



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

Messaggio dei Presidenti - Susan Macaluso and René Berardi

Cari Amici,

From medieval Sicily to Santa Rosa 2026, the tradition of the St. Joseph's Table has been passed down through generations. After a drought in Italy and prayers to St. Joseph, the rains came. The table was created to express gratitude by preparing a large meal and sharing it with others. NBICF was built on a foundation of Italian heritage and community and our St. Joseph's Table continued this legacy. Janet Barocco, with the assistance of Barbara Fabrizio, designed a beautiful table with breads, an amazing array of sweets, flowers, statues, and decorations. Janet fondly remembers the huge St. Joseph's tables in New Orleans and wanted to bring the tradition to our dinner. Fava beans were also handed out and painted green, white, and red, as the fava bean was the only surviving vegetable during the famine, a symbol of good luck. Part of the community theme and sharing leftovers, guests donated items which were then delivered to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Thanks to all for the donations. Thank you to Cibo Rustico Pizzeria for catering the St. Joseph's Dinner.



We had other cultural and festive activities. In February, Cibo Rustico Pizzeria hosted a pizza party for us that was enthusiastically enjoyed by members and non-members. Guests reported that they loved the intimate atmosphere and had lots of fun singing along with accordionist Steve Albini. Lyrics were provided for *Volare* and *That's Amore*.

Just last month we honored four board members who played leadership roles and have been committed to the continuance of Italian culture. George Golfieri led our organization as President for 12 years and as a history buff added many unique lectures to the agenda. Don Raimondi created the first website and kept everyone connected and informed for 20 years. Virginia Wilburn managed the office for decades and was chair of La Festa for many years. Les Villanyi, former Vice President, led our choral group, Il Coro Allegro. It was a joyous occasion of food, homemade appetizers, special presentations, music by Carlo Soliván, who sang favorite songs requested by the honorees, and a spirit of excitement that this organization, founded in 1984, continues as a hub of Italian tradition and cultural celebration.

We also got some younger folks interested! At the Madrone (Elementary School) Multicultural Festival on April 10, NBICF was invited to have a table display. Children stopped by to make Venetian masks and gondolas. There were many eager crafters and hopefully future NBICF members! Messaggio dei Presidenti - Susan Macaluso and René Berardi, continued to page 2

San Francisco Festa Italiana, Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th, in the heart of North Beach.

For more information:

<https://sfiafoundation.org/festa>

For great Italian books, visit **Libreria Pino**, on Grant Avenue in San Francisco, North Beach

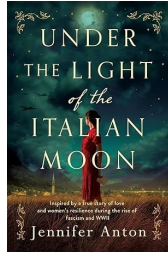


Pizza, Birra, e Vino

12th annual fundraiser at the Center  
**Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:30pm**  
Reserve early / limited to 60 guests  
**See enclosed flyer**

## Under the Light of the Italian Moon

Conversation with author Jennifer Anton, via Zoom, celebrating the fifth anniversary of the book and its translation to Italian. This will be a personal and intimate conversation about the journey behind the novel and how the story came to life, the years of research that shaped it, and what it has meant to bring it home to Italy in translation.



During the session, Jennifer will also explore the power of family history, and why uncovering and preserving these stories matters now more than ever. If you've ever wondered about your own roots, or felt drawn to the stories that live just beneath the surface of our families, you'll find this conversation meaningful.

After the Zoom talk, there will be a conversation circle to discuss documenting our own family histories: where to begin, what to include. Bring your stories.

You do not have to purchase the book to attend, but reading the book will bring more insight to this event.

Light refreshments. **Free to members; nonmembers \$10.** And donations always welcome. Please RSVP, online at nbicf.org or by leaving a message at (707) 591-9696.

**May 24, 2026** - Sunday, 1:00pm at the NBICF Center

### Messaggio dei Presidenti

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In May and June, we celebrate mothers and fathers. All our mammas and nonnas and papas and nonnos are very special to us, and because of their courage and sacrifices, we are all here today. The best way to honor them is to keep their stories and the culture they loved alive. For our members who are Italian lovers but not by birth, we cherish your participation in everything Italian.

