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**President's Corner**

Bundi!

I hope 2017 has gotten off to a great start for you. Your Board of Directors has been hard at work planning new events and looking at ways to improve our organization.

I would like to thank everyone that sent their dues and information update forms in prior to January 31. With updated information on our members, we can attempt to tailor events to specific age groups, and ensure you stay up to date with all our correspondence. If you haven't responded, forms are available on our website or send an email to [membership@efasce.net](mailto:membership@efasce.net).

Un biel Mandi di cûr a ducj!  
(A beautiful greeting from the heart to all!)

*Lisa A. Roman*

**Notizie....**

- ❖ Welcome new members:  
Vilma Mazziol of Drexel Hill, PA  
Giuseppina Hansen of Ashland, VA
- ❖ Auguri to Mary and Bob Roman on their 45th Wedding Anniversary!
- ❖ Our condolences to the Giovannucci Family on the loss of Verino in November 2016.
- ❖ Our condolences to the Messori Family on the loss of Roland, December 16, 2016.

**YOU could be featured in the next newsletter!!**

Let us know about your achievements, accomplishments, special milestones, or anything you want celebrated. Send information and/or photos to [newsletter@efasce.net](mailto:newsletter@efasce.net) or our PO Box.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ❖ **General Membership Meeting: Sunday, March 5, 2 pm at the Venetian Social Club**  
Review the year and catch up with fellow Friulans over coffee and biscotti. A slide show by Dan and Jessica Giacomelli of their experience over the summer in Friuli will be shown. All our publications and pins will be available for purchase. Don't forget a copy of any recipes, remedies or stories for our upcoming book! Please bring any family members or friends that you think would be interested in joining EFASCE! We will also hold elections for our Board of Directors. **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!** We will have one vacancy this year that needs to be filled, and 5 seats up for a vote. Please contact a Board Member if you would like to be nominated for directorship.
- ❖ **Italian Classes** are offered at the Venetian Social Club. Three levels of classes are offered on Monday nights. If anyone wishes to come and sit in, contact Madalena at 215-233-2687 for more information.
- ❖ **Spring Gardening Workshop: Sunday, April 2, 1pm at the Venetian Social Club**
- ❖ **Summer Exchange Programs** - Both the Ri\_Scoprire Friuli and Young Adults Programs are being offered again this year. Please see enclosed flyer or our website. Don't forget to come to the General Member meeting to hear a first-hand experience! **Please contact Madalena at 215-233-2687 or [StudentExchange@efasce.net](mailto:StudentExchange@efasce.net) for information and application forms, which must be received by March 31.**

### **Poffabro, presepi tra i presepi**

*Madalena Lorenzon traveled to Poffabro for a short vacation this past Christmas season. While there she attended the "Poffabro, presepi tra i presepi" and reports the following. "Poffabro, presepi tra i presepi" a month long festival which Danturns the town of Poffabro into a magical place. Presepi (mangers) are displayed in windows, on doorsteps, under trees, between rocks, in gardens, in open fields, and so on. People stroll through town from morning until night admiring the presepi and stop for a coffee and strudel at the "Glup".*

*Around 4pm when the presepi are illuminated the crowds really come to town. People arrive from every direction and parking is always a problem, I saw tour buses parked at the hotel Monte Raut and people walked all the way up into town....not an easy walk!*

*On New Year's Eve dinner was served at the "Glup" and at midnight we went to the piazza where the kids got to light sky lanterns and watch them sail away.*

*Fun was had by all!!*

*Thanks, Madalana, for also including some pictures!*



**Presepi Workshop** by Ellen Cericola



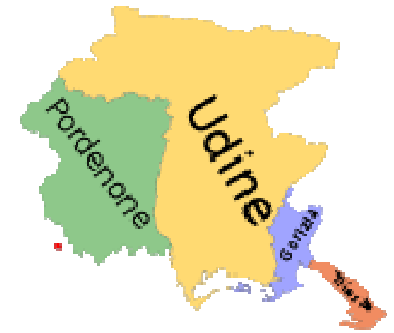
Throughout Friuli and all over Italy, many towns and churches have established strong local traditions to commemorate a custom originated nearly eight centuries ago by St. Francis of Assisi. In Friuli, the tradition of displaying a Nativity or Manger scene known as "Presepi" to commemorate the birth of Jesus begins about mid-December during Advent and continues through mid-January, with organized tours and pilgrimages to many towns drawing many tourists from near and far. Poffabro is one such town that is particularly known for its deep tradition of having many Presepi on display throughout the town.

