



ALTRE VOCI

THE E-NEWSLETTER OF THE ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

January - February 2023

Save the Dates for these Upcoming Winter Events:

LA FESTA DELLA BEFANA
(Sunday, Jan. 8 @ 1:00 - 3:30pm)

'SEE ITALY' TRAVEL TALK
(Sunday, Jan. 15 @ 1:30pm)

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM "FROM THE VINE"

(Friday, Jan. 20 @ 7:30pm)

LITTLE ITALY DOCUMENTARY "THE HILL"

(Sunday, Jan. 29 @ 1:30pm)

FILM BIOGRAPHY "RUDOLPH VALENTINO"

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(Friday, Feb 17 @ 7:30pm)

TRAVEL FILM "THE GREAT LAKES OF ITALY"

(Sunday, Feb. 26 @ 2:00pm)

"LA FESTA DELLA BEFANA"
Sunday, January 8 at 1:00 pm

A Children's Holiday Celebration

Each January, the Italian Cultural Society holds a children's Festival, "La Festa della Befana" for the children of the Italian community of Sacramento...

The Italian Cultural Society
Presents
A Children's Holiday Festival



*“La Festa
Della
Befana”*

**Sunday, January 8, 2023
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

Children 16 & Under Free, Adults \$10
At The Italian Center: 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael 95608

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THIS
MAGICAL HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL!

*Puppet Show • Free Craft Booths
Children's Books and La Befana T-Shirts for sale
Folk Dance Performance by the Children's 'Bambini' Dancers
Italian Biscotti, Dolci and Panettone Snacks*

* PLUS A VISIT FROM LA BEFANA WITH
A GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD *

1:00 pm • DOORS OPEN - COME EARLY!
1:30 pm • Performance by the BAMBINI DANCERS
2:30 pm • “The Legend Of La Befana” Show

Please call (916) 482-5900 for more information

One of Italy's oldest and most renowned legends **“The Legend Of La Befana”** is honored with special events throughout Italy on this holiday. In Sacramento and other Italian communities in the United States it has been a tradition to celebrate the day with a children's festival.

On January 8, 2023, **La Befana** will visit the children of Sacramento with her basket of gold chocolate coins and a special gift for each child. The entire family is invited to this fun and unique celebration featuring the **La Befana** Puppet Show, special performances by the Italian Cultural Society's children and

teen folk dance troupe the *Bambini Dancers*, crafts tables, and plenty of delicious and traditional Italian treats (*dolce*) & cookies (*biscotti*) and panettone.

Be sure to take a memorial photo with La Befana at the photo booth and browse the Italian themed children's books, keepsake Befana T-shirts and other items for purchase.

Donations of Italian cookies are always appreciated for the traditional Italian treats served to the children and the adults. Please contact Kasey Bierwirth at kaseybrad@hotmail.com if you would like to bring cookies or holiday treats.

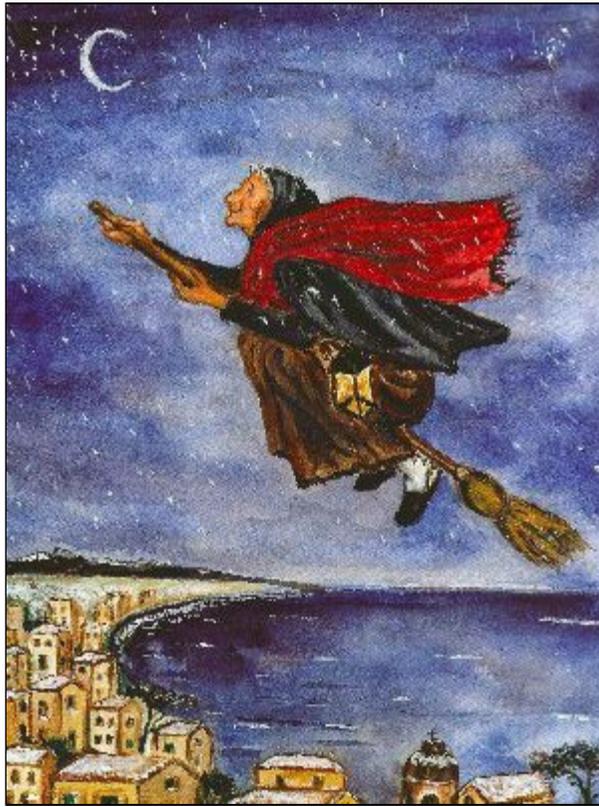


On January 7th, the children of Italy go to bed hoping the kind old lady they call “La Befana” visits them like Santa Claus (Babbo Natale) and leaves presents for those who are good.

The Epiphany Feast, or “La Befana,” is an important part of the Christmas celebrations in Italy. One of Italy’s oldest and most renowned legends, “La Befana,” is honored with special events throughout Italy on this holiday. Many cities organize festivals and parades to celebrate La Befana on January 6th, the Epiphany Feast. Sacramento and other cities across the U.S. celebrate the “Legend of La Befana” with children’s festivals, encouraging children in the Italian-American communities to celebrate this annual cultural

event together.

On January 8th La Befana will visit the children of Sacramento with her basket of gold chocolate coins and a special gift for each child.