Members, this is our third month in office and we are excited and honored to be guiding this organization, connecting you with each other and your heritage, and preserving Italian culture. In order to move forward with vibrancy, passion and meaning, we need you to be a part of this Mosaico with us. Your participation as volunteers, your input and ideas, and your financial support help us to keep the doors open at our Center on Brookwood Avenue, fund our Italian scholarships, and offer cultural events. We look forward to seeing and greeting you at our upcoming activities and we invite you to share your ideas and comments. You may email us at [nbicf2member@gmail.com](mailto:nbicf2member@gmail.com) or leave a message at 707-591-9696. Thank you all for your support.

Saluti, Susan Macaluso and René Berardi

### NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Steve Albini, Sonia Badalamenti, Allen Barbieri, René Berardi (Vice-President), Diane Bourassa (Treasurer), Breanna D'Argenzio-Tamburin, Gina Fortino Dickson, Sophia LoRé, Susan Macaluso (President), Don Malvestiti, Carole Stewart**  
Director Emeritus: Angelo Catelani

### *Benvenuti /Welcome*

**Mille grazie** to all those who have become **new members** as:  
**Individuals, Household, Patrons, or Students**

We look forward to meeting you at our future events.

**Thank you to all those  
who have renewed.**

If you still haven't renewed your membership, please go to  
**[nbicf.getcommunal.com/reset/password](http://nbicf.getcommunal.com/reset/password).**

If you are reading this and are not a member,  
we encourage you to join. Go to  
**[nbicf.getcommunal.com/memberships](http://nbicf.getcommunal.com/memberships).**

### For Information

**Incontro:** (conversation group) 10:30am: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays in person only; 2nd and 4th Saturdays in person and via Zoom: George Golfieri, [nbicf2member@gmail.com](mailto:nbicf2member@gmail.com)

**Italian Classes:** Emily Evans, (707) 874-2512

**La Piccola Scuola, North Bay:** Theresa Sabatino:  
(408) 343-9001 or [tmsabatino210@gmail.com](mailto:tmsabatino210@gmail.com)

**Membership:** René Berardi, [nbicf2member@gmail.com](mailto:nbicf2member@gmail.com)

**Nominations:** Gina Fortino-Dickson,  
[nbicf2member@gmail.com](mailto:nbicf2member@gmail.com)

**Office/Reservations:** leave a message at: (707) 591-9696

**Scholarships:** Gino Muzzatti,  
leave a message at [gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu](mailto:gmuzzatti@santarosa.edu)

**Volunteer Coordinator and Sunshine Cards:**  
JoAnn Piantanida, (707) 586-1167

**May 2, 2026** - Saturday, 11am - 2pm: **Marin County History Day** at Marin History Museum Boyd House Garden, 1125 B Street, San Rafael; Free admission. Food, crafts, exhibits. **NBICF will be there** celebrating heritage and community along with 25 other organizations. For more info: <http://marinhistory.org/community>

## Summer Italian Enrichment Camp for Kids.

La Piccola Scuola, Santa Rosa

9am-1pm, Monday-Friday, June 1 – August 14

Weekly programming. Aftercare available; sibling discount. For more information and to register: [tmsabatini210@gmail.com](mailto:tmsabatini210@gmail.com)

<https://lapiccolascuola.org>

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## Italian Culinary Art Camp

**Monday-Thursday August 3rd-6th.** Located at Cibo Rustico Pizzeria and D'Argenzio Winery, in Santa Rosa. Ages 5-12. Afternoons. Info and registration: <https://www.dargenziowinery.com/kids-summer-break-italian-camp>

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## Volunteer Corner

Mille grazie to all our fabulous volunteers: Janet Barocco, Vince Bianco, Peggy and Dino Boito, Gloria Bowers, Angie Camalli, Larry Dinelli, Barbara Fabrizio, Karen Ferrera, Riv Ferrera, Lynne Frenna, Carolyn Kenney, Lynn Koon, Claire Lucido, Marina Mariani, Lidia Montano, Mary Kay and Paul Pederson, Liz Perez, Sandra Persons, Rafael Rivera, Anna and Ed Rybat, Denise Scaglione, Nanette Simmons, Diane Toso, Lorraine Vijayakar, La Piccola Scuola; a special thanks to Carlo Soliván for his music.

