

ITALIAN FAMILY **FESTA** S a n J o s e

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to this special edition of our newsletter as we proudly celebrate the 44th Annual Italian Family Festa!

For more than four decades, the Italian American Heritage Foundation has hosted the Italian Family Festa that has brought together generations of families, friends, neighbors, and visitors to celebrate the rich traditions of our Italian culture. What began as a community gathering has grown into a cherished annual event that showcases the values that define us -heritage, family, hospitality and, of course, exceptional food.

This year's Festa promises to be another unforgettable celebration, featuring authentic Italian cuisine, live entertainment, cultural traditions, family activities, local vendors and opportunities to reconnect with old friends while making new ones. Whether you attend every year or are joining us for the first time, you'll experience the warmth and welcoming spirit that makes the Festa so special.

As we celebrate our 44th year, we also honor countless volunteers, sponsors, community partners and dedicated supporters whose

generosity and hard work have helped sustain this tradition. Their commitment has allowed the Festa to flourish and remain a beloved event for families throughout our community.



In this special edition newsletter, you'll find highlights of this year's festivities, event schedules, entertainment information, sponsor recognition, parking information and stories that reflect the history and spirit of the Italian Family Festa. As we gather for this year's 44th Annual Italian Family Festa, we do so with gratitude and remembrance as we dedicate the weekend to the memory of our longtime member and dear friend, Rod Diridon, whose contributions, friendship and devotion to not only the Italian American Heritage Foundation but to our Festa family will never be forgotten. If you've never attended an Opening Ceremony, I encourage you to do so. Rod's wife, Gloria Duffy, daughter, Mary Diridon, and son Rod, Jr., will be among our honored guests.

We invite you to join us as we continue a tradition that has united our community for 44 wonderful years. Bring your family, gather your friends and come celebrate the food, music, culture and connections that make the Italian Family Festa a treasured annual event.

Grazie for being part of our Festa family. We look forward to celebrating with you!

~~~Dana Zuccarello Aguirre



# ...AND AT THE ITALIA PAVILION

## 44TH ANNUAL ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA

### JULY 25-26 @ HISTORY PARK SAN JOSE

We will be celebrating the diversity of the Italian American community in many forms. The wide range of activities at the Italia Pavilion, from Culinary to Cultural, will pique your personal interest and indulge your experience. There will be two full days to partake of the mini programs. A descriptive outline is provided

#### Saturday, July 25 - Festa Hours 10am-6pm

**12pm-1pm The Fratello Marionettes** will only be doing one show this year at the Italia Pavilion. In Italy, puppetry is part of an oral tradition that is embellished by the keen art of marionettes. While it can be found in all parts of Italy, the art form is also a rich part of Sicilian heritage in the form of animated legends. The Fratello Marionettes have a special program prepared for all ages so everybody can experience the living traditions of Italian puppetry.



**1pm-2pm A Meet the Author** series featuring Linda Thomas and the release of her new book, A Table for Everyone. The book is a tribute to Linda's mother as well as to "La Famiglia." Linda is from Youngstown, Ohio and will be visiting us or the Festa to share her memories and excerpts from her book with our Festa attendees. There will also be time for questions and dialogue along with perhaps being able to purchase the book at the Cultural Tent next to the Italian Pavilion. **"Benvenuti Linda alla Festa Italiana qui a San Jose!"** From Faenza Italy to Youngstown Ohio, we will have a wide range of Festa goers this year!

**2pm-3pm Buca di Beppo** at the Pruneyard in Campbell is graciously sharing their recipe for their classic house "Caprese Salad." Their participation at the Festa came about after some discussion at our Cena Fuori earlier in the year. The dishes at Buca di Beppo are just too delicious to have to wait for another Cena....so in chatting about how to engage their culinary team at the Festa, the Caprese Salad, which is found throughout Italy, became an obvious choice - especially since you will be able to use your summer fresh tomatoes and basil in this savory salad and "antipasto"!



**3pm-4:30pm Chef Mykleangelo** This will be a two-part lecture and demonstration by YouTube celebrity chef "Mykleangelo" about getting down to basics. The first part of the demonstration will be a talk about culinary knife work and technique which will be followed by the preparation of two classic traditional sauces, Carbonara and Aglio Olio. While they are typically used on pasta, they can also be used over steamed vegetables, rice and other grain dishes. This is Chef Mykleangelo's first time at the Festa Culinary kitchen. He has quite a repertoire of dishes. He noted that food prep is essential for a basic culinary foundation so the lectures will highlight the tools of the trade and then, with these tools, prepare the two classic sauces. We also want to have him back to the IAHF for some special classes!



## Sunday, July 26 - Festa hours 11am-5pm

**11:30am-12:30pm Rod Diridon Sr. Memorial Lecture** "Growing Up in Siskiyou County." Rod was Mr. Transportation in Silicon Valley among so many other achievements. He recently passed away, and the IAHF wants to remember him with this memorial lecture. It's a take-off from a lecture given by Chris Hudson in remembrance of her mother, Mary Hudson, and her mom's family growing up in Siskiyou County. Two years ago, Rod was at the lecture and as the world turns, he noted his own Siskiyou County roots. So take this opportunity to learn about the historic Italian American community under the shadows of Mt. Shasta, featuring IAHF member Chris Hudson.



**12:30 to 1:30 Youth Roundtable** This will be an IAHF Youth Roundtable "Our Next Generation" facilitated by our Scholarship Committee Chair, Marie Dalldorf. Learn about the Foundation's efforts to outreach to Italian American Youth. All youth are welcome to participate in the Roundtable as a panelist or member of the audience. At our 2025 Festa, the Roundtable provided a critical feedback loop as we transition to a new generation of Italian Americans. Join us at this rich and vital workshop.

**1:30 to 2:30 "La Tarantella"** Learn the steps to one of Italy's iconic folk dances with Giulio Ferrante. He is an internationally famed dance instructor and a native of Sicily. Giulio also teaches dance in San Jose, Italy and Spain, and he attends the national ballroom dance events in the United Kingdom. This is a "For all ages event."



**2:30 to 4:00 Italian Costume Show** Our 3rd Annual Italian Folk Costume Show will take place, highlighting the traditional regional dress of Italy and is hosted by Delia Schizzano. The Show will be followed by a Park stroll or "passeggiata" in full regalia! If our visitors have their own regional costumes, we encourage you to wear them to the Festa. Delia is also available for consultation if you would like information about traditional Italian dress, and she can help you prepare your "**costumi alla Festa.**" We also want to encourage the men and young children to don their Festa vest and accompany us on the stroll around the Park which will end at the Roma stage for the closing Tea Dance.

