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FEBRUARY CULTURAL MEETING FUN, FOOD & FOLKLORE: A Year of Italian Festivals.

Have you ever just arrived in Italy and missed out on a cool local food festival or historical reenactment? Colorado author Lisa Vogele will introduce you to a diverse collection of food & folklore festivals highlighting various regions. This presentation will interest foodies, history buffs, Italophiles and offer tips for incorporating festivals into your travel planning. If you have a favorite festival you've attended, we'd love to hear about it during the Q&A portion of the event.



The presenter, Lisa Vogele is an Italophile, festival-lover, and travel-addict. Her blog "Lisa Loves to Travel" has been created to share her love of festivals with fellow travelers and enthusiasts. She loves hearing suggestions, recommendations, and experiences around festival travel. The "Food & Folklore" series is published by Lisa's Travel Guides and highlights food, fun, and festivals to help others go local as a traveler, not a tourist. For information about forth-coming : <http://www.lisastravelguides.com>. **The meeting will be held on Friday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Parish Hall, 3549 Navajo St., Denver.**

COOKING CLASS - February 18, 2017. She's back!!! Gisella Isidori will be in Denver in February and has agreed to conduct another cooking class for the Dante. She will lead class on February 18th to prepare a complete dinner typical of Carnevale in Italy. Dinner will include *antipasti, primo piatto, insalata, secondo e dolce*. After preparing the meal we all sit down to the feast.



The class will be held at Mt. Carmel Parish hall kitchen between 9:00 and 12:00 noon. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. It is necessary to sign-up for the class by contacting Vera Buffaloe at 303-886-0608 or by email buffaloev@gmail.com. **Checks should be made to the Dante Alighieri Society and sent to Vera Buffaloe 13778 W 62nd Drive Arvada, CO or pay on-line. Space will be limited to the fist 15 who register. Please sign up by Feb 10th**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CARDS for 2017 are in the mail and we hope all of you will join us for another interesting and fun year with the DAS. The Board is busy planning lectures, movies and parties. Please review the card to be sure that all the information is correct. If you choose to renew using PayPal, we still need the card returned for our files. Language students should renew their membership before the start of classes. Thank you, Rhonda Hopkins, Membership Chairperson.

BENVENUTI A warm welcome to our latest members: Jamie Alpert and John Brown from Golden, David Bentley, Vanessa Bruskevage, Christy Devoy, Hannah Figliomeni, and Lisa Prassack. all from Denver.

DVD AVAILABLE We received numerous requests for copies of the documentary we showed on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11. DVDs of "Prisoners in Paradise" may be purchased for personal or institutional use. Contact Camilla Calamandrei at CCalamandrei@aol.com or by calling 917-327-9579. PRICES for personal use include FREE SHIPPING! \$25.95 for 1 DVD, \$44.95 for 2 DVDs, and \$21.95 per DVD for seniors and students.

ITALIAN RESEARCH GROUP If you are looking for information about your ancestors, please join this group. It meets the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 to 12:00 on the 5th floor of the Denver Public Library at 10 West 14th Avenue Parkway. Special Collections Librarian Brian Trembath will guide you through the ins and outs of genealogical research.

NOTIZIE DALL'ITALIA L'evoluzione delle Sneakers, da scarpe sportive a must di lusso.

*C'è una scena indimenticabile di **Una donna in carriera** nella quale Melanie Griffith, prima della metamorfosi stilosa del prevedibile lieto fine, va al lavoro in traghetto, con il tailleur d'ordinanza e le calze velate, ma in scarpette da running. Poco prima di scendere, **le cambia con le décolletè a tacco alto**. All'epoca usava davvero così. Il film è del 1988, e da allora di acqua sotto i ponti ne è passata: il rampantismo si è evoluto, diventando meno plateale ma più insidioso, le spalle megagalattiche sono tornate a proporzioni umane, le permanenti sono passate a miglior vita – ma forse stanno tornando anche quelle, tanto la ruota della moda gira in tondo e basta solo aver pazienza – e il tailleur ha smesso di essere indispensabile anche per la donna di potere.*



E le sneaker? Si sono finalmente nobilitate, quindi niente più cambi repentini di calzature. Anzi, chi le indossa con orgoglio è donna di stile evoluto. La nota pr ed esperta di comunicazione Noona Smith Petersen, ad esempio, fa sempre una gran figura con le tuniche di Valentino couture e le ginniche bianche ai piedi: l'abbinamento spiazza, ma funziona a meraviglia. I tacchi a spillo, oggi, sono armamentario da velina. La prima a sdoganare le sneaker bianche in passerella è stata Phoebe Philo, la giovin signora che da Céline ha riscritto le proporzioni del guardaroba femminile, rendendolo semplice e pragmatico, ma di una potenza assoluta. È da alcune stagioni che propone ginniche bianche, massicce come le scarpe da skater, un po' con tutto.

Dietro Philo sono andati in molti e le sneaker – rigorosamente candide e dall'aspetto per nulla tecnico, anzi molto old school – si sono viste in abbondanza sulle passerelle all'ultima tornata di sfilate, in una celebrazione della scarpa bassa che rinfranca i nostri piedi affranti da lunghe e inutili torture. Le sneaker incatenate di Calvin Klein sono parecchio desiderabili, ma il picco è la **scarpetta da running di Hermes**, anonima quel tanto che basta per essere l'oggetto di lusso che sarà impossibile non avere. Autrice, Nadege Vanhee-Cybulski: ancora una volta, una donna. In carriera. Di oggi. (La Redazione di ItalPlanet)



GETTING TO KNOW Judy Napoli.

