
La Voce della Dante

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President's Message

Ciao a Tutti, per il mese di maggio....

As we launch ourselves into the final events for this season of Dante I want to first repeat some special thank-yous.

First here, a big thanks to **Andrea Aldrich** for making **La Voce** so wonderful this year. Our online newsletter helps keep us all together, and I know we all appreciate the interesting articles and upcoming events that Andrea has

compiled each month from information you all have sent to her. We are fortunate that she has agreed to continue this good work next season. Speaking of this, however, new stories, photos and articles are always needed for La Voce, and in the fall, Andrea will need someone to help with the first few issues if (as we all hope) she is able to travel by then. Email her to volunteer to help if you think you can. aaldrichj@gmail.com

And now, to **All Dante Board Members** and volunteers who have made this season happen. **Dan DeMatteis**, Program Chair, for superb presentations, **Harry Reinert** for all seventy-or-so hats he wears for this organization, and to all the Board members who have been such a great team this year.

The Language Program has thrived this year under masterful leadership of **Giuseppe Tassone**, who has also been a great help and support behind the scenes to a certain “not bilingual” president of yours... so, much thanks there too.

And of course to all of you who have been so kind and supportive with emails, comments, and good will this year. Thanks for your part in keeping this Dante community connected!

At the Annual General Meeting the new Board was voted in by acclamation – see the Board list elsewhere in this issue. We will now begin the process of planning next season, whatever, wherever, however that unfolds!

Harry has asked me to include in this message that the **membership cards and stickers** are now available for each of us to update. The Dante web site will have a form you can fill out to request either a sticker for your card, showing your membership as current, or a card and sticker, if you need a new one. www.danteseattle.org

Lastly, we have news from **Rosa Borriello**, that she has safely arrived in Boston, is happy living in her new home, and especially wants us all to know how much she appreciated the personal messages and remembrances in the

Kudoboard card. Rosa would love to hear from her Dante friends by email. If you don't have her email address and would like it, send me yours and I will forward it, with your message to her. joyce@danteseattle.org

Stay healthy, safe and sane through the summer months, and keep an eye out for emails from Dante. Anytime there is news I will keep you posted!

A presto,
Joyce

May Program

English Language Meeting May 12, 2021

An online "social hour" begins at 7:00 and the presentation will begin at 7:30.



I mercati dei Rioni Romani

(Online)

Jonathan Brandt, AIA

“La strada per il cuore passa attraverso lo stomaco.”

(“The way to the heart is through the stomach.”) -Italian proverb

The markets in the heart of Rome are popular destinations for tourists and locals alike. Even from its inception, the Roman Forum was as much a popular market as well as a sacred pilgrimage. Join me in a virtual walking tour of the *rioni* of Rome, browsing through some of its neighborhood markets, both past and present. Highlights include the Markets of Trajan, Piazza Navona, and Campo de' Fiori, among others. As the Romans say, *“Annamo va!”*



Jonathan Brandt, AIA, is an architect living in a Seattle bungalow with his wife Renatta and 11 year old son Alexander. He received his Master of Architecture from the University of Washington in 1993, and has taught architectural history, design and drawing at the UW's Pio Center in Rome, Iowa State and Texas A&M. He currently designs custom homes and draws architectural renderings. To contact Jonathan for a house design or rendering, you can visit his website at: www.jbarch.net His work can also be viewed on Facebook: See *JB Architectural Renderings*.

No Italian Meeting in May

Italian Language Program News

By Giuseppe Tassone

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying these first weeks of spring. The third quarter of the Italian language program is now at its midterm. Attendance is quite good in all levels and students are making good progresses. June 3rd is the last quarter for the school year 2020-21. Our program will then resume in the fall with the first quarter for all levels. Absolute beginners must register in the fall in level A1 in order to start from the beginning.

Last year, for some levels, we offered a review session in the summer. No final decision has been made about repeating it this summer. Due to the uncertainty of the instructors willing to commit for the summer, it is very likely that we will have a summer break. In addition, it was a demanding year for everyone in the language program with our courses online and the organization of the material to support it and a pause is needed. The break will help to regenerate from online teaching and preparation and will be beneficial to restart with more vigor in the fall, since the plan is to continue online in 2021-22. We know also that many of our students are planning some traveling while the world gradually is reopening. Many of them need a break as well. For those interested to review, in preparation of the new school year, we will continue to provide access to the Google folder with old and new material available.

On a different note, we are planning to resume the PLIDA exam in Seattle the first week in September. It will be a special exam B1- Cittadinanza for those wanting to apply for Italian citizenship. This exam will evaluate only the candidates' speaking skills. Check our website in the next days for more information.

<https://danteseattle.org/italian-language-program/plida/>

To conclude I wish everyone *una buona primavera*.