~~~ Ken Borelli



2026 ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA RAFFLE PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE A 3 night, 4 day family getaway at a stunning Pacific Grove penthouse, in the heart of the Monterey Peninsula. Experience the magic of the central coast.

YOUR OWN FILM FEST PARTY 4 tickets to the Pruneyard Cinemas, at the Pruneyard in Campbell plus \$100 gift certificate for food or beverages to embellish your party!

CLIFF HOUSE INN When exploring Santa Barbara/Ventura coastline, use these gift certificates to stay at the stunning Cliff House Inn overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

SPIAZZO RISTORANTE A culinary treat on your next visit to San Francisco is Spiazzo Ristorante in the heart of West Portal. A true San Francisco destination for over 35 years, serving classic Italian American cuisine.



SAN JOSE GIANTS Play Ball! Deluxe tickets for 4 to a San Jose Giants game with refreshment vouchers at Excite Ballpark.

TONY & ALBA'S Enjoy an evening out at Tony & Alba's Pizza and Pasta restaurant. Very much a family institution in the South Bay.



MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP Membership voucher for the de Young \ Legion of Honor fine arts museums of San Francisco for one year. Enjoy the wide range of artwork, sculptures and gardens.

BUCK'S OF WOODSIDE The fabled "eclectic and fun" Buck's restaurant in Woodside. Established in 1991, this space launched legendary tech giants over pancakes and coffee. You will be in for a visual and culinary treat!

OPERA SAN JOSE --Experience the magic of Opera San Jose.

CAFE VITALE Nestled in Los Altos, you'll dine at a Cena Fuori favorite! From the moment you arrive at Cafe Vitale you'll be greeted warmly, served with friendliness, enjoy the full bar and delicious Italian cuisine.

MUSEO ITALO AMERICANO - Explore the Museo Italo Americano at Fort Mason, San Francisco, with a gift voucher for a visit, shopping at the store or online, or even Italian Language classes. A national institution at your doorstep!

