



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

The busy holiday season is approaching! In 2024, the Foundation will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Can you believe that the Foundation has existed for 40 years? The Foundation's existence can be attributed to the unwavering support of its members. **Thank You.** Further information will be forthcoming on a 40-year celebration.

In the last Mosaico, I reported that scholarships were rewarded for the Marianne Pedroncelli and the Bill and Jeanette Mitchell scholarships. The recipients are: **Loreen Theveny was awarded the \$525 Marianne Pedroncelli Italian studies scholarship and Aaliyha Boggeri was awarded the \$1,300 Bill and Jeanette Mitchell scholarship for education studies.** Congratulations to both. Donations are welcome for all NBICF scholarships.

The Foundation is looking to fill two board seats. To be elected to the board a member must be in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact me or any board member. Elections for the board are held in November. Please see page 3 for further information.

Linda Apel is one of the Board members that is leaving. Linda Apel, a long-time member who created the Mangiamo team and served as treasurer of the Foundation is resigning. Linda has dedicated and supported so much to the Foundation it can't all be listed. She has helped to make the Foundation the success it is today. You will be missed.

I would like to thank members and their guests who attended the October Columbus Day dinner. I received many favorable comments regarding the food prepared by chef **Cesar Orozco** from **Sonoma County Catering Company.** I would also like to thank **Susan Cole** and the **Mangiamo team** for planning an enjoyable evening. I would be remiss in not giving accolades to **Les Villanyi** and the **Coro** for singing such wonderful Italian folk songs.

La prossima cena (the next dinner) will be on December 18. Come celebrate "il Festa di Natale" with us. There will be music and dancing. **Please see the flyer.** Raffle winner to be announced if all tickets have been sold.

I migliori auguri e saluti per le feste.

Thank you - Grazie

The following members have made recent donations to NBICF for various causes:

**Paula Badano, Bob and Anna Chance,
Jack and Lana Hassett, Marylou Herrera, Marilee
Jensen, Micheline Justman, Genevieve Moran,
Gino and Julie Muzzatti, Paul and Mary Kay Pedersen,
George and Sandra Traverso**

Apologizes if your name was left out.

Donations will be acknowledged twice a year in 2024.

Piccolo Mercatino di Natale

NBICF Center, 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa

Saturday, November 18th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Please see page 3 for more details



Lecture at the Center

Author Kathleen Ann González

Featuring her book Giacomo Casanova

Sunday, December 17, 2023

2 – 4 pm Doors open at 1:30pm

See flyer for reservation. Previously scheduled for May.

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. Donations are kindly accepted. Movies may vary due to availability.

Showing Sunday, November 26, 2023

Terraferma (2011) 1h 28m. Drama (R)



The small island of Linosa off Sicily is inhabited by a small fishing community that has been disrupted as illegal immigrants start to come to the island. Life for a small fisherman family will never be as comfortable as it used to be. Italy's 2012 Oscar-nominated Terraferma is a survivalist film about immigration and morality. Competing in the 31st Istanbul Film Festival Human Rights in Cinema Competition, Terraferma received the UNICEF Award as well as the Special Jury Award in Venice in 2011. In Italian, "Sicilian", and Ethiopian.

Showing Sunday December 10, 2023*

Mediterraneo (1991) 1h 36m Comedy/Drama (R)

The film is set during World War II. A group of misfit Italian soldiers are sent to a Greek island in the Aegean Sea. Due to unseen circumstances, they are left stranded on the island. An Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film. In the director's words "I'd like to dedicate this film to people who want to run away". In Greek and Italian with subtitles and in English.



*Due to equipment issues, this movie was not shown in August. Also, note this is not the last Sunday in December.

CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS HEAL RECOVER

to members and their families who are not feeling well

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
Scholarships: 707-981-8252 Gino Muzzatti
Volunteer Coordinator and Sunshine Cards:
707-586-1167 JoAnn Piantanida

NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

Sonia Badalamenti, Allen Barbieri, Rene Berardi, Susan Cole, Alfred (Al) Pucci, Don Raimondi, Virginia Smith, Carole Stewart, Christl Unglaub, Les Villanyi (VP), and Virginia Wilburn

Directors Emeritus: Angelo Catelani

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

Sheila Bell

Josie Graham

Dom Malvestiti

Michele Misino de Luca

New Family Member

Paul and Margaret Caracciolo (welcome back)

Gina Dickson

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

Apri La Creative Consulting

Buttitta Design

Ecostruction - Mitchel Slade

Faloni Ranch

Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA)

NorCal & Wine Country Real Estate LLC

North Bay Diamon Fusion

Servico Building Maintenance Inc.

Buon Compleanno

to all who have birthdays in

luglio, agosto, settembre, ottobre, novembre e dicembre

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

November Board Elections

The NBICF Board of Directors is composed of 13 members each serving a two-year term. In order to maintain continuity, staggered two-year terms have been established; that is, six are elected one year and the other seven are elected the next year.

