



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

Just as the United States celebrates Independence Day on July 4, Italians will celebrate “La Festa della Repubblica” on June 2. On June 2nd and 3rd, 1946, an institutional referendum was held. Italians were called to the polls to decide which form of state, monarchy or republic, to give to the country. The referendum was announced at the end of World War II, a few years after the fall of the Fascist regime in Italy, the dictatorial regime that had been supported by the Italian royal family, the House of Savoy, for more than 20 years.

The vote resulted in 54.3 % of Italians voting for a republic. To mark this occasion, festivities include a grand military parade in Rome, presided over by the president of the republic. Today, festivities start with a wreath being placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Vittoriano monument. Later, a military parade takes place. The festivities end with the Frece Tricolori (Tricolor Arrows), similar to our Blue Angels. All across Italy, concerts, public gatherings, and local events take place while the Italian flags flutter from balconies all over.

The Foundation is excited to announce the establishment of an **Italian language school** right here in Santa Rosa. “**La Piccola Scuola**” will start August 13, 2025 to coincide with Santa Rosa schools. The school objectives are to offer a comprehensive Italian school experience focused on language, culture, social skills, character-building activities, and fundamental learning in literacy, math, and creative arts. The school will support bilingual development by providing Italian as a second language heard throughout the school day, helping children gain a linguistic foundation.

Kindergarten to 3rd grade is available. Enrollment is crucial to the success of this Italian language school. The school has room for 24 children and needs a minimum of 6 to start. So please spread the word. An **open house** is scheduled for Thursday, **May 22**, from 6pm-7pm, 1257 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa. Refreshments provided, children welcome. No need to RSVP. The teacher will be arriving from Italy in July to help with the setup process.

For more information contact **Dr. Theresa Sabatino** at **408-343-9001**. I would like to thank the D’Argenzio family for their support.

An Italian proverb: “Chi si volta, e chi si gira, sempre a casa va finire”. “No matter where you go or turn, you will always end up home.”

Felice festa della mamma e del papà.

Buona festa della mamma e felice festa del papà!

Happy Mother’s Day / Happy Father’s Day - May 11 / June 15

To our Parents, wherever in the universe they may be.

Italy celebrates Mother’s Day, the same as the USA, the second Sunday in May. They celebrate Father’s Day on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph.



Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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

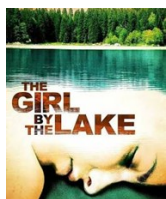
For information: 707-546-9654

Free admission - Snacks - No reservations required.

Donations are kindly accepted.

Showing Sunday, May 25, 2025

The Girl by the Lake (2007) 1h 36m Thrill/Mystery



The body of a young woman is found in a small and quiet town in North Italy. A detective from the nearby main city is called to solve the mystery. No one is what they seem to be. Anyone could be capable of homicide. Everyone may be hiding a dark secret, even the inspector. In Italian with subtitles. Filmed near the Italian and Slovenian border.

Showing Sunday, June 29, 2025

Conclave (2024) 2h Thriller/Mystery (PG)

The film is for anyone who enjoys film at its zenith. Although it takes place at the Vatican under the watchful eye of Michelangelo's concept of creation, it is not particularly religious. It is more of a political thriller: the conservatives vs. the progressives. Conclave follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process. A trail of deep secrets are discovered, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church. Also starring: Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow, and Isabella Rossellini.



Movies may vary due to availability.

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Welcome

Membership News

Benvenuti

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

New Individual

Sandra Brusco

Dolores Marziano

Judith Smith

New Family

Tabathe, Douglas, and Courtney Asker

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Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

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Cherries in Italy (*ciliegie in Italia*)

Cherry trees grow in several regions of Italy, and are harvested from late May to the end of July, depending on the variety.

Italy is a major producer of cherries within the European Union. Cherry trees are known both for their delicious cherries, and for their wood, perfect for wine barrels.

Lazio, is known for producing sour cherries, making it a good region for preservation and liqueur making.

Emilia-Romagna, is known for producing large, sweet cherries,

Modena and **Bologna** are known for the *Amarena* cherry, a small, bitter cherry often used in syrup and desserts.

Since 1957, there has been an annual cherry festival, in **Lari**, in the province of **Pisa**. The festival is



held over two weekends usually at the end of May or early June, depending on the harvest. At the festival, local artisans sell their produce that has been picked that very

morning.