SICILIA IN BOCCA Use this gift certificate to Sicilia in Bocca. This restaurant is a Morgan Hill destination point for savory Sicilian cuisine!

ANTIPASTOS BY DEROSE Gift Certificate to Antipastos by DeRose is San Jose's famed, award-winning gourmet deli. From homemade raviolis to imported meats and cheese, this deli has all you need for your gourmet desires.

PALERMO ITALIAN RESTAURANT A \$100 gift certificate to Palermo's Restaurant, a San Jose culinary tradition. Dine in a garden setting alongside Los Gatos Creek in the Historic cannery district.



SOUTH BAY MUSICAL THEATER A night of engaging musical theater with a gift certificate to the award winning South Bay Musical Theater, in Saratoga, Ca

SICILIA IN BOCCA RISTORANTE Two \$100 gift certificates to Sicilia In Bocca Ristorante, a Morgan Hill destination restaurant. Salvatore Ferrante came from Palermo Sicily, and bought Sicilia in Bocca in 2003.

There will be many more raffle prizes available at the Festa! Purchase tickets in the Villaggio Culturale at the Festa. Ten dollars per ticket or a book of 7 for \$50. You will have a great chance to win one of these exceptional prizes. Drawing will be held Sunday, July 26 @ 4:30 on the Roma Stage. Need not be present to win

Zona di Ragazzi e Ragazze

Fun for Kids

A huge hit year after year, join us for arts, crafts and fun activities in the "Zona di Ragazzi e Ragazze" – the Kids' Zone.

All activities are free.

One parent must remain in the Kids' Zone while their child is attending.

Activities

- ~ Create your own **"FESTA Passport"** for your travels around the event. Collect 10 stamps for a small prize!
- ~ Italians love moda (fashion) – Create your own Venetian mask, macaroni necklace and more.
- ~ Make a masterpiece like Michelangelo – on your back!
- ~ Toss the perfect pizza in the Pizza Topping Game – How many "toppings" (bean bags) can you place on the pizza?
- ~ Visit the Kingdom of Italy Our tiny toddler castles rule!
- ~ Test your knowledge in the Interesting Italy Guessing Game.
- ~ Get your game on with the Mario and Luigi Photo Opportunity.
- ~ Test your talents and time in the Pizza Delivery Obstacle Course.
- ~ Use your noodle in our noodle guessing game.



Cosplay All Day

Costumes Encouraged - A small prize is available for the first 100 participants each day.

- ~ Italians are full of character! Race on over and show us your Mario Kart costume, or Pinocchio, Luca, Movie/TV-inspired costumes. Get creative!
- ~ Mangia! Take your costume "to-go" and show us your Italian food-related costume – pizza, pasta, tomatoes, cannoli, etc.
- ~ Create a good old-fashioned Italian pride and spirit costume. Show us your creativity!

NOTE: To receive a prize, you must have on more than an Italian themed tee-shirt, make it spirited by adding items to your look!



Activities Nearby

- ~ Face painting is available for a small fee.
- ~ Italian Swordsmanship Academy's fencing demonstration and mock jousting game.
- ~ Visit the Roman Encampment and learn about their history.
- ~ Enjoy a performance from the Marionettes (puppets).
- ~ Learn to play Bocce on a court just for kids.
- ~ Connect with the San Jose Sharks Street Team.
- ~ Cheer on participants at the Grape Stomp.





WHEN AT THE FESTA, CHECK OUT THE "VILLAGGIO CULTURALE"!

In many ways, the Villaggio Culturale at the Festa encompasses the mission of the IAHF to promote Italian heritage and culture. It is a not-to-be missed part of the 44th Italian Family Festa. The Villaggio Culturale, or Cultural Village, is located adjacent to the Culinary and Cultural stage. The Cultural Village is also a place where you can network and explore so many diverse parts of Italian Heritage.

The IAHF is justifiably proud of its long-term Scholarship Program, and there will be a display of our recent recipients. We also have photo boards of all our scholarship

recipients going back to the 1970's; space does not permit a full review but there will be a special acknowledgment to the 2026 scholarship recipients. There will also be a donation book sale where you can purchase Festa raffle tickets.

