



*Founded in 1984, NBICF brings people of all ancestries together to share all things Italian.*

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

What a start to the new year, over a month of much needed rain, but just too much all at once. I hope members came through the storm unscathed. The Italian Cultural Center did have some damage as a result of the storms. There is a leak on the roof that resulted in damage to the second-floor ceiling. We are working with the insurance company and hopefully the Foundation's insurance will cover some of the costs. We will follow up with further information.

There is an Italian saying:

*"Il detto, se marzo entre come un leone, esce come un agnello, ha le radici nell' essenza stessa del mese, che comincia con tempo invernale feroce per poi passare al clima piu mite della primavera."*

March enters like a lion, it goes out like a lamb, has its roots in the very essence of the month which begins with ferocious winter weather and then moves on to the milder climate of spring.

Financially, the Foundation ended 2022 with \$47,032 in the bank and had a profit for 2022 of \$10,845. However, much of this profit was the result of Welfare Property tax refund of \$16,149 received in June.

The Foundation generates the majority of its income from membership dues, donations, dinners, and fundraisers. These sources of income help support the scholarship programs, cultural events and to cover operating expenses. **This is our heritage that binds us together as Italian Americans and to further the Foundation's commitment to the North Bay Italian community.**

I am pleased to announce the recipients of **The Sharie Sbrazza NBICF Florence Study Abroad Scholarship** for the 2023 spring semester. Congratulations to **Brianne Cardle, Cristian Ramirez, and Olivia Wagner**. This scholarship is awarded each spring to students furthering their education as part of SRJC's study abroad program in Italy. Each recipient receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

In 1996 NBICF and the Santa Rosa Junior College established the **Marianne Pedroncelli scholarship**. This scholarship awards \$450 each spring to students with a major in Italian Studies. Also, in 2014 NBICF and the Santa Rosa Junior College established the **Bill and Jeanette Mitchell Scholarship**. This scholarship awards \$900 each spring to students pursuing a career in teaching or Italian related studies.

If members would like to donate to the Pedroncelli and Mitchell scholarships, they can contact the SRJC Foundation at: <https://give.santarosa.edu/45878/#!/donation/checkout>.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$129,525 in scholarships for Italian studies at SRJC.

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**April Member Meeting and Dinner**

**Catered by Pasta King**

**Friday, April 28, 2023**

320 10th Street, Santa Rosa

See enclosed flyer



Sunday, April 9

**Thank You Don!** He saw my Roman numeral mistake on the last Mosaico, after it was sent out. Marie

**Lecture at the Center**

**Dr. Douglas Kenning**

**Italy and World War I.**

Sunday April 23 - 2pm–4 pm

See enclosed flyer

## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

Doors open **1:30pm**, screening at **2:00pm**.

For information: 707-546-9654

**Free - Snacks - No reservations required.**

**Showing Sunday, March 26, 2023**

**Farinelli** (1994) 1h 56m. Drama (R)

An internationally biographical film that centers on the life and career of the 18th-century Italian opera



singer Carlo Broschi, known as Farinelli, considered the greatest castrato singer of all time. The film also looks at his relationship with his brother, the composer Riccardo Broschi. Oscar-nominated drama of high notes and even higher passions. In Italian with subtitles.

**Showing Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**My Cousin Vinny** (1992) 1h 59m Comedy/Crime (R)

Two young New Yorkers traveling through rural Alabama are arrested and put on trial for a murder, and hire novice lawyer Vinny Gambini. Much of the humor comes from the interaction between the brash Italian-American New Yorkers (Vinny and his fiancée, Mona Lisa Vito) and the more reserved Southern townspeople. Starring, Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei and Ralph Macchio. In English.



Donations are kindly accepted.

Movies may vary due to availability

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**Ongoing Incontro group** for informal Italian conversation. Please contact George Golfieri at 707-843-3176.

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For Information:

Coro Allegro: 707-484-4992 Les Villanyi

Library/Office: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn

Italian Classes: 707-874-2512 Emily Evans

Membership: 707-843-3176 George Golfieri

Reservations: 707-573-7185 Virginia Wilburn

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707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida

## NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Please visit NBICF.org About Us / Directors, for a short biography of each Board member.

