



## The Dante Alighieri Society of Washington

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# ABRUZZO!

English Presentation LIVE

by

**Sam Ciapanna**

Wednesday November 9, 2022

St. Clement's Church

1501 32nd Ave S., Seattle 98144

open to all;

doors open 6:00 PM

**Dinner is \$8/person by reservation please bring antipasti, vino o dolci to share!**

[Make your reservation by Monday November 7](#)



Our long-time Dante member and former Dante board president, **Sam Ciapanna**, will talk to us about the little-known region of Abruzzo. He first visited it briefly to meet relatives in 1997 as two of his grandparents were born in Abruzzo - and each subsequent visit was longer. In 2019, he and his husband purchased a home in Colonnella, just due passi from where his paternal grandfather was born. Sharing his love for Abruzzo has become a passion for Sam, with plans to retire there in less than two years.



Abruzzo, forte e gentile, is one of the mostly unknown regions of Italy and treasure to discover. It is the most northern of the southern regions, a little over an hour from Rome, yet nearly inaccessible, until the autostrada was extended west to east across the Apennine mountains just a few decades ago.

Geographically, it consists of rugged mountains, rolling hills, and pristine beaches - nearly 50% of which is protected. Its isolation has preserved its tradition and culture, making it a fascinating place to explore. Recent legislation aimed at boosting economic development in less populated areas has made Abruzzo a great place to retire.

Come out to learn some of why this region has captured Sam's heart and taste one of Abruzzo's signature desserts - Pizza Dogge. The Pre-Dante Pasta will be fabulous - Dan and Carol DeMatteis are preparing it. There will also be a drawing for raffle prizes - passes to SIFF!

**Join us for a delicious evening!**

***don't forget to make your reservation for dinner***

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Dante dinner meetings are a group effort.

Help with tear-down at the end is always needed and greatly appreciated!

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