Also on display, thanks to a special Santa Clara County History Grant, are "Storyboards" that highlight many aspects of the contributions of Italian Americans in Santa Clara County. This year, we will revisit the internment of Italian Americans during WWII with special acknowledgment of the efforts of recently deceased IAHF member Chet Campanella, who worked so hard to get some recognition of the injustices of the internment during the War. Likewise, thanks to Christina Olivolo Sauvageau, there will be a display about the Sharp Park detention center in Pacifica.

At the Village on Saturday will be a display by the Museo Italo Americano, a nationally focused Museum, promoting Italian American artists, heritage and culture. On Sunday, historian and author, Rich Di Giacomo, will share his research about the real Columbus and other Italian navigators. Also joining us is Linda Thomas, an author visiting from Ohio who will share her work both at a lecture and at the Village. Her presentation is titled "A Table for Everyone." The book is reviewed in this edition of the Newsletter.

The Italian root map and regional province maps are a favorite among attendees, especially for checking out ancestry. They are quite mobile which enables the IAHF the ability to share this information at events, lectures and displays. Contact the IAHF for more information about accessing the educational materials.

As a very relevant component of Heritage at the IAHF, we always encourage your interest and participation at IAHF cultural activities. This is very much an ongoing part of our mission, and the Villaggio Culturale provides an exciting glimpse into Italian American Heritage. We are recruiting resource people to help attendees with the root map search. If you are knowledgeable of the provincial scene, we would love to welcome your help at the Villaggio. Simply sign up at the IAHF volunteer website and make your preference known.

~~~Ken Borelli, Festa Co-Chair







# Grape Stomp



Get ready to crush it at this year's Grape Stomp Stage!

Think you've got what it takes to out-stomp your friends—or finally settle who's really the boss at home? Enter your name for a chance to compete in this year's Grape Stomp. Then cheer on local celebrities as they trade dignity for laughter in the always-entertaining Celebrity Grape Stomp. Whether you're cheering on your favorite mayor or city council member, booing the newest Santa Clara County's tax assessor or just want an afternoon of side-splitting laughs, the Grape Stomp Stage will have it all! Expect plenty of friendly competition and purple feet. You'll also be given the opportunity to recreate the iconic episode of I Love Lucy's famous grape stomp scene for photo ops. Hope to see you there



## Saturday, July 25

Noon - Celebrity Heat 1\*: Matt Mahan / Betty Duong / TBD

1 pm – Public Stomp

2 pm – Celebrity Heat 2\*: Carmen Montano/Bien Doan/ Michael Mulcahy

3 pm – Public Stomp

4 pm – Public Stomp

5 pm – Celebrity Heat 3\*: Lisa Gillmor / Charles Marsala / Chuck Page

\*Each winner from the above Celebrity Heat will be required to return on Sunday, July 26, at 3:30 for the Finals!

## Sunday, July 26

Noon – Public Stomp

1 pm – Public Stomp

2 pm – Public Stomp

3 pm – Celebrity Stomp Heat 4\*: Neysa Filgor / Larry Klein / Rob DiNapoli

3:30 pm – Celebrity Stomp Saturday Heat Winners

4 pm - Celebrity Stomp Final – John Paye, 2025 Winner / Saturday Heat Winner / Sunday Heat Winner

\*The winner from Heat 4 will need to stay and participate in the FINAL round at 4 pm  
Lissa Kreisler will be the emcee for the FINAL Celebrity Stomp at 4 pm.



# SATURDAY

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| 10:00 a.m.         | 44th Festa Opens                                        | <i>sponsored by Italian American Heritage Foundation</i>                              |
| 10:00 - 5:30 p.m.  | Wine Tasting Garden                                     | Wine Tasting Garden                                                                   |
| 10:00 - 6:00 p.m.  | Bocce                                                   | Bocce Courts                                                                          |
| 10:00 - 6:00 p.m.  | Zona di Ragazzi e Ragazze                               | Kids' Zone Area                                                                       |
| 10:00 - 6:00 p.m.  | Roman Encampment                                        | Encampment Area                                                                       |
| 10:00 - 6:00 p.m.  | San Jose Sharks Street Team                             | San Jose Sharks Area                                                                  |
| 10:45 - 11:50 a.m. | Opening Ceremony                                        | Roma Stage<br><i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies &amp; Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i> |
| 11:50 - 12:00 p.m. | Sbandieratori - Italian Flag Wavers                     | Near Roma Stage                                                                       |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  | Fratello Marionettes                                    | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  | Celebrity Grape Stomp - Heat 1                          | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.  | Opera San Jose                                          | Roma Stage<br><i>sponsored by Facchino Properties</i>                                 |
| 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.  | Nadia the Accordionist                                  | near Main Gate                                                                        |
| 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.  | Duke Mantee & The Gold Money Band                       | Wine Tasting Garden                                                                   |
| 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.   | Meet the author - Linda Thomas - "A Table for Everyone" | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.   | Contestant Grape Stomp                                  | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.   | Ron Borelli Trio - featuring Anne Marie Russo           | Roma Stage<br><i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies &amp; Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i> |
| 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.   | Celebrity Grape Stomp - Heat 2                          | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.   | Buca di Beppo's Caprese Salad cooking demonstration     | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.   | Steve Albini Duo                                        | Roma Stage<br><i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies &amp; Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i> |
| 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.   | Contestant Grape Stomp                                  | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.   | Sbandieratori - Italian Flag Wavers                     | Near Roma Stage                                                                       |
| 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.   | Italian Renaissance Swordsmanship Academy               | Near Kids' Zone Area                                                                  |