## **Welcome**

## **Membership News**

## **benvenuto**

**Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!**

### Individual

**Carlene Ferguson**

**Linda Sargent**

### Family

**Jennifer Consalvi Hodges**

**Stephan Dalporto**

**Larry and Joan Maniscalco**

**John and Lidia Montano** (welcome back)

### New Business

**NorCal Wine Country Real Estate LLC**

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

**Buttitta Design**

**Ecostruction - Mitchel Slade**

**Faloni Ranch**

**Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA)**

**Joe and Amy Ann Grayson**

**Servico Building Maintenance Inc.**

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**CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS HEAL RECOVER**  
*to any member and their families that are not feeling well*

Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

sii gentile con te stesso e con gli altri

(be kind to yourself and others)

**Festa di San Giuseppe** - the Feast of Saint Joseph is March 19, and is also Festa del Papà, Father's Day in Italy.



**Tavole di San Giuseppe** – St. Joseph's Table, also celebrated on March 19 is from an old tradition from Sicily.

For too long there had been no rain to nourish the crops that sustained life for most of the island, so the people prayed to San Giuseppe (St. Joseph), their patron, for relief from the famine that gripped the island. Finally, the skies opened up sending down the life-giving water. Sometime later, to show their gratitude, they prepared a table with a special assortment of foods, including fava beans, that they have harvested. After paying honor to San Giuseppe, they distributed the food to the less fortunate.

(various web sites)

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**PAINT ITALY**

NBICF Center - Saturday, March 11, 2023  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Theme: *Italian Courtyard*

It's hard to believe that **Paint Italy** started in 2014 and is still active!



No previous painting experience required.

Cost includes: supplies, including an 11"x14" canvas, instruction and refreshments. You just bring your creativity.

To enroll send a check for \$45 to:  
Susan Adler  
307 Buckeye Circle  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
or Venmo Susan Terracina Adler@paintitaly.  
Reservations must be **received by March 4**.  
Enrollment limited to 12. For more information email Susan at [adler@sonic.net](mailto:adler@sonic.net).

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Antonio Meucci born April 13, 1808 in San Frediano, a section of Florence. He developed a voice communication apparatus system, some say the forerunner of the telephone.

(various websites)

**Lecture at the Center**  
**Dr. Douglas Kenning**

**Italy and World War I. Marching from Colonialism to Fascism.**

Sunday April 23, 2023 2pm–4 pm Doors open at 1:30pm  
Cost: \$5.00 for members \$7.00 for non- members.  
Seating is limited to 40 people.

**Please see insert for reservations, due by April 17**

Learn about how the government of the newly minted parliamentary monarchy called "Italy" lacked credibility, and sought to distract critics. Italy joined the scramble of European nations for colonial territories, and position itself to tumble with the rest of Europe into the horror of World War I.

Dr. Kenning Ph.D is an university professor and has taught at various universities around the world.

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If you're anywhere in Italy on **March 8<sup>th</sup>**, you will see **yellow mimosa flowers** everywhere.

*La Festa della Donna*, (sometimes called *La Festa delle Donne*) is a celebration of women. *La Festa della Donna* is Italy's celebration of **International Women's Day**, recognized by the United Nations and many countries around the world.



The first National Woman's Day was held in New York, on February 28, 1909. The date was changed from the last Sunday of February (the 23<sup>rd</sup>), to March 8<sup>th</sup>, because Russia hadn't yet adopted the Gregorian calendar. February 23<sup>rd</sup>'s corresponding date in the Gregorian calendar is March 8<sup>th</sup>. Italy first celebrated the holiday in 1922. The tradition of giving out yellow mimosa (aka acacia) flowers dates back to 1946. They are found throughout Italy and not as expensive as other flowers. (Various websites)

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**Membership renewal notices** were sent out in mid-January. Members can pay their membership dues online by credit card on our website at [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org). Members can also mail a check to the Center. **Please pay your dues by March 31, 2023.**

If you have any questions regarding the Foundation's financials or your membership renewal, please call me at 707-843-3176.