In November there will be six positions open for a two-year term (2024 and 2025). Of these six (**Allen Barbieri, George Golfieri, Al Pucci, Don Raimondi, Les Villanyi, Virginia Smith**) all, **except Al Pucci**, have decided to run for another two-year term. Thus, there will be one vacant position and five positions with incumbents seeking another two-year term. Of the seven directors who have one more year (2024) remaining, **Linda Apel** has chosen to resign. So, there will be one vacant position open for the second year of Linda's term; that is, calendar 2024.

Once again, **we will be holding the election using on-line technology** as was done last year but will **also mail the ballots to those who do not have access to a computer.** Alfred (Al) Pucci

Eyeglasses. Who invented them? The Romans were the first to learned how to employ glass to improve vision of small print and made magnifying glasses. The first pair of corrective spectacles was created in Italy between 1268 and 1300 in Venice. Proof comes from a Venetian document in 1284 which provides the earliest known description of glasses: It specified that **"Roidi da Ogli" (Glasses for Eyes)** to be made of pure crystal. However, the man who apparently made glasses popular was a Dominican friar named Giordano Da Pisa who encountered Venetian monks during a stay at a monastery in Bologna. It was these Venetians who crafted glasses in their monastery near the church of San Giacometto in Rialto.

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Winter Lights Annual Tree Lighting Event

This is a free event for the whole community! Come to **Old Courthouse Square on Friday, November 24, from 4 to 7 pm.** Santa Rosa's annual event to ring in the holiday season has family friendly activities, entertainment (including a performance by NBICF's **CORO ALLEGRO**), delicious holiday drinks and treats, photos with Santa, and of course the official lighting of the Courthouse Square tree with Snoopy!

More info: www.downtownsantarosa.org



Piccolo Mercatino di Natale

North Bay Italian Cultural Center - 64 Brookwood Avenue in Santa Rosa

Saturday, November 18th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Celebrate the holidays and support **local Italian artisans** and **NBICF** by shopping Piccolo Mercatino di Natale.

Affordable original paintings * Homemade biscotti * Handmade greeting cards

Charcuterie boards * Glass art * Photographs * Jewelry

Embroidered items with Italian themes * Gently used Italian-related books

Why not give the **gift of membership** in NBICF for Christmas? Stop by the membership table.

Proceeds from the book sale all go to NBICF as will part of the proceeds from the embroidered items.

To donate books call President George Golfieri to arrange an appointment (call 707-843-3176 or 908-202-7321) or call the Center, (707) 591-9696, for drop off information.

Raffle for Trip to Italy tickets will be available (if they are still left!)

For more information contact Susan Terracina Adler at adler@sonic.net.



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Upcoming Events

November 18, 2023 - Saturday, 10am - 4pm: **Piccolo Mercatino di Natale** at the NBICF Center.

November 24, 2023 - Friday, 4-7pm: **Winter Lights, Tree Lighting Event with Coro Allegro performing** at Old Courthouse Square.

November 26, 2023 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: **Terraferma**

December 10, 2023 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: **Mediterraneo**

December 17, 2023 - Sunday, 2-4 pm (doors open at 1:30)
Author Kathleen Ann González at the NBICF Center.

December 18, 2023 - Monday, (doors open at 5pm, meeting and dinner at 6pm): **Members Dinner Meeting, "il Festa di Natale"**
Father Denis O'Sullivan Parish Center (St. Rose)

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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.

November 11 - The holiday is commonly printed as *Veteran's Day* or *Veterans' Day*, however, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs states: Veterans Day does not include an apostrophe but does include an "s" at the end of "veterans" because it is not a day that "belongs" to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans.

All Saints' Day is November 1, and is a national holiday in Italy.

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

Author Kathleen Ann González

Sunday, December 17, 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. Kathleen Ann González has published with various periodicals and has stories in three anthologies and a textbook. She has independently published six books. Supernova Edizioni publishes her books in Italy, including the translation into Italian of *Casanova's Venice: A Walking Guide*. She also organized the symposium "Casanova in Place," bringing together Casanova scholars in Venice in 2019. As a high school English teacher, Kathleen Ann González has won various awards and recognition for her work. **Books and other items will be available for purchase.**

Reservations must be made by December 10, 2023.

North Bay Italian Culture Foundation

Member Meeting and Dinner - Monday, December 18, 2023

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

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

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

Dinner prepared by

Chef Cesar Orozco from Sonoma County Catering Co.

Dinner includes:

Antipasti, Caesar Salad, Bread

Tri-Tip with Mushroom Sauce, Fingerling Potatoes,

Vegetables, and Dessert

Wine at the Table

Live music to sing and dance to



(REMINDER: NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL OR FOOD ALLOWED)

Prepaid Reservations Only

Author Kathleen Ann González

Sunday, December 17, 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 _____

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.

Prepaid reservations must be made by December 10, 2023

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

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

_____ places at \$35 for Members _____ places at \$38 for Guests

_____ places at \$10 for Teens (13 –18 yrs.) _____ places at \$5 for Child (5–12 yrs.)

_____ places at free for Child under 5 yrs.

Make checks payable to NBICF. Mail to 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Or, make reservations online at: www.nbicf.org

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