[Click to Read More About Festa Della Befana!](#)

OTHER UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

All Events Held at The Italian Center

Located At:

6821 FAIR OAKS BLVD, CARMICHAEL CA 95608
(Between Stanley and Landis Avenues)

“SEE ITALY TRAVEL TALK “
Sunday, January 15 at 1:30 pm

with Travel Director Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti



Italy is one of the world's most popular travel destinations.

Join the Italian Cultural Society's Travel Director, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, for a free travel talk and a virtual tour of Italy's most beautiful regions.

Patrizia was born in Lucca, Italy where she currently lives and works part of the year. Patrizia has taught Italian for 35 years, she has published language and travel books and dozens of articles about Italy and Italian travel. Since 1986, she has escorted groups of every size to Italy. In 2005, she received the "Stella della Soliedarietà Italiana" (an award of knighthood) in recognition of her contributions to Italian culture.

This free seminar showcases all of Italy from The Northern Italian Lakes and Tuscany to Sicily. Following the virtual presentation, Patrizia will give travelers cultural insights and practical information about travel in Italy and highlight her upcoming tours. There

will also be a question-and-answer session.

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED / DOORS OPEN AT 1pm



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ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE FILM DOCUMENTARY

**"THE HILL,
ST. LOUIS' ITALIAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD"
Sunday, January 29 at 1:30 pm**

at the Italian Center

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 1:00p

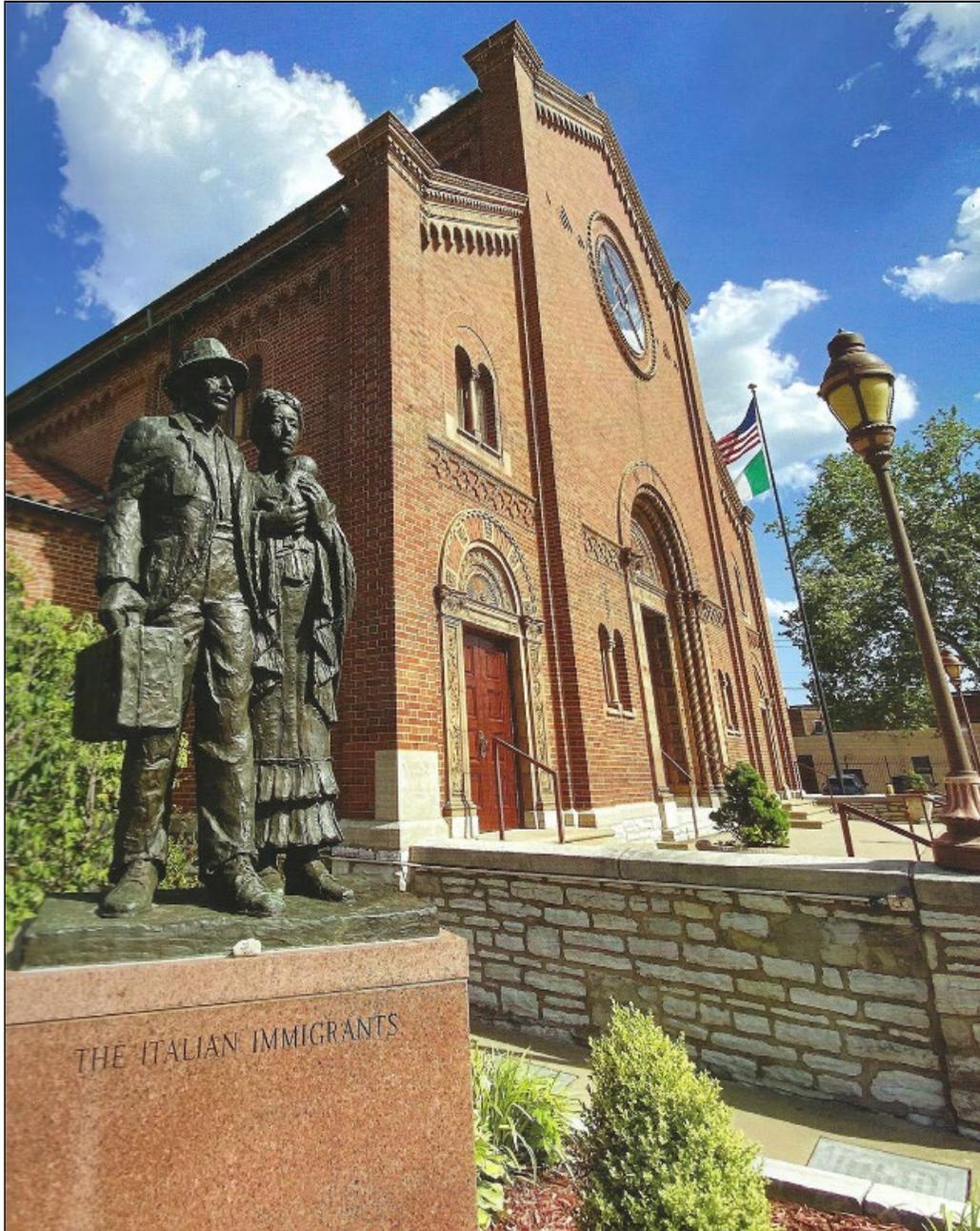


PHOTO ABOVE: *In 1972 a seven foot bronze statue was installed at St. Ambrose Church depicting the arrival of a young Italian immigrant family of the early 1900's*

In the late 1800s, Italians immigrated from Lombardy, Genoa, Piedmont and

Sicily to St. Louis in search of the American Dream resulting in one of the largest Italian American neighborhoods in the United States today - "The Hill."