| 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.   | Chef Mykleangelo Knife Work and Italian Stir Fry        | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.   | Contestant Grape Stomp                                  | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.   | The County Cougars - Saturday Night Street Dance        | Roma Stage<br><i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies &amp; Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i> |
| 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.   | Celebrity Grape Stomp - Heat 3                          | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 6:00 p.m.          | Festa closes for the evening                            |                                                                                       |

*Schedule subject to change*



# SUNDAY

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| 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Mass – Festa Opens at 11:00 a.m.                                         | Roma Stage                                                                            |
| 11:00 a.m.         | 44th Annual Festa Re-Opens                                               | <i>sponsored by Italian American Heritage Foundation</i>                              |
| 11:00 - 4:30 p.m.  | Wine Tasting                                                             | Wine Tasting Garden                                                                   |
| 11:00 - 5:00 p.m.  | Bocce - All ages                                                         | Bocce Courts                                                                          |
| 11:00 - 5:00 p.m.  | Zona di Ragazzi e Ragazze                                                | Kids' Zone Area                                                                       |
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| 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. | Rod Diridon Memorial with Chris Hudson - "Growing up in Siskiyou County" | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. | Sbandieratori - Italian Flag Wavers                                      | Near Roma Stage                                                                       |
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| 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  | Youth Roundtable Discussion "Our Next Generation"                        | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.  | Nadia the Accordionist                                                   | near Main Gate                                                                        |
| 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.   | Contestant Grape Stomp                                                   | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.   | La Tarantella - Learn the Footsteps with Giulio Ferrante                 | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.   | Contestant Grape Stomp                                                   | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 2:15 - 4:30 p.m.   | Laurent Fourgo & Vintage Jukebox Orchestra                               | Roma Stage<br><i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies &amp; Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i> |
| 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.   | Italian Renaissance Swordsmanship Academy                                | Near Kids' Zone Area                                                                  |
| 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.   | Italian Folk Costume Fashion Show and Parade                             | Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion<br><i>sponsored by US Bank</i>                    |
| 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.   | Celebrity Grape Stomp – Heat 4                                           | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.   | Celebrity Grape Stomp – Saturday's Winners Stomp Off                     | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.   | Final Celebrity Grape Stomp Off!                                         | Grape Stomp Stage                                                                     |
| 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.   | Raffle Drawing                                                           | Roma Stage                                                                            |
| ~ 5:00 p.m.        | Festa Closes - See you next year!                                        |                                                                                       |

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# Wine Tasting Garden

*In keeping with our "all things Italian" theme, our Wine Tasting Garden is proud to host only Italian wines grown and produced by six Italian California vintners.*

*From Sonoma County we are pleased to host Orsi Family Vineyards, D'Argenzio Winery and Rosa D'Oro Vineyards. Our local Santa Clara County vintners include Fortino Winery and Emilio Guglielmo Winery. Bargetto Winery from the Santa Cruz Mountains will also be joining us again this year.*

*Your \$30 purchase will cover five 2- ounce pours of the red, white or rose wines of your choice along with a commemorative wine glass.*

*In addition to more traditional Italian reds and white wines, this will be a rare opportunity to taste some unique Italian varietals from accomplished Italian vintners.*

*The shaded garden area of History Park is a great place to enjoy some special wines, listen to the classic sounds from Duke Mantee and the Gold Money Band and enjoy a relaxed fun filled afternoon with friends and family.*



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that takes time, talent, dedication and money.**

The following list reflects just the beginning of those who have made a financial commitment as a Festa Sponsor. Some have been helping us for years.

*We are truly grateful to all our sponsors!*

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# Cena Fuori Maggio - IAHF Event



Ken Borelli's crowd of faithful foodies gathered in the covered outdoor seating area that was comfortably arranged to satisfy everybody's needs.

We started with a tremendous serving of fresh mixed green salad (dressing on the side) and a basket overflowing with SLABS of garlic bread – nice! Then we were attentively served our abundant entrée, labeled “*the sampler*”, which included a HUGE slab of very meaty and tender BBQ Baby Back Ribs, a QUARTER piece of very juicy BBQ Chicken, a GENEROUS scoop of grilled to perfection BBQ pulled pork,

AND seasoned-to-perfection house made potato salad! Needless to say, the plate was almost not big enough to accommodate all this food – nor were our tummies, witnessed by the volume of take-out boxes that were requested! Bottles of Sam's famous BBQ sauce were provided just in case you wanted to enrich your BBQ experience even more! If that wasn't satisfying enough, we were then treated to a slice of homemade apple pie. A slice? More like a quarter of an apple pie rivaled only by that which your Gramma made! Another take-home box please.

Thanks, Ken and Stanley, for arranging and coordinating another fantastic Cena for your “foodies”!! We were WOWED again! Highly recommended – easily accessible on Bascom Avenue with a large, convenient parking lot – check it out!