Board of Directors and Officers for 2021-2022

Elected by acclamation 4-14-21

The list below was presented at the AGM by Nominating Committee chair Jane Cottrell as the slate of nominees. There were no additional nominations from the floor, so when the vote was called, the slate was unanimously elected.

Officers

Joyce Ramee, President (new term exp 23)

Bruce Leone, Vice President (new term exp 23)

John Steedman, Secretary (new term exp 23)

Harry Reinert, Treasurer (term exp 22)

Consigliere:

Andrea Aldrich (term exp 22)

Houghton Lee (term exp 22)

Janet Lenart (new term exp 23)

Stacey Howe-Lott (new term exp 23)

Domenico Minotti (term exp 22)

Ex-officio

Giuseppe Tassone, Director, Italian Language Program

Dan DeMatteis, Past President

Finance Committee

Harry Reinert, Virginia Gagnon, Margherita Conti

Non-elected Chair positions

Dan DeMatteis, Program Chair

Andrea Aldrich, La Voce Editor

Other volunteer positions, such as Hospitality Chair, will be filled as our return to live events unfolds

What's Happening

By Dan DeMatteis



Dante and Virgil, MFA Boston

Sunday, May 16, 2021 - 3 PM PST

Dante in Boston Museums

Online lecture by Danielle Carrabino, PhD – Smith College Museum of Art
Boston is a city full of artistic treasures. In honor of the 700th anniversary of Dante Alighieri's death, we will explore key works of art in Boston Museums related to the poet. Collections such as the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Gardner Museum, and the Harvard Art Museums house many important works of art featuring Dante and the Divine Comedy. These paintings, sculptures and works on paper demonstrate the profound influence of Dante on visual art. It will conclude with thoughts on why Dante's poem and art are so interrelated. Organized in collaboration with Circolo Italiano di Boston - Under the Auspices of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston.

Free and Open to All –Registration required

To register, go to - [Dante in Boston Museums | The Dante Alighieri \(dantemass.org\)](https://dantemass.org)



Trieste

May 27; June 10, 24 & 29, 2021 TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (PST)

Dante Society of BC presents **Italy's secret gem: Friuli Venezia Giulia**: Four evenings to discover a surprising little-known part of Italy with Patrizia Pietroniro IN ENGLISH

THE FOUR-EVENING PROGRAM

1. MAY 27, 2021

Explore **Friuli's** complex history through its **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**: the ancient **Roman city of Aquileia** & early Christian art, **Cividale** & the Longobards, the Renaissance star city of **Palmanova**. You will be enthralled by intriguing medieval **castles & villages**, celebrated **Venetian art & 18th century architecture**.

2. JUNE 10, 2021

From the Alps to the high Adriatic Sea, enjoy tourist routes through amazing landscapes, the **Friulan culture & language**, hybrid cuisine, San Daniele Prosciutto, the mosaic school of **Spilimbergo** with its well-known artworks, and the strong **bond between Canada & Friuli**: 1976 earthquake, emigration, the **Fogolârs Federation of Canada**.

3. JUNE 24, 2021

In the **Alpine foothills** & among some of the **best white wine-producing estates** in Italy, discover the **city of Gorizia**, the **2025 European Capital of Culture** at the crossroads of the Italian, Slavic, and Germanic cultures, and with its massive **World War I memorials** & itineraries. And much more...!

4. JUNE 29, 2021

Mixing **Italian, Austro-Hungarian & Slovenian** influences, **Trieste** preserves

its unique border-town culture. Once the great seaport of the **Habsburg Empire**, its **waterfront, neoclassical architecture & mix of religions, languages & cuisines** preserve the real magic of this place. Its many attractions, such as the **Miramare Castle**, the ancient Roman amphitheater & historic cafés, await!

For more information and to register, go to [Italy's secret gem: Friuli Venezia Giulia | Dante Society of BC \(dantesocietybc.ca\)](https://dantesocietybc.ca) Note there is a \$10 fee for all four lectures.



Map of Italian Dialects

June 6, 2021 at 3 PM PST

Celebrating the Dialects and Languages of Italy

Explore the richness of Italian regional languages with a presentation and enjoy a degustazione of readings of literary pieces in various dialects by the actors of All'italiana.

Finally the audience is invited to share their experiences with the Italian

language and dialects.

The online event is free and Open to the Public – Registration is Required!

Register here: www.events.dantemass.org/event-details/celebrating-the-dialects-and-languages-of-italy

Presented by the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts and All'italiana – Boston Italian Theater Company in collaboration with the Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan. Directed by Alex Sucheck.

CAI-PNW

Boulder Creek Hike Wednesday May 12, 2021

Join Clarence Elstad on the Boulder Creek Trail an 8.6 mile out and back trail rated moderate located near Arlington.

Limit: 12 Hikers

Carpooling for family members only

Masks required when within 6 feet of others

To RSVP please contact Clarence Elstad by May 10

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