



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

I would like to thank all the members that attended the Winemaker Pranzo on June 2 at D'Argenzio Winery and Ray D'Argenzio, Breanna Tamburin, and Sofia LoRe for opening their winery and hosting the pranzo. A very big thank you to winemaker Sandro Tamburin, who presented the wines, and to Susan Macaluso, who planned the event with D'Argenzio Winery. Thank you to Board members Don Raimondi and Virginia Wilburn for their help and support. It was a fabulous day with friends, good food, and wine.

I am pleased to announce the recipients of the Sharie Sbrazza NBICF Florence study abroad scholarship for the 2024 spring semester. Congratulations to Sarah Joslyn-O'Rourke and Josua Pena. Each recipient was awarded a \$1,455 scholarship.

The Santa Rosa Junior college is in the process of awarding the Marianne Pedroncelli Scholarship (\$475.00) which is awarded to students of Italian studies and the Bill Mitchell and Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell Scholarship (\$900.00) which is awarded to students pursuing a career in teaching or Italian studies.

Since 1986, the Foundation has awarded 398 scholarships totaling \$134,260. For more information about the Foundation's scholarship programs or to make a donation, log on to www.nbicf.org/scholarships.

On July 4th Americans will celebrate the 248th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, ratified on July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia. The Declaration's great principle, "All Men are Created Equal", was paraphrased from an Italian physician Filippo Mazzei, a good friend of Thomas Jefferson. The original phrase written in an essay by Mazzei was "Tutti gli uomini sono per natura egualmente liberi e independenti" (all men are by nature equally free and independent). Thirty-one years after the ratification of the Declaration of Independence, Giuseppe Garibaldi was born on July 4, 1807 in Nice. Garibaldi was an Italian general, patriot, revolutionary, and republican. He contributed to the Italian unification and the creation of the Kingdom of Italy in 1860. He is considered one of the greatest generals of modern times and one of Italy's "fathers of the fatherland." He died in 1882 in Caprera, Kingdom of Italy.

A side note on Nice: at that time, Nice was part of the House of Savoy which became the kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia. Nice did not become a part of France until 1860 when it was handed over as part of the treaty of Turin.

Board member Virginia Smith has resigned from the Board of Directors effective May 30, 2024 for personal reasons. Virginia will be missed and the board appreciates her contributions and support to the Foundation. Virginia's term runs to 2025. If a member would like to join the board and serve out Virginia's term please contact me.

"Finche' c'è vita, c'è speranza." "As long as there is life there is hope."

Pizza, Birra, e Vino

10th annual fundraiser at the Center

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 5:30pm

See enclosed flyer.

Reserve early / limited to 60 guests

\$25.00



Happy Birthday America

Fireworks have been part of Independence Day in the United States since its first celebration in 1777. Back in 2009, New York City had the largest fireworks display in the country, with more than 22 tons of pyrotechnics. A few of the popular songs during the fireworks include: "The Star-Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "America the Beautiful", "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", and "This Land Is Your Land."

Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy

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

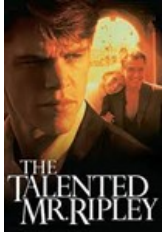
For information: 707-546-9654

Free - Snacks - No reservations required.

Donations are kindly accepted.

Showing Sunday, July 28, 2024

The Talented Mr. Ripley (1999) 2h 14m Thriller/Crime (R)

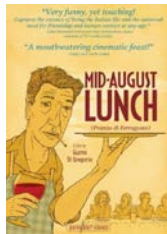


Set in the 1950s, a con artist is sent from New York City to Italy to convince a rich and spoiled playboy, to return home – however, after failing, Ripley takes extreme measures. Matt Damon, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett, and Gwyneth Paltrow. Apart from the beginning scenes filmed in **New York City**, the film was shot entirely on location in Italy. The cliffside resort town of **Positano** and various villages on the islands of **Ischia** and **Procida**, near **Naples**, were used to represent the fictional town of *Mongibello*. In English with spurts of Italian.

Showing Sunday, August 25, 2024

Mid-August Lunch (2008) 1h 15m Comedy (N/R)

Broke, and armed with only a wry sense of humor, middle-aged Gianni lives with his mother (93), in their old apartment. The debts are mounting, but if Gianni looks after the building manager's mother during the *Pranzo di Ferragosto*, Italy's biggest summer holiday, the rent will be forgiven. The other debt, Gianni has his hands full! In Italian with subtitles



Movies may vary due to availability.

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

Welcome

Membership News

Benvenuti

Welcome to our newest members of NBICF!