~~~ Cathy De Maria

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The IAHF arranges for a dinner menu fisson (known as prix fixe in French) at restaurants throughout Santa Clara County and beyond. It's a chance make new friends, hear interesting stories from our colorful members, and enjoy delicious foods. The [IAHF website](#) **Events** section provides information about Cena Fuori and other events.*

Upcoming IAHF Events

July

Jul 22, Wednesday / **Meet the Sbandieratori from Faenza Italy** / Fiesta will begin with a social hour from 5-6pm followed by a Mexican Style Chile Verde dinner appetizers and dessert. An Official welcome ceremony and dance / Music by DJ Eric plus Tarantella lessons by Giulio Ferrante, along with Italian style Karaoke / \$30 per person, \$18 for minors under age 18 / Bring the entire family for an IAHF Benvenuto / Make your [reservation online](#) by Monday July 20 / Questions...call 408-293-7122.

Jul 25-26, Sat.-Sun / **Italian Family Festa** at History San Jose Park / Free of Charge / see pages 6-7 for schedule of events.

August

Aug 09, Sunday / San Jose Giants 7th Annual Italian Night at Excite Park / 5-9:30pm / Check the [SJ Giants website](#) for tickets.

Aug / Pedro Party at the IAHF. We are in the process of setting up a card party to establish a Pedro card league at the IAHF. We have a few members that will train you, too. Call the IAHF 408-293-2122 if you are interested in playing Pedro.

September

Sep 03, Thursday / Cooking Class - Theme TBD / 7:00pm-9:00pm / The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members includes \$5 Day Membership fee. Make reservations [online](#).

Sep 24, Thursday / Cena Fuori - TBD / 7pm-9pm / Location tbd / \$40 per person / Make your reservation [online](#).

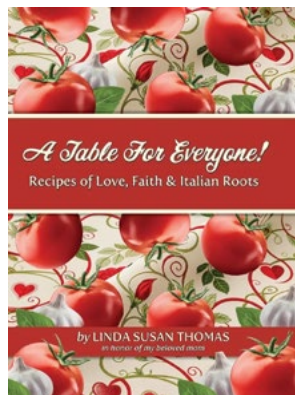
Weekly Italian Language Classes

Online Conversational and Intermediate - Monday and Wednesday, 6-7pm. Join with Meet Up. Classes are taught by Marie Dalldorf, a native Italian. Classes are informal and free of charge.

In person Italian Classes are held in the IAHF Conference Room, Wednesday 10:30-11:30. Beginning-Advanced lessons are on a 8-week schedule. Go [online](#) for class requirements and to sign up for the next session.