Here they started their own businesses, built their own church, and created a self-sufficient "city within a city." While similar Italian immigrant neighborhoods have struggled, "The Hill" has remained an enduring community with a rich cultural heritage. The original immigrants made it a unique place and second-generation Italian Americans carried on the Italian heritage of the area and are passing the neighborhood's legacy on to new generations of Italian Americans. Many family-owned businesses are run by third & fourth generations.

This historical documentary highlights the heritage of this close-knit neighborhood by looking at its past, present, and future. To many, "The Hill" in St. Louis is an Italian neighborhood known for its acclaimed restaurants, grocery stores, shotgun style houses, and bakeries. Its name derives from the early Italian immigrants who trudged home from their back-breaking jobs on an incline they called "La Montagna" (The Mountain)." The area gave the world such baseball greats as Lawrence "Yogi" Berra and Joe Garagiola.

The Hill acknowledges its Italian heritage using the colors of the Italian flag. Green, white and red fire hydrants dot the community and light poles with metal logos in the Italian colors mark the boundaries of the neighborhood. A "Monument to the Italian Immigrants" stands next to the Italian Church founded in 1903.

The Little Italy Historic District of Sacramento was established by early Italian immigrants and recognized in 2021 for its continuing sense of identity. Today the little Italy section of East Sacramento's Italian neighborhood is marked by colorful Little Italy signs on light poles.

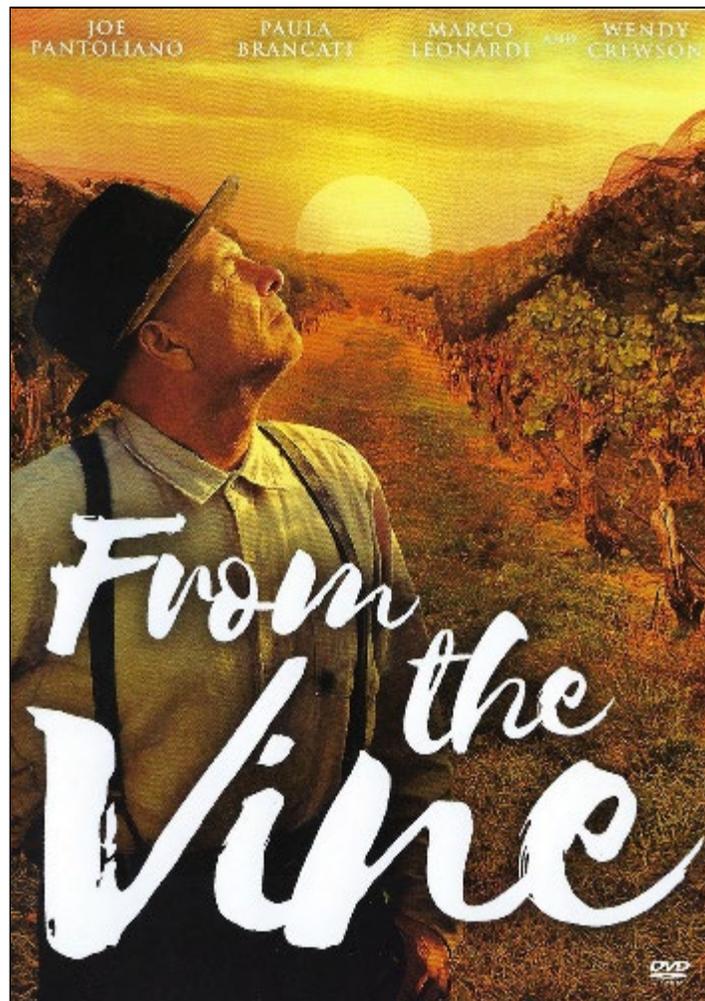
Join the Italian Cultural Society for this film documentary visit to one of Americans best Italian neighborhoods in the country.



FRIDAY NIGHT ITALIAN FILM SERIES

"FROM THE VINE"
Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm
at the Italian Center

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 7:00p



"From the Vine" is a 2019 mid-life crisis drama, directed by Sean Cisterna, and based on the novel "Finding Marco" by Kenneth Canio Cancellara. It stars Joe Pantoliano as Marco Gentile, a burned-out business executive who gives up on the corporate rat race, and moves his family to Italy to revive his grandfather's vineyard in Acerenza, in the region of Basilicata. The film, which premiered in 2019 at the Italian Contemporary Film Festival in Toronto, tells the story of a downtrodden man who travels back to his hometown to recalibrate his moral compass. There he finds new purpose in reviving his grandfather's old vineyard, offering little Acerenza a sustainable future, and reconnecting with his estranged family in the process.