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation  
64 Brookwood Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95404-  
tel: 707-591-9696 email: nbicf@sonic.net  
www.nbicf.org

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## Upcoming Events

**March 11, 2023** - Saturday, 1-5pm: **Paint Italy** at the NBICF Center

**March 26, 2023**- Sunday, 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm): **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: *Farinelli*

**April 23, 2023** - Sunday, 2-4pm (doors open at 1:30pm)

Dr Kenning Lecture at NBICF Center - *Italy and World War I*

**April 28, 2023** - Friday, (doors open at 5pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm): **Members Dinner Meeting**, Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center, 320 Tenth St., Santa Rosa

**April 30, 2023** - Sunday, 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm): **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: *My Cousin Vinny*

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



**Luigia "Gina" Lollobrigida** (July 4, 1927 - January 16, 2023). The Italian actress died at 95 years old in Rome. She was nicknamed La Lollo, and made dozens of movies in the US and Europe after WWII.

**Roman numerals**, why we still use them? Tradition, fancy looking, or because they are still widely used in many areas. Where do we see them? Clocks, Super Bowl, book chapters, copyright dates, and the list continues.

**Mosaico Culturale** is published six times a year. It is the newsletter of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation, a California nonprofit membership corporation. NBICF 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.

Mosaico Culturale Editorial Staff: Les Villanyi (editing and proofreading), George Golfieri, Marie Maggi-Wilson (editor) . Website : Don Raimondi

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

### 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.

\_\_\_ Fundraisers \_\_\_ History \_\_\_ Italian Classes \_\_\_ Music \_\_\_ Scholarships \_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_ Other

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your checks payable to NBICF. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Applications can also be done via our website, **www.NBICF.org**.

For more Information, call: 707-591-9696.

### THANK YOU

**to those who have made donations to NBICF!**

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

You can specify where your donation goes, such as the building fund, scholarships, in memoriam, or for any other reason, by indicating it on your check.

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Lecture at the Center with Dr. Douglas Kenning

**Italy and World War I**

**Marching from Colonialism to Fascism**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

*(Doors open at 1:30pm)*

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Center

64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

***Seating is limited to 40 people. Please make reservations early.***

Lecture will discuss the government of the newly minted parliamentary monarchy called “Italy”; European nations for colonial territories; political chaos, and economic misery. Did a drowning nation grasp eagerly at the reassuringly firm stick of fascism?

This will be the story Dr. Kenning will tell.

**Prepaid Reservations Only**

Dr. Douglas Kenning: Lecture on Italy and World War I

**Sunday, April 23, 2023 2pm-4pm, doors open at 1:30pm**

NBICF Center 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 for Members \_\_\_\_\_ \$7 for Guests

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations must be made by April 17, 2023.**

Make checks payable to **NBICF**, and mail to: 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

**All net proceeds support SRJC Scholarship Fund and NBICF Cultural Activities.**

**Member Meeting and Dinner Friday, April 28, 2023**

Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center (St. Rose)  
320 10th Street, Santa Rosa

Doors open at 5:00pm, meeting and dinner at 6:00pm

Open seating - arrive early to ensure seating for your entire party.

**Catered by Pasta King**

**Menu includes:**

***Antipasti***

***Pasta - Penne al Pesto or Spaghetti with Meat Sauce***

***Bread, Mixed green salad and***

***Dessert***

***Wine at the table, coffee and tea also available***



**Reservations must be made by April 21, 2023**

Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center (St. Rose)

**NBICF Member Meeting Dinner - Friday, April 28, 2023**

Doors open at 5:00pm, meeting and dinner at 6:00pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$25 / each for Members

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$28 /each for Guests

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$10 /each for Teens,13–18 yrs

\_\_\_\_\_ places at \$5 /each for Child, 5–12 yrs

\_\_\_\_\_ places at free /each for Child under 5 yrs

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