Italian Cooking Classes

Cooking classes are held on the second Thursday of the month from 7-9pm. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members includes \$5 Day Membership fee. Make reservations [online](#).



A Table for Everyone

Recipes of Love, Faith and Italian Roots

By Linda Susan Thomas

Linda Susan Thomas will be presenting her lovely cookbook, A Table for Everyone, at the Festa. It will be a pleasure to meet her, I hope we can all gather round.

Of course, this book is so much more than just a collection of recipes. It is a tribute to her immigrant grandmother, and especially her precious mother, Assunda (called Susie), and a reflection of Italian traditions Author Thomas holds dear. Susie was born in America, so the recipes hold many ingredients familiar to us as Italian Americans, especially those of us from the mid-west, like parmesan cheese in the tall green container, Crisco, cheddar cheese, Kraft caramels and the

word noodles instead of pasta. These Americanisms make the book particularly homey and familiar and endearing.

There is one recipe per page; the facing page is a collection of charming photographs of Susie and family members in her kitchen and around her table. Recipes are quite simple and clearly explained, utilizing food we would generally have in the kitchen rather than exotic ingredients. Each recipe is preceded by a short paragraph sharing a memory associated with the dish.

I can personally attest to the deliciousness of two of the recipes: the lemon cookies which are called Susie's Citrusy Italian Cookies, and the tarts. Indeed, 27 pages are desserts and I intend to try them all!

The final chapters are a lovely tribute to the Catholic faith the family enjoyed as well as old traditions involving good luck and bad luck handed down from the Old Country. The sweetness of the final chapter honoring her dear mother, Susie, is a read many of us will relate to.