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 7:00p

FILM BIOGRAPHY

"RUDOLPH VALENTINO - THE GREAT LOVER"

Sunday, February 12 at 1:30 pm

at the Italian Center

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 1:00p



From St. Valentine in 200 AD and Giacomo Casanova in the 1700s, through Marcello Mastroianni, Gina Lollobrigida, Rosano Brazzi, and Sophia Loren to Fabio, the image of Italians as romantic lovers has a long legacy. But Hollywood's top Italian male sex symbol was the legendary actor Rudolph Valentino. Arriving in New York as an 18 year old immigrant from Apulia, Italy in 1913, he became Hollywood's top star at the peak of the silent film era in the 1920's. Famous for his dark looks and onscreen passions he rose to the status of a living legend and remains Hollywood's greatest screen Lover. The most famous of Valentino's films are "The Sheik" and "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," both made in 1921. His performance in the "The Sheik" made him an instant superstar and male sex symbol. In the annals of Cinema and American culture he is celebrated as the quintessential "Latin Lover." After his untimely death at the age of 31 in 1926, an estimated 100,000 people lined the streets of Broadway in Manhattan, New York, to pay their respects at his funeral. This film biography presents the life of Valentino.

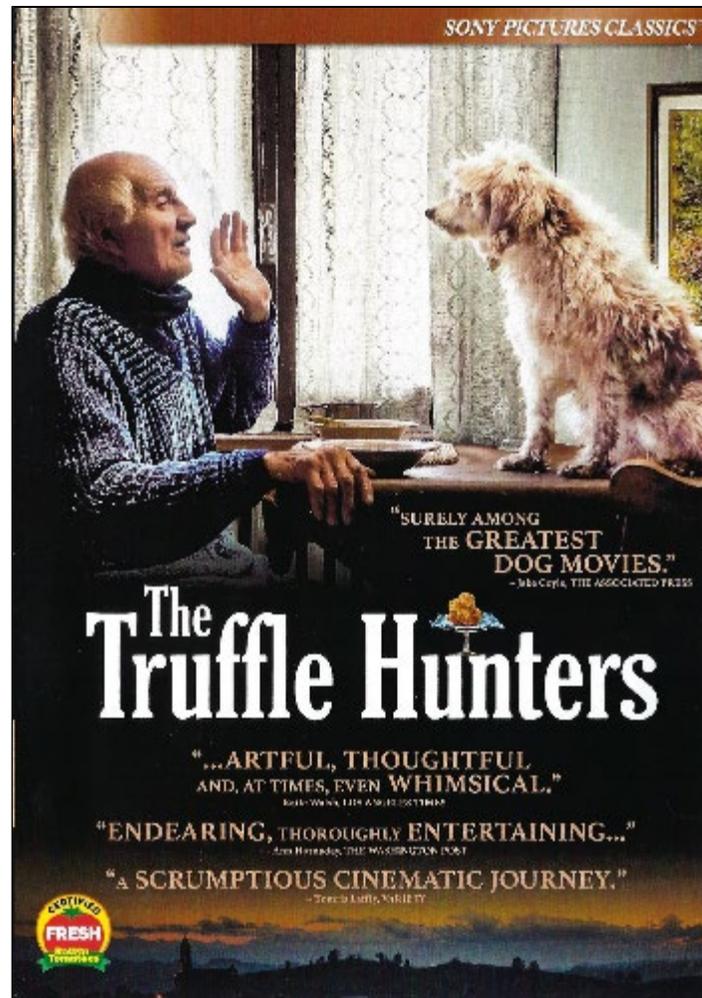
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FRIDAY NIGHT ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

"THE TRUFFLE HUNTERS"
Friday, February 17 at 7:30 pm

at the Italian Center

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 7:00p



"Truffle Hunters" is a 2020 docudrama directed and produced by Michael Dweck and Gregory Kershaw. It follows a group of aging men hunting in the woods, for a prized quarry, the Alba truffle. The story takes place deep in the forests of Piedmont, Italy, where a handful of 70 to 80 year old men hunt for the rare and expensive white Alba truffle—which to date has resisted all of modern science's efforts at cultivation. They're guided by a secret culture and training passed down through generations, as well as by the noses of their cherished and expertly-trained dogs. They live a simpler, slower way of life, in harmony with their loyal animals and

their picture-perfect land, seemingly straight out of a fairy tale. The demand for white truffles increases year after year, even as the supply decreases. As a result of climate change, deforestation, and the lack of young people taking up the mantle, the truffle hunters' secrets are more coveted than ever. However, as it soon becomes clear, these ageing men may just hold something much more valuable than even this prized delicacy: The secret to a meaningful life.

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 7:00p

SEE ITALY TRAVEL FILM

"THE GREAT LAKES OF ITALY"
Sunday, February 26 at 1:30 pm

at the Italian Center

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 1:00p



Northern Italy is blessed with some of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Among them are Lago Di Como and Lago di Garda. Today, our video journey will take us on a visit to both.

Nestled among Italy's towering Alps, Lake Como is Italy's most famous Lake and is surrounded by natural splendor, stunning Villas and picturesque towns like Como and the village of Bellagio, considered the "pearl of Lake Como" with its stone streets and shops. We will visit them and the gardens of Villa Carlotta and Villa Melzi, two of the amazing Villas with lush gardens that Lake Como is known for.

