antipasti, Salad, Spicy Italian Sausage on Rolls  
with Peppers and Onions, Spaghetti with  
Marinara Sauce, and Dessert.

**No-host Bar & Raffle**

For more information visit:  
[www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org) or call 707-591-9696

**DINNER RESERVATIONS**

**Region of Calabria Dinner**

Monday, September 19, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

**Prepaid Reservations Only**

- \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$15/each for Members
- \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$17/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 \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve by September 14, 2016. Make checks payable to NBICF.  
Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404



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— MEMBER DINNER —

*Celebrating the  
Region of Sardinia*

Monday, October 17, 2016

St. Rose Parish Hall, 398 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
(Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm)

**Dinner Menu:**

Antipasti, Fennel, Orange and Lettce Salad,  
Pesce Fritto (fried fish),  
a Sardinian-inspired Pasta and Dessert.

**No-host Bar & Raffle**

For more information visit:  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve by October 12, 2016. Make checks payable to NBICF.  
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