New Family Member

Bianca Di Pietro Mlekus

Evan and Audreana Lucido

Nina and Ben Oakley Hatchett

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Michael and Jeanette Matteucci

Brad Zanetti

New Business

Saena Iulia - Scuola di lingua e cultura Italiana

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

Buttitta Design - Patti Buttitta

CIBO Rustico Pizzeria

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CARE HOPE GOOD SPIRITS HEAL RECOVER

to members and their families who are not feeling well



Save the Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024



An afternoon **mini festival** at **D'Argenzio Winery** is being planned to **celebrate Italian Heritage Month**, and also to recognize the **40th anniversary of the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation** and the **10th anniversary of CIBO Rustica Pizzeria**.

Open to the public, there will be food, music, dancing, wine, books, espresso, crafts, bocce ball games, a children's corner and more. **To make this happen, we are calling on members to join in and help.**

What you could do: reach out to potential vendors to set up food, art, craft and gift tables (all Italian related). Solicit your favorite businesses for items for the silent auction. Assist with the promotion. Be on hand day of to help with set up, greeting visitors, and general operation.

What a wonderful opportunity to share our amazing culture and for all to experience the joys of Italy right here in Sonoma County!

Details will follow, but for the meantime, if you can volunteer, please contact either **George Golfieri**, George.zena65@gmail.com, or **Susan Macaluso**, suealda@aol.com. We will have written materials and guidelines for you to reach out to potential vendors and businesses. Together, let's create an Italian afternoon!

A condensed background story by Monica about our newest Business Member, **Saena Iulia School**

I'm a former Sebastopol resident of 55 years who found a work position in Siena. I arrived in Siena with limited Italian, having only heard it spoken by my immigrant grandparents. Months before my job began, I enrolled in a worldwide chain language school in Siena. The overcrowded class, summer heat, thin walls, noise, and tedious workbook exercises made it hard to learn.

I found **Saena Iulia School** after researching schools in the area. The school is located in the 1500s palace of the former mayor near the Duomo. I explained to the Director, my need to learn Italian fast and was tired of wasting my time. He said if I did not learn at Saena Iulia, then I would get my tuition back. I arrived for lessons the next morning.

The classes were very small and, after my first week, I had had 3 experienced teachers with three different approaches. Almost every evening, our homework was to attend an aperitivo, a meal or event with the teachers. We HAD to speak Italian. After 2 weeks I felt more confident in Italian.

Mangiamo Committee Chairperson Needed

Hello, this is Susan Cole, the Chairperson of the Mangiamo Committee. It has been a great privilege and pleasure to work with a wonderful group of volunteers to put on delicious dinners for our members for the past few years.

My term ends in December and we are looking for a new chairperson to work with the volunteers and to continue to provide our members with memorable meals. I will be with you during the transition period to help get you going. We have a chef, a bartender, a facility with a great kitchen, and experienced volunteers.

All we need is YOU.

Please let me know if you are interested or have questions.

Susan Cole
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The school lacks students, obviously because they don't advertise and rely only on word-of-mouth.

I feel I discovered a secret off-the-radar language school. I stayed another 6 weeks! (continues to next page)



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Upcoming Events

July 28, 2024- Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *The Talented Mr. Ripley*

July 30, 2024 - Tuesday, 5:30pm: *Pizza, Birra, e Vino*, dining *al fresco* at the NBICF Center.

August 25, 2024 - Sunday, 1:30pm: Sundays at the Center with Diane McCurdy, film: *Mid-August Lunch*

October 20, 2024 - Save the date –Mini festival to celebrate Italian Heritage Month, 40th anniversary of NBICF, 10th anniversary of CIBO Rustica Pizzeria at D’Argenzio Winery

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



(continue from page 3) They have only a website, with a useful Italian database. The staff seem to put all their effort into creating materials for their classes or database, since they don’t use a commercial textbook.

However, they still need to survive! Please help me get the word out about this school. The teachers treated me with an old-fashioned hospitality and attentiveness I wasn’t expecting. I found out later that it is the same language school that Pulitzer Prize author Hisham Matar (somehow found), and attended before he wrote his book, “A Month in Siena.”

As thanks to Saena Iulia School for helping me assimilate into Siena, I am giving them a business membership with NBICF. Mille Grazie, Saena Iulia staff e Buona Fortuna!

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

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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.

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.

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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Pizza, Birra, e Vino

10th annual fundraiser at the Center, dining *al fresco*

Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 5:30pm

Dinner includes:

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

\$25.00 per dinner

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 July 26, 2024.

Pizza, Birra, e Vino - July 30, 2024 - 5:30pm

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Center, Chinn Street parking lot

Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Number of guest(s) at \$25.00 _____

Email address _____

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