With Rocky Ridges, unique islands and vast stretches of water, Italy's Lake Garda is one of the larger lakes in the Alpine region. We will explore the lake and its Fortress city of Sirmione. We will also visit the lakes neighboring vacation spots including Verona, considered the most roman of the Italian cities because of its famous Roman Arena and also home to Romeo and Juliet's balcony. Then on to Venice, and the areas Italian Renaissance castles and Roman Villa's. The Italian Cultural Society's "ITALY: The Beautiful Tour" in September visits both lakes and Venice by private motorboat, as well a day in Verona.

Admission \$10 / Refreshments Included / Doors Open at 1:00p

Italian Heritage Day Luncheon - A Celebration of Italian-American Heritage



This year's Italian Heritage Day celebration during the Columbus Day Holiday was an inspiring return for this Society premier event. We saw a sell put crowd attend marking the return of our annual events at the Italian Cultural Center.

It was a big day for the Italian community to again celebrate its heritage on Columbus Day after a two-year postponement. It was a special occasion and those who attended were glad to be back at the Italian Center and socializing again.

It was a big event for the Society volunteers who came together again to prepare the antipasto and wine tables at the beginning of the event, followed by a special film showcasing the Italian American musical heritage with popular Italian singers of the past, followed by a cooking demonstration on "How To Make The Best Tiramisu," and then a Raffle, and a sumptuous Italian luncheon with all the pasta and dessert favorites and lots of wine while dining on the Italian Center terrace overlooking a park setting. The weather was perfect.

Let's just say there was a lot of food prepared by our volunteers and no one went home hungry. You would expect nothing less from a bunch of Italians hosting a celebration of heritage and tradition. We made our heritage proud and that is what we try to do with every activity put on by the Society.

We hope this coming out event is the first of many to come. And we hope our community continues to preserve and celebrate our traditional holiday with the Italian Cultural Society.

The Society would like to thank its volunteers for bringing this event back to life and for the dedication and hard work that went into making this a special day.

BRAVO for the contributions of our Society volunteer team: Vincenzo Cerruti, Bill Cerruti, Barbara Pansa, Phyllis Cupparo, Kasey Bierwirth, Doris Beckert, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, Donna Villano, Annie Cross, Marco Cerruti, Paula Bravo and Diana Quilici. (Photo at top)



PHOTOS ABOVE: *Barbara Pansa's Tiramisu demonstration for the guests*

Open House at the Italian Center



Our Saturday Open House on October 15 saw both of the Society dance troupes perform in their colorful regional costumes. Our Bambini dancers performed in Carmichael Park behind the Italian Center at the Bocce Court Recognition event and our Balliamo dancers put on a show in the Center's main room.

The purpose of the Open House was to enable people to explore the Italian Center and discover the magic of its beauty and its exhibits. The Society houses several unique Italian American historical exhibits on display. One of the major exhibits on permanent display is the 1999 exhibit, ***“Nostra Storia (Our History): The Italian Legacy in The Mother Lode,”*** which chronicles the arrival of the Italians in California during the Gold Rush of the 1850's. Another more recent exhibit created in 2018 entitled ***“A Legacy of Service: Italian American Legislators in the California State Legislature,”*** tells the story and contributions of the 50 plus Italian Americans that have served in the California State Legislature.

One of the most popular photo exhibits at the Center is the 1991 ***Gli Italiani di Sacramento (Italians of Sacramento) Exhibit,*** which portrays the history of the Italians in Sacramento during the 20th century. Local Italians can often find family relatives of the not-so-distant past in this historic photo collection.

The Halls and Rooms at the Italian Center in Carmichael are adorned with historical photographs, and cultural art and historic posters that reflect the Italian cultural heritage. The Society maintains archives in support of these exhibits.



PHOTO ABOVE: (l) *The Bambini Dancers* and (R) *Balliamo!*

"La Nostra Storia" The Italian Legacy in the Mother Lode

ITALIAN HERITAGE & COMMUNITY

(On display now at the Italian Cultural Center)



PHOTO ABOVE: *The Amador County Columbus Day Parade Float, c. 1890*

The story of the American West would be incomplete without telling the story of the Italian settlement of the West. This is especially true of California and the settlement of the Gold Country counties of the Mother lode of Northern California.

The Italians were one of the earliest and most important groups to settle in the California foothills of the Sierra Nevada referred to as the “Mother Lode.” The Italian settlement in the Mother Lode began with the Gold Rush of the 1850s. From the 1850s through the 1880s and into the 20th century, Italian immigrants from Northern Italy, primarily from the area around Genoa in the region of Liguria, settled in large numbers in the Mother Lode counties of California’s Gold Country. By 1856, the Italian Consul in California could report “there is not a village in California where the Italians are not well represented.

The Italians came early in the States history. Lured by the promise of land and gold, the early Italian pioneers of California came to stay. Here they could use the traditional skills of their cultural heritage to develop the land and the region. Their descendants still carry on the traditions brought to early California by the people from Italy.