We will all meet at the Festa with Linda Thomas and A Table for Everyone

~~~ Linda Gaudio Binkley

## Linda's Festa Theme Language Corner

- 1 - Enjoy the music
- 2 - Stomp some grapes
- 3 - Eat some good food
- 4 - Drink some wine
- 5 - Go shopping
- 6 - Enjoy the traditional costume show
- 7 - Admire the flag wavers
- 8 - Visit with friends
- 9 - Listen to an author
- 10 - Participate in a cooking demonstration
- 11 - Visit the cultural center

- \_\_\_\_\_ Colpestate l'uva
- \_\_\_\_\_ Godetevi la musica
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bevi del vino
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ammirate gli sbandieratori
- \_\_\_\_\_ Godetevi la sfilata in costume tradizionale
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mangiate del buon cibo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Incontrate degli amici
- \_\_\_\_\_ Partecipate in una dimostrazione culinaria
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ascoltate un autore
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visitate il centro culturale
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fate una spesa

Answers: : 2, 1, 4, 7, 6, 3, 8, 10, 9, 11, 5



# Sbandieratori di Faenza



Part of the Italian Flag-Wavers Federation, the Sbandieratori di Faenza boast numerous victories at the Italian Championships in their category, as well as four European titles and a World Folklore Championship title, won in Beijing in 2018. The group has proudly performed on every continent, appearing at events around the world, including two appearances in the Hollywood Christmas Parade and a performance on Easter Island.

Check out the video of the Flag Wavers from our 2019 Festa visit [here](#).

Their performance during the Festa features flag-wavers, musicians playing drums and clarions, and medieval-costumed performers, offering a colorful and exciting glimpse into one of Italy's most cherished traditions. Performances will be held near the Roma Stage at these times:

Saturday 11:50 to 12:00 and 3:15-3:45

Sunday 11:00-11:30 and 12:00-12:30

A pre-Festa opportunity to meet with the Sbandieratori di Faenza will be held at the IAHF on Wednesday, July 22. Social hour begins at 5pm and a Mexican Fiesta Dinner at 6pm. Following dinner, DJ Eric will be playing music for the Tarantella dance lesson led by Giulio Ferrante, along with Italian style Karaoke. Make your reservation [online](#) before July 20 to meet these tremendous performers and practice your Italian. For this event the cost is \$30 per person age 19+ and \$18 for under 18 of age.

If you want another chance to see the Faenza Flag Throwers, there will be a free performance at Museo Italo Americano at Fort Mason in San Francisco, on July 23 from 1:30-2:30. Please register [online](#) by July 22.

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## Volunteers Needed

Now that you've learn about the various activites, entertainment, and general merriment at the Festa, we could use volunteers to make it a successful event. Register for volunteer positions and shifts [online](#). Please review the schedule, any restrictions (minimum age, club relationship, etc) and options, then sign up and get a friend to sign up with you!

You must be at least 15 and a half years of age or older and sign the waiver to volunteer at the 2026 Festa. Besides a cool 'Volunteer T-Shirt' and a meal voucher, you'll be able to enjoy the festa up close and personal. Students can earn community service credit for each volunteer shift. Senior citizens and history buffs are always welcome to help provide context about Italian immigrants, local history, and family traditions.

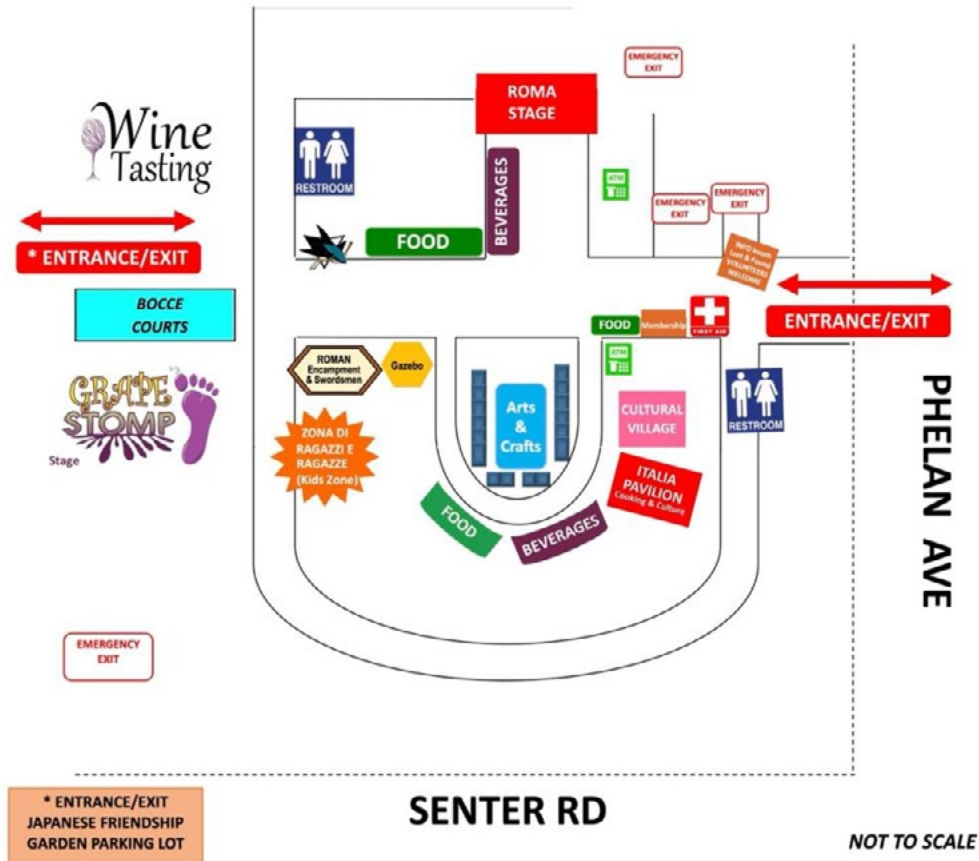
***Volunteer online***

Editor's note: <https://italianfesta.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=111318>

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## PARKING

- **ENTRANCES:** There are two walk-in entrances. The main entrance on Phelan/Senter and the entrance from the Japanese Friendship Garden on Senter. Please look for the Festa signs!
- **PARKING FEES:** All festivals face the parking challenge. We encourage everyone to carpool, take public transportation, Uber or Lyft. Paid parking is available in Kelly Park Lot on Phelan Ave (\$10) or SJSU South Campus Lot on 10<sup>th</sup> and Alma Ave (\$15-\$20).
- **LIMITED FREE PARKING:** Available at 1870 and 1888 Senter Road in the Santa Clara County Lot, just 2 short blocks away.
- **DROP OFF SPOTS:** You can drop off at either gate. We strongly suggest dropping off at the Japanese Friendship Garden, easy access and less congestion!

The latest parking information is available at:

<https://www.italianfamilyfestasj.org>