1. What region in Italy were your ancestors from. If you do not have Italian ancestors, what is the ethnic background of your family. Have you ever been there and what was your experience?

I am frequently asked if I am Italian and my reply is "no, but I want to be." My father was Czech and my mother's ancestors were from western Europe and the British Isles.



2. When did your ancestors arrive in America, and where did they settle originally? Did they come right to Colorado?

My paternal grandfather came to America in 1898 and like many other Czech immigrants settled in Nebraska. We have no record of when my mother's ancestors came to America. She grew up on a farm in southwestern Missouri but actually graduated from high school in Pueblo, CO. We visited the Czech Republic in 1996 but spent most of our time in Prague. In the outlying areas we did visit one could see and feel the presence of the recent communist occupation.

3. If you had to describe yourself in one word, what word would that be, and why?

Curious. I have always wanted to know the how and why things work and could it be done another way. When visiting other countries, I am always interested in where the people live, what they eat, and how they make a living.

4. Who was most influential to you growing up, and why?

I have to say my parents were the most influential growing up. They both lived through two world wars and the Great Depression. They stressed hard work and compassion towards the less fortunate.

5. Tell us a little about you, employment, family, interests and so on.

I grew up in the Chicago area and have a degree in nursing. I worked for about 5 years after graduation. I was able to stay home with our two sons and became active in their school related activities. For eight years before his retirement I worked in my husband's office. Both Nick and I enjoy travel, domestic and abroad and enjoy hiking in our Colorado mountains and the national parks of the west. One of our favorite activities has been our Italian language classes.

6. How would you most like to be remembered?

I would like to use remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother who can sometime complete a sentence in Italian.

7. What attracted you about joining the Dante Alighieri Society?

We were attracted to the Dante Alighieri Society because of their cultural as well as social activities. We have met so many lovely and interesting people who share their interest in Italian culture and their life and travel experiences.

ITALIAN HISTORY, LAND, AND CULTURE

Fagagna is town in the Province of Udine in the Italian region Friuli-Venezia Giulia, located about 80 kilometres 50 miles northwest of Trieste and 8 miles northwest of Udine. Fagagna is the result of the fusion of seven bordering villages. Unfortunately centuries of modernization damaged the ancient soul of this village, but now the current administration wants to save the history of Fagagna : cobblestones will replace asphalt, and a military building will turned into a museum.



Montegridolfo is a town in the Province of Rimini in the Italian region Emilia-Romagna, located about 81 miles southeast of Bologna and about 12 miles southeast of Rimini. A line of castles places within walking distance of each other had to ensure the defense of Signoria Malatesta to the neighboring lands of the Marche submitted to the Duchy of Urbino. Montegridolfo is a whole village closed by high walls with access protected by a tower with medieval door, a village in the whole structure, which has seen in recent years a restoration accurate and complete in order to revive the country in a perspective of hospitality, tourism and culture.

Sperlonga is a coastal town in the province of Latina (Lazio) about halfway between Rome and Naples and near the Via Appia, After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, in the 6th century, the ruins of the imperial residence served as refuge for local people. Later the population began to move to the nearby promontory of St. Magnus, in order to escape the unhealthy marshes and the Saracen attacks. The danger posed by the Saracens is made clear by the presence of many watchtowers all along the coast to Gaeta.



Santa Severina is a town in the province of Crotona, in the Calabria region of southern Italy. It is the birthplace of (Saint) Pope Zachary and also of Henry Aristippus, who was a religious scholar and writer at the court of the Norman Kingdom of Sicily. There is a cultural festival which is held each year in August in Santa Severina, focusing on traditional Italian music.

WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR MORE ABOUT ITALIAN CULTURE

Societa' Centrale Dante Alighieri – <http://ladante.it>
Societa' Dante Alighieri di Roma - <http://www.dantealighieri-roma.it>
Dante Alighieri Society of Denver, Colorado – <http://www.dantealighieriofdenver.org>
Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo: <http://www.dantealighieriofpueblo.org>
DAS of Denver in Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dante-Alighieri-Society-of-Denver/153670041417079>.
News from Italy – <http://video.sky.it/news/diretta>.
Italian art - <http://www.arte.it/>.
Italy news in English – <http://www.thelocal.it/>.
Travel and Events – <http://www.i-italy.org/>.
The World of Dante – The study and teaching of the Divine Comedy, <http://www.worldofdante.org>.
Web site for TG5 (Mediaset) *Notizie dall'Italia* – <http://www.mediasetitalia.com/nazioni/colorado.shtml>.
US Citizenship – <http://www.uscitizenship.info/italian-american-history-and-culture/>.
Contemporary art and culture – (Arte e cultura contemporanea), <http://www.artwireless.it>.
First Web TV on Italian language and culture – <http://www.alma.tv>.
Italian American Museum - <http://www.ItalianAmericanMuseum.org>.
Radio Italia – <http://www.radioitalia.it/player.php>.
Stations based in Italy as well as international stations – <http://www.italiansinfonia.com/stations.htm>.
Wikipedia's list of Italian radio stations – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_radio_stations_in_Italy.

2016 Calendar

Cultural Meetings

Events

Classes

February 10

January 29 – Installation Luncheon

Language–Winter began January 9.

Culinary - February 18

NOTE: Cultural meetings, movies, and cooking classes take place at Mt. Carmel Church Parish Hall, 3549 Navajo St., Denver. Language classes are taught at Mt. Carmel Church Office.