PHOTO BELOW: *The Garibaldi Sisters on their way to town, Amador County, 1911*



Beginning with the Gold Rush, Italian miners played an important role in the mining industry. By the turn of the century the Italians were the among largest of the European groups in the mines. The early Italian miners left their legacy in historic places with names like ***Italian Bar, Italian Camp, Italian Diggings, The Italian Mine,*** and the ***Italian Trail.***

Many of the Italian immigrants were woodcutters and stone masons. The landscape was covered by the cabins of Italian woodcutters who split the wood to make the charcoal used in the mining forges. They brought their skill in working with stone from Liguria, a rugged and mountainous land. The old stone terraces on today's Gold Country ranches and along its roadsides are a reminder of this cultural tradition.

Many Italians turned to farming and operated agricultural enterprises to feed the local population, which was isolated from major population centers. By the 1860's, Italian Gardens were operated throughout the Mother Lode. Italians were among the early wine makers in the Sierra foothills and introduced dry farming techniques from Italy to grow grapes.

A large number of Italian pioneer families made their living off cattle ranching and the foothills are dotted with Italian family ranches to the present day. One of the cultural traditions brought to the Gold Country by the Italian immigrants was the tradition of baking bread in outdoor stone ovens, a vital part of Italian culture, and which still operate where the Italians settled.

PHOTO BELOW: *Italian Ladies' Motorbike Outing, Amador County, 1910*



In the rural settlements of the foothills, miners and single men often lived in boarding houses owned and operated by fellow Italians. Many Italian merchants have operated businesses, mines, and general stores in the Mother Lode from the Gold Rush to the present.

The Italian immigrants also established their own cultural communities wherever they settled. A number of Italian organizations serve the Italians in the Mother Lode. The Italian benevolent Society established in 1881, holds an annual "Italian Festa" At its own " Italian Society Park at Sutter Hill in Amador County.

The story of these immigrants and the communities they established is often lost in the tales of the other groups who came to California but the Italians gave the Gold Country a distinctly Italian flavor that lingers to this day and their descendants continue to carry on the traditions of the people that came from Italy.

The exhibit, NOSTRA STORIA , tells the story of the Italian settlers to the "Mother Lode." and the more than 150 year legacy they have left in shaping the life of the California Gold Country. The contributions of the Italians are often unrecognized left out of the history books. This exhibit is our effort to preserve and safeguard this distinctive legacy.



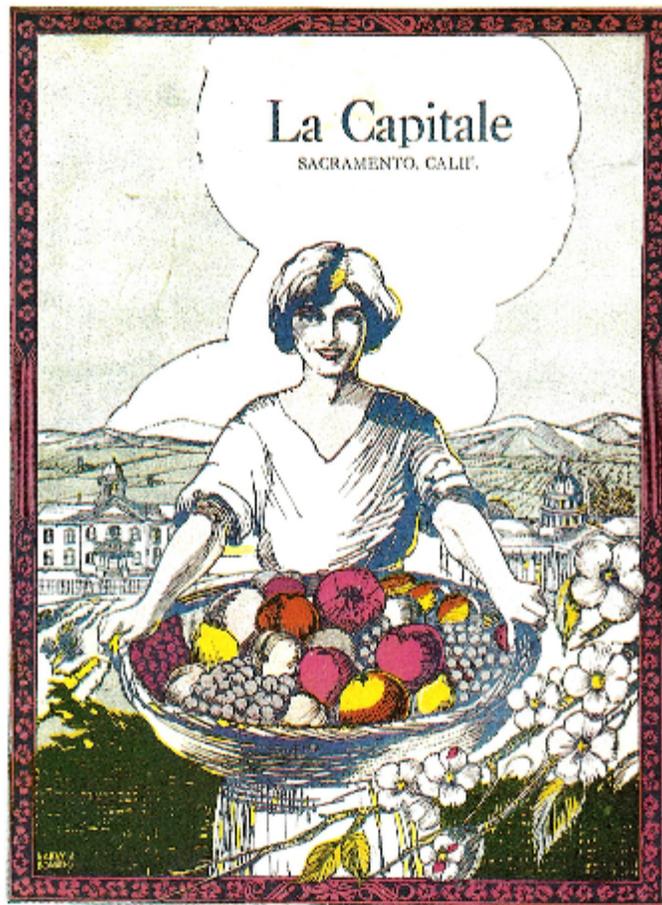
PHOTO ABOVE: *The Seven Sisters arrived in Coulterville, Merced County, from Liguria in 1853*

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"Gli Italiani di Sacramento" The Italians of Sacramento Exhibit

FAMILY, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

(On display now at the Italian Cultural Center)



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SACRAMENTO

Family, Culture, and
Community

PHOTO ABOVE: *The spring 1923 cover of Sacramento's Italian newspaper, 'La Capitale.'* In Sacramento, 'La Capitale' was published from 1905 until it was discontinued during the WWII restrictions on Italian Americans and their language and community publications.

One of the main exhibits at the Italian center on display is: ***"Gli Italiani Di Sacramento / The Italians of Sacramento: Family, Culture and Community."*** This exhibit was sponsored by the Italian Cultural Society with the Sacramento History Museum and presented to the public in 1991 at the Sacramento History Museum after a one-year project by the Society collecting the history of the Italian community in Sacramento. As a result of the project, a one-hundred-page book was written and published by the Sacramento County Historical Society to document this history.

