



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

Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri

Cari Amici,

The Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the **Marianne Pedroncelli Scholarship, \$475** and the **Bill Mitchell and Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell Scholarship, \$900 Funds**. The **Marianne Pedroncelli** Scholarship was awarded to **Mateo Moyano Marega** and the **Bill Mitchell and Jeanette Mancini-Mitchell** scholarship was awarded to **Duomiao Zhao**. Congratulations to both.

NBICF has granted **398** scholarships to deserving SRJC students since 1986 for a total of **\$134,260**.

I would like to thank the scholarship committee, **Gino Muzzatti** chair, **Virginia Kelley**, and **Emily Evans** for their hard work in reviewing scholarship applications.

For more information about the Foundation’s scholarship programs or if you would like to make a donation, log on to <https://nbicf.org/scholarships/>.

I would like to thank members who attended NBICF’s 10th annual “Pizza, Birra & Vino” party. It was nice to see members getting together to socialize and catch up with friends. There is nothing more Italian than enjoying pizza al fresco as one big family. I would like to thank the following people who made this party a success: **Don Raimondi** chair, **Susan Cole**, **Virginia Wilburn**, **Ginny Smith**, **Don Malvestiti**, **Gina Fortino-Dickson**, **Alan Barbieri**, **Carol Stewart**, **Rick McChinak** and **Richard McCinak**. Mille grazie to **Don Raimondi** who donated the pizza and **Al Barbieri** who donated the beer.

By proclamation in 1989 by the President and Congress, October was designated Italian-American Heritage month. This proclamation was established to honor the achievements of Italian immigrants and their descendants and their contributions in business, arts, science, and culture.

The North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation will celebrate its 40th year in Santa Rosa. To celebrate this milestone the Foundation and D’Argenzio Winery will be hosting a **Festa Italiana di Santa Rosa** on **Sunday October 20, 2024**, at **D’Argenzio Winery**. Volunteers are needed please see page 3, and refer to the enclosed flyer for further details.

Did you know that Columbus Day is one of America’s oldest holidays? First celebrated in the 18th Century in 1792 when the New York Society of Tammany honored Columbus on the 300th anniversary of his first voyage. According to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, America has more monuments to Columbus than any other nation in the world.



On **Saturday November 2, 2024**, NBICF will once again participate in **Sonoma County Finding History Day** presented by the Sonoma County Historical Society. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for further details. **NBICF historian, Kathy Dowdall**, will present information and displays on local Italian family history including the history of Little Italy on the west side of Santa Rosa. Please stop by the NBICF booth. Messaggio del Presidente - George Golfieri, continued to page 3.

Thank you to **Patti Buttitta** of **Patti Buttitta Designs**. Patti created the beautiful flyer for the Festa Italiana. Many years ago, Patti was the editor for Mosaico, and they always had a magical appearance. I miss your beautiful work and working with you. Marie



HELP! AIUTO!

Mangiamo Chair and Treasurer Needed for NBICF

Please contact: George at 707-843-3176, or you can leave a message at the office at 707-591-9696. Current Mangiamo Chair Susan Cole, can be reached at (707) 528-2710. Millie Grazie.

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, September 29, 2024

The Italian Job (2003) 1h 51m Action/Crime (PG)



A team is assembled for one last heist to steal \$35 million in gold bars from a heavily guarded safe in **Venice**. However, one member decides to double cross the others. He returns to Los Angeles, and the revenge begins! Parts of the movie were filmed in the Italian Alps, Venice, and Los

Angeles. The movie stars the late Donald Sutherland, Mark Wahlberg, Edward Norton and Charlize Theron. Mostly in English with spurts of Italian and Russian.

Showing Sunday, October 27, 2024

Mafia! (1998) 1h 24m Comedy/Crime (PG)

This is a hilarious comedy that follows the general outlines of the legendary "Godfather" movies. Vincenzo Cortino rules the underworld but when the time comes to choose the next Don a rivalry breaks out between his two sons: one a handsome war hero, the other a raving psychotic. Thus begins an epic saga of disorganized crime. This spoof of mobster movies offers entertainment that you can't refuse! Starring Lloyd Bridges and Christina Applegate. In English.



Movies may vary due to availability.

For Information:

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NBICF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

George Golfieri (President 707-843-3176)

Sonia Badalamenti, Allen Barbieri, Rene Berardi, Susan Cole, Gina Fortino Dickson, Susan Macaluso, Don Raimondi, Carole Stewart, Christl Unglaub, Les Villanyi (VP), and Virginia Wilburn

Director Emeritus: Angelo Catelani

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 Individual

Linda Farrell-Araque

Carolyn Kenney (welcome back)

Giancarlo Marcheschi (welcome back)

New Patron Member

Melanie and John D'Anna

New Business

Staged Right - Martine Piazza

Thank you to our Continuing Business Members

Buttitta Design - Patti Buttitta

CIBO Rustico Pizzeria

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D'Argenzio Winery

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to members and their families who are not feeling well

The Pasta Strainer

Every Italian kitchen has one of these or should have one of the most important utensils, the pasta strainer or “**scolapasta**”. Of course, it was invented in Italy, but unlike many other national inventions, there is no precise name or exact time to associate with it.