## Scampagnata in July (TBA)

All suggestions for a location are welcome. Did you enjoy Lake Sonoma (Warm Springs Recreation Area) last time? Please leave a message at (707) 591-9696.

What is in season in Italy's gardens:

May: strawberries, fresh fava beans, peas.

June: cherries, zucchini flowers, early tomatoes.

## National Holidays in Italy

**May 1** – International Workers' Day (Primo Maggio)

**June 2** – Republic Day (Festa della Repubblica)

## Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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

Free admission \* Snacks \*

No reservations required.

Donations are kindly accepted.



**Showing Sunday, May 31, 2026**

### *La mia casa è piena di specchi*

(*My House is Full of Mirrors*), (2010) TV Movie

Although **this is Part II**, if you missed Part I you'll have no problem picking up the story because it is just a linear portrayal of Sophia Loren's life depicting love, betrayal, and broken dreams. It is the definitive autobiography about Sophia taken from a book written by her sister, Maria Scicolone. In Part I, Sophia portrays her mother, Romilda. In this segment she plays herself. In **Italian** with subtitles.



**Showing Sunday, June 28, 2026**

***Married to the Mob*** (1988) 1h 44m Comedy/Crime (R)

Angela de Marco (Michelle Pfeiffer) is fed up with her gangster husband's (Alec Baldwin) line of work and wants no part of the crime world. When her husband is killed for having an affair with the mistress of mob boss Tony "The Tiger" Russo (Dean Stockwell), Angela and her son depart for New York City to make a fresh start. Unfortunately, Tony has set his sights upon Angela -- and so has an undercover FBI agent (Matthew Modine) looking to use her to bust Tony. Everybody needs a good laugh about now! In English.



For information: 707-546-9654

Movies may vary due to availability.

Le parole del giorno (the words of the day)

La frittata di asparagi è un piatto primaverile delizioso.

(Asparagus frittata is a delicious spring dish.)

**Did You Know?** Italy is slightly larger than Arizona.

The thermometer is an Italian invention. The first one was made in 1612.

**Donations Wanted:** Laptop for office \* Flat screen TV for office - Leave a message at (707) 591-9696.



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### Upcoming NBICF Events

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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.



**Buona Festa della Mamma e felice Festa del Papà**  
**Happy Mother's Day / Happy Father's Day**  
**May 10 / June 21**



*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.*

Buon Compleanno

To all members with birthdays in:

***gennaio, febbraio, marzo, aprile,  
 maggio e giugno***

#### Thank you to our Business Members

**Cotati Accordion Festival**  
**Della Terra Oils**  
**Faloni Ranch**

**Italian Citizenship Assistance (ICA)**  
**Jamie Maletta W Real Estate**  
**Servico Building Maintenance Inc.**  
**Staged Right - Martine Piazza**  
**Taft Street Winery**  
**True Delicious Biscotti**  
**Whipper Snappers**  
**(Please support these businesses)**

Thank you to  
 Castello di Amorosa Winery  
 for donating 2 cases of their  
 fine wine.



#### **THANK YOU**

**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.

Donations, large or small amounts,  
 are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made via

**<https://nbicf.getcommunal.com>**

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



## *Pizza, Birra, e Vino*

*12th* annual fundraiser at the Center, dining *al fresco*

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:30pm

**Dinner includes:**

antipasti, all-you-can-eat pizza,  
salad, dessert, and complimentary wine or beer.  
(No outside alcoholic beverages allowed.)

**This event is limited to 60 guests**

The NBICF Pizza, Birra, e Vino annual event raises money for our scholarship programs and for the continuation of cultural events for the North Bay Italian Community.



**Reservations must be made by June 16, 2026.**

Pizza, Birra, e Vino - June 23, 2026 - 5:30pm

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Center, Chinn Street parking lot

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

Number of member(s) at \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guest(s) at \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations can be made online at: [nbicf.getcommunal.com/memberships](http://nbicf.getcommunal.com/memberships).

Or checks payable to NBICF, mail to 64 Brookwood Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

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