Like other ethnic groups, Italian settlement in California began with the Gold Rush. In this time of great opportunity, they played a vital role in shaping the future destiny of the Golden State. Many of California's basic industries such as banking, fishing, farming, and wine making were created by Italian immigrants. These industries provided jobs and a means of advancement in American society.

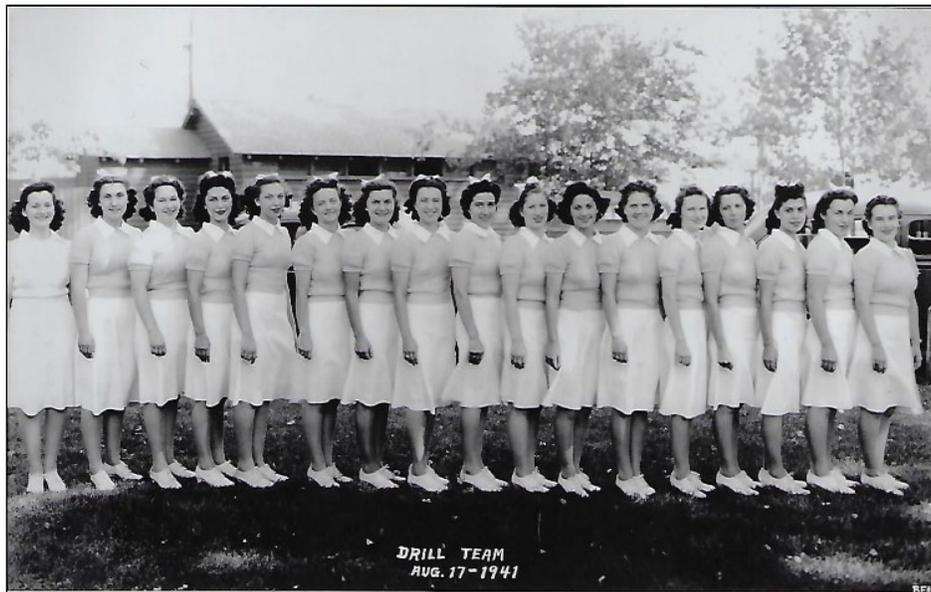
From their arrival during the Gold Rush the Italian presence in California has been strong. In California, Italians have become one of the largest ancestral groups today and constitute more than a million and a half residents. The enterprise and success of Italian immigrants in Sacramento is a unique legacy. **“Gli Italiani di Sacramento”** is a tribute to those who left the homeland for this region, and it is our hope that this exhibition will provide a greater awareness about our Italian heritage and a vision for the future Italians of Sacramento “. (Bill Cerruti, Executive Director, Italian Cultural Society)

“The Italians brought with them and maintained a culture, whose values are tied to family, to culture, and to community. That is their legacy. This is what I hope **Gli Italiani di Sacramento** reflects and what I hope will be passed on to future generations of Sacramentans. (Bruce Pierini, Exhibit Curator.)

The following photographic collection, edited by Robert Perricone, is from the Italians of Sacramento exhibit which is currently on display at the Italian Center.

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PHOTOS ABOVE: *Harry Puccinelli and Libera Rolla at the Hippodrome performance of 'I Promessi Sposi' (The Betrothed) in Sacramento, 1915 and The St. Mary's Italian Catholic Federation Drill Team in 1941*

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The Bambini Dancers' Annual Holiday Party at the Italian Center



PHOTO ABOVE: *The Bambini inaugural performance at CalExpo, August 1997*

On December 2, the Italian Cultural Society's Bambini Dancers held their annual Christmas party at the Italian Center. The Society is truly blessed by the participation of so many young families and their children with the Bambini dance program. Over the decades many young children and families from the Italian American community have had the chance to get in touch with their Italian heritage through our Italian dance program for children.

The Bambini program has continued to flourish throughout the years reflecting the continuing interest of parents in preserving the traditions of their Italian heritage. From their inaugural appearance at Festa Italiana in 1997 at Cal Expo (the California State Fairgrounds) with 31 children, the Bambini Dancers have been a source of joy to all those who have had the

opportunity to see them perform. The smiles and exuberance they express during their performances is infectious and enough to show how important it is to these young kids to dance in public to welcoming crowds and beaming parents. They are not shy. Their next performance will be at our annual Children's Festival- "La Festa della Befana"- on January 8, 2023, at the Italian Center. The public is invited. Stop by to see this one-of-a-kind children's dance group perform as part of the event.

The Bambini Dancers are always looking for new dancers from 5 to 18 to join them. To sign up your child or to book them to perform, visit their website at icsbambini.com or email dance coach Diana Quilici at icsbambini@gmail.com

[Click to Watch the Bambini Dancers Perform at SF Giants](#)

PHOTOS BELOW: (L) *Dancers Performed at SF Giants Italian Heritage Day, c. 2015*
(R) *The Bambini Dancers in 2008*



"Sacramento Italian Style"
THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN RADIO SHOW SINCE 1988
(Sundays at Noon on KUBU Radio 96.5 FM)



"Italian Americans have created a musical legacy that endures and is a source of pride to Italian Americans."