Cherry blossoms generally bloom late March to April. In some areas, depending on the weather and region, you can see the blossoms until June.

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Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

Primo giorno d'estate, 20 giugno. Buon divertimento!

(First day of summer, June 20. Enjoy!)

Fashion brand **Prada** has agreed to buy its smaller rival **Versace** for **\$1.38 billion from Capri Holdings**, bringing together two of the biggest names in Italian fashion and the prospect of enhanced revenues. Prada traces its roots back to a leather goods shop founded in Milan by Miuccia Prada's grandfather in 1913. The Versace label was founded by Gianni Versace in Milan in 1978. Donatella Versace became its creative force following the death of Gianni in 1997. Aljazeera 4/2025

"Liberation Day and the Italian Republic:

Italy's Rebirth out of World War Two"

Lecture at the Center with Dr. Douglas Kenning

We celebrate the Festa della Liberazione, when Italy was freed from fascism, on April 25, 1945 and Festa della Repubblica when Italy became a Republic on June 2, 1946.

So here we are halfway between these two holidays, trying to discuss what they mean. We will look at Italy's wounded emergence from WWII, her total political and economic rebirth, and where that led over the first few post-war decades.

Douglas Kenning, PhD is a professor of history and literature, with a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He has taught at universities in Europe, Asia, and the U.S., and has written books, articles, and stage plays.

See mail in reservation below



Lecture at the Center
Dr. Douglas Kenning

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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.**

**Prepaid Reservations Only
Reservations must be made by May 14, 2025**

Number of people @ \$10. ____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Name _____

For additional names you can attach a separate piece of paper

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

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



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Upcoming Events

May 18, 2025 - Sunday, 2-4 pm (doors open at 1:30) Dr. Kenning Lecture - **“Liberation Day and the Italian Republic: Italy’s Rebirth out of World War Two”**, at the NBICF Center. Reservations required, see inside.

May 25, 2025 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: ***The Girl by the Lake***

June 29, 2025 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: ***Conclave***

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT

Buon Compleanno

To all members with birthdays in:

gennaio, febbraio, marzo, aprile, maggio and giugno



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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.

The **Italian Nutella** is not the same as the **American Nutella**. Both taste slightly different because the **American** version contains **hydrogenated fat** and **more sugar**. Also, **Italian Nutella** is packaged in **glass jars**, while plastic jars are used for the American Nutella. **Don’t touch** the fruit or vegetables at an **Italian grocery store**. All their produce is of good quality and fresh and if you touch them, be ready to hear some yelling! Scampoboston.com

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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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.

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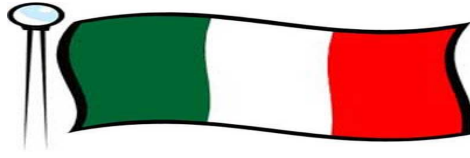
to those who have made donations to NBICF!

Your donations will help us maintain our goals of the 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.

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

Donations can also be made via our website, www.NBICF.org.



OPEN HOUSE!

Reggio Emilia Inspired Italian Primary School K-3rd begins on August 13th!

Your support will help us establish a true Italian school community—one that nurtures language, heritage, culture, and education in a Reggio Emilia inspired full day elementary. Together, we can build something truly special.

When: Thursday, May 22, 2025 from 6pm-7pm Where: 1257 Cleveland Ave. Santa Rosa. Refreshments provided, children welcome. No need to RSVP.

For more information, please give me a call, Dr. Theresa Sabatino 408-343-9001. Our website is in progress.

PROGRAMS WE WILL OFFER

Native Italian speaker as lead teacher. Claudia Paesano will be joining us in July from Naples! We will be on file with the California Department of Education.

PROGRAM: Kindergarten-3rd grade, ages 4.9 years-8 or 9 years. \$1,750.00 monthly (an earlier kindergarten start than public school!) \$150.00 enrollment fee

DAY & TIME: M-F 9am-3pm

PROGRAM: Doposcuola (for kids from other schools) ages K-3rd grade \$250.00 monthly, \$50.00 enrollment fee

DAY & TIME: Wednesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm

PROGRAM: Before-School care/After-School care (before/after school for enrolled children in K-3) Fee TBD before July 5.

DAY & TIME: M-F Before-School 8am-9am and After-School 3:30pm-5:30pm

PROGRAM: Italian Day Camp for ages 4-10, \$250.00 monthly, \$50.00 enrollment fee

DAY & TIME: Saturdays, 11am-1pm