The earliest forms of the colanders or strainers are believed to have emerged from culinary practices of ancient Rome where they were utilized in wine making to process grapes.

If you want to find any historical reference to a pasta strainer, you need to go back to the year 1363 during the Renaissance, when a utensil called **caza lasagnaria** was used in Genova for straining their popular trenette and spaghetti dishes. However, it wasn't until 1570 that **Bartolomeo Scappi**, cook to the papal elite, immortalized the pasta strainer in his book **Opera Dell Arte Del Cucinare**, in what he termed the **foratoro**.

Over the years, the pasta strainer has evolved into the iconic hemispherical form, a design that remains a symbol of Italian culinary culture.



Excerpts of this article were taken from an article in the “Italo Americano. www.italoamericano.org. Grazie, George

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Author Kathleen Ann González will be at the Center, see flyer for reservations.

Nominations for new board members begin in September. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or would like to nominate a member, please contact me or any board member. A Director must be a member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year to be qualified to serve on the Board.

NBICF and D'Argenzio Winery present

Festa Italiana di Santa Rosa

Sunday, October 20, 2024 2-7pm

D'Argenzio Winery

Please see enclosed flyer for all the details

Let's celebrate:

Italian Heritage Month

The following anniversaries:

North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation - 40 years

D'Argenzio Winery - 30 years

CIBO Rustica Pizzeria - 10 years

To make this FREE event happen, we are calling on members to join in and help on the day of the event.

Some areas that are in need are:

Set up

Greet visitors

General help

Clean up.

This festival is also a **fundraiser for NBICF**. If you have a **service or item you would like to donate to the silent auction**, please contact us. This will help to raise funds to continue our mission, which includes the Scholarship Program for students studying the Italian language.

What a wonderful opportunity to share our amazing culture and for all to experience the joys of Italy right here in Sonoma County. Open to the public, Italian food, live music, wine, espresso, artwork, crafts, bocce ball, a family/children's corner and more.

To volunteer or donate to the silent auction, please contact either **George Golfieri**, George.zena65@gmail.com, or **Susan Macaluso**, suealda@aol.com or call her at 917-892-8652. Thank you. **Lavoriamo insieme.**

Lido Cantarutti presents the **2024 Italian Film Festival**, September 28 to November 2, 2024.

The Italian Film Festival is celebrating its 47th year.

All shows will take place at Angelico Concert Hall on the campus of Dominican University.

For full information on films and ticketing go to www.italianfilm.com





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Upcoming Events

September 29, 2024 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: ***The Italian Job***

October 6, 2024 - Sunday, 2-4 pm (doors open at 1:30)
Author Kathleen Ann González at the NBICF Center.

October 20, 2024 - Sunday, 2-7pm: **Festa Italiana di Santa Rosa**
 D'Argenzio Winery. 1301 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, CA.

October 27, 2024 - Sunday, 1:30pm: **Sundays at the Center** with Diane McCurdy, film: ***Mafia!***

November 2, 2024 - Saturday, 10am - 2pm: **Finding History Day**
 Veterans Memorial Building. 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA.

Save the dates for upcoming NBICF Dinners:

November 14, 2024, (Thursday) and December 13, 2024, (Friday)

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE OR OCCUPANT



Columbus Day

October 14, 2024

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.



Still looking for a **Treasurer** - Contact George for further information about the position.

Still need a replacement **Mangiamao Chair** - Contact Susan Cole or George. George and Susan's phone numbers are on page 1. You can also leave a message at the NBICF office (707) 591-9696.

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 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.



North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation & D'Argenzio Winery

PRESENT



FESTA ITALIANA

di SANTA ROSA

October 20, 2024 2–7pm

An afternoon of La Dolce Vita in an urban winery village!

Vendors with Italian food, gelato, biscotti, wine and espresso.
Italian pottery, artworks, hand-crafted cutting boards, Murano jewelry, olive oil, and more.

Music and Dancing!

Sonamó Band—funk music with an Italian backbone,
accordionist/singer Steve Albini, Sicilian folksinger Michela Musolino, and other musicians.

- Silent auction • Bocce ball • Kid/family corner with Italian-themed activities

**Celebrate North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation 40 years,
D'Argenzio Winery 30 years and Cibo Rustico Pizzeria 10 years.**

ADMISSION IS FREE

For more information: www.nbicf.org or www.dargenziowinery.com



D'ARGENZIO WINERY, 1301 CLEVELAND AVENUE, SANTA ROSA 95401



Lecture at the Center

Author Kathleen Ann González

Sunday, October 6, 2024

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 will be available for purchase.**

Reservations must be made by September 24, 2024.



Prepaid Reservations Only

Author Kathleen Ann González

Sunday, October 6, 2024 2pm-4pm, doors open at 1:30pm

NBICF Center 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Free Admission. Donations gratefully appreciated.

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.

A Celebration of Sonoma County's Unique Past

Finding History Day 2024

**Saturday
November 2
10am - 2pm**

Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue
Santa Rosa

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Presented by the Sonoma County Historical Society
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