Listen to the best of our Italian musical heritage each week with radio hostess Phyllis Cupparo and special guests. Phyllis is the producer of the Society's Sunday radio show, 'Sacramento Italian Style' and has compiled years of Italian and Italian-American music for our enjoyment. Specially themed shows are often broadcast, like during the holiday season, to enhance the listening experience.

Italian-Americans have created a musical legacy that endures and is a source of pride to Italian-Americans. This musical heritage can be heard on Italian-American Radio Shows around the nation.

[CLICK TO READ: The Italian American Music Decade: 1947-1964](#)

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THIS HOLIDAY SEASON CELEBRATE YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE**



Give A Gift To The Italian Center

Christmas and New Year are a good time to put the Italian Cultural Society on your gift list and make a tax-deductible donation.

This year marks the 41st Anniversary of the Italian Cultural Society. We invite you to join with our community of donors with a year-end gift. Your Donation will directly support our mission to keep the Italian Heritage alive

We are counting on you to help us continue the good work of the Society on behalf of the Italian community

Remember, your donation will be recognized in the newsletter of the Italian Cultural Society and can be made in the name or honor of a loved one or other dedication or occasion.

Take this opportunity to make a gift in the name of these famous Italian artists; *Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello, Raffaello, Botticelli, or Giotto*



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Contact the Italian Cultural Society by email at: italy1@surewest.net or call us at 916-482-5900. You can also visit our website at italiancenter.net for further directions on making a donation or to download a Statement Of Future Form.

Your Gift will make a lasting legacy to help keep our Italian Culture alive.

*Grazie To All Who Made Donations to
The Italian Cultural Society*

We Are Grateful for the Following Contributions:

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We would like to acknowledge the generous donation from
Joan Cortopassi and the Cortopassi Family Foundation
In Memory Of Dean (Dino) Cortopassi. The Cortopassi family have been among
our most loyal and generous benefactors to the Italian Center.

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LOYAL SUPPORTER; *In Honor Of ICS; "You Do So Much For Our People!"*

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JANET MATTHEWS; *In Memory of Philadelfo & Concetta (Incontro) Stuto*

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MICHAEL PETRUCCI; *In Memory of our mother Joan Petrucci*

GIOTTO CIRCLE

RICHARD ROSE; *In Memory of our John Ferrero*

Special Membership Offer!
You're Invited To Become A Member



Dear Amici,

We hope you have enjoyed being a part of our Italian American community.

For over 40 years, the Italian Cultural Society has provided our community with the best cultural programs which reflect out Italian traditions and preserve and advance our heritage. Our record of accomplishments has made a difference for the Italian American community. From the many historical exhibits sponsored by the Society to tell our story now on display at the Italian Center, to the unique children's language and dance programs offered to our community, the Society has successfully served the cultural needs of Italian Americans.



Along the way, the Society has become a leading cultural institution. From humble beginnings, the Society has made a difference in achieving the goals and aspirations of the Italian people and building a brighter future for them.

Our accomplishments include the creation of unique historical exhibits that span the Italian American settlement of northern California's Mother Lode during the California Gold Rush of the 1850's to the creation of the present day "Little Italy Historic District." in East Sacramento in 2021.



The Society led the charge to build the modern Italian Cultural Center of Northern California in Sacramento in 2007, after conducting a 10-year fund raising campaign. The Italian Center now showcases our language and cooking classes, films, exhibits, dance troupes, lectures, library and festival celebrations. It is the Center of Italian Life in the region and where we carry on our time-honored traditions and heritage and share them with the community.

On top of all that, the Society has become the advocate and voice for the Italian American community in the region with its defense of our good name and reputation.

The best way to help us advance our community, maintain the Italian Center, fund new cultural initiatives, and protect our rich heritage is to become a member or donor.

Join Now and receive your own Official Italian Cultural Society Membership Card as well as new membership gifts the Society is offering. Becoming a member is easy. Join online by visiting our website at italiancenter.net

Bill Cerruti,
Executive Director



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\$40 Senior or Student

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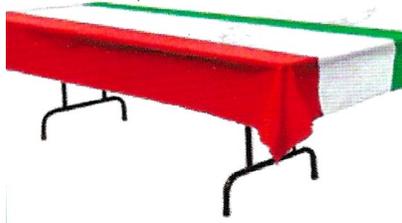
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\$75 AMICI

*Receive all of the above PLUS Italian Flag
Tablecloth
(green, white & red plastic, 108"L x 54"w)*

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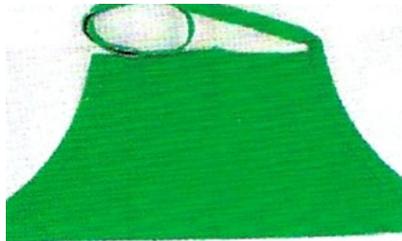


CONTRIBUTORE MEMBERSHIP

\$125 CONTRIBUTORE

*All the above PLUS Set of 8 Italian Flag green, white
& red Plates with 16 napkins and the Italian Flag
Tablecloth*

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BENEFATTORE MEMBERSHIP

\$250 BENEFATTORE

*Receive all the above PLUS a 24" Green, white &
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The success of our Italian American organizations like the Society depend on the support of the Italian community.

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