In early December 2016, children and adult members of EFASCE di Philadelphia gathered at the Venetian Club to learn about the history and tradition of the Presepi in Friuli. Photographs of Presepi from Friuli were shared via a slide show, and a workshop ensued with members creating their very own Presepi to take to their homes to serve as a Christmas decoration for this past Advent season. This EFASCE event was enjoyed by all who attended, young and old alike!



This year we will highlight different cities and towns within the Italian region of our home; Friuli-Venezia Giulia (FVG).

Friuli is made up of the larger provinces of Pordenone and Udine, while Trieste and Gorizia make up the Venezia Giulia region. The two regions were joined in 1964 to make the autonomous region of FVG. Each province has a main town with the same name as the province.



**Pordenone** is the main *comune* (roughly equivalent to a township or municipality) of the Pordenone province. The name comes from Latin *Portus Naonis*, meaning 'port on the Noncello River'. The *comune* provides many of the basic civil functions: registry of births and deaths, registry of deeds, and contracting for local roads and public works

**Pordenone** and its river have an indissoluble relationship that has made what appears today: a town still very much tied to its past, yet a centre ready to embrace the challenges of present and future. The history of Pordenone today is still connected to the Noncello, a river which was navigable for centuries and contributed to the economic development of this town, by helping create a peculiar propensity to innovation and exchange. The dynamic and creative soul of town is evident from the architectural, artistic, musical and literary production as well as its numerous international events such as "**Pordenonelegge**" (literature festival), the "**Giornate del Cinema Muto**" (Silent Film Festival) or "**Dedica Festival**" (book festival), which have put Pordenone on the map as a culturally rich and original destination at national and international level



Pordenone is a beautiful, modern, curious and entertaining town: Starting from the old **City Hall**, which features original Gothic architectural elements, **Corso Vittorio Emanuele II**, the former Contrada Maggiore, stretches out as an elegant street flanked by porticos and historical buildings of great artistic and architectural interest. Pordenone is also the town that gave birth to **Giovanni Antonio de Sacchis** (1484-1539), known as "**the Pordenone**", the greatest Friulian painter of the Renaissance period.

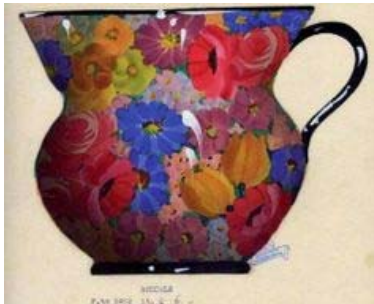
Pordenone means **nature** too: a few steps away from town, the riverside road **Riviera del Pordenone** stretches along the right bank of the river Noncello, featuring a bike lane and wide pavement from which you can admire a magnificent green oasis. Another large green area is **Galvani Park**, which includes the residence of the Galvani family, built in the late eighteenth century. The villa has been restored and extended with the addition of a new facility - PArCo - which hosts the Modern and Contemporary Art Gallery Armando Pizzinato. The Park features a regular layout and is remindful of the gardens of Venetian villas, including a pond flanked by the **MIRA** - Itinerary Museum of the Ancient Rose, an open-air museum where visitors can walk along a path and admire a variety of roses and rose bushes arranged so as to trace the history of rose and its family tree.

Many towns in Pordenone have been awarded the distinction of "**I Borghi piÙ belli d'Italia**" (The most beautiful villages of Italy) including: Cordovado, Poffabro, Polcenigo, Sesto al Reghena, Toppo, and Valvasone.

Excerpts and images from <http://www.turismofvg.it/> and wikipedia.org



Galvani Ceramiche, started in Pordenone in 1811 by the Galvani family, and most famous for its pottery/ceramics hand painted with vibrantly colored flowers. The family secrets were never passed on to the buyers of the company in 1979. The company declined and closed in 1983.



If anyone is interested in researching their family tree. The church records for Poffabro and Frisanco are located in the library archives of the **Curia in Pordenone on Via Redevoles 1, 33170 Pordenone, Tel. 0434-221111**. EFASCE di Pordenone headquarters are also located there. Not all of the church records for all of the comuni are located there, for example, the records for Maniago are located at the church of S. Mauro in Maniago and you have to make an appointment with the pastor to access the records.

#### Social Media Links

WEBSITE: <http://www.efasce.net/>  
 Facebook: search [efascediphiladelphia/](#)  
 Use #efasce and #efascediphiladelphia to tag your pictures!

The Library Committee is working on a new book of **Friulan remedies, recipes and family stories**. Submit yours to [contact@efasce.net](mailto:contact@efasce.net) or our PO Box.

The Newsletter Committee will be issuing a Quarterly Newsletter to keep its approximately 200 members up to date with EFASCE di Philadelphia business. This is a way to provide a communication service and increase the value of the membership.

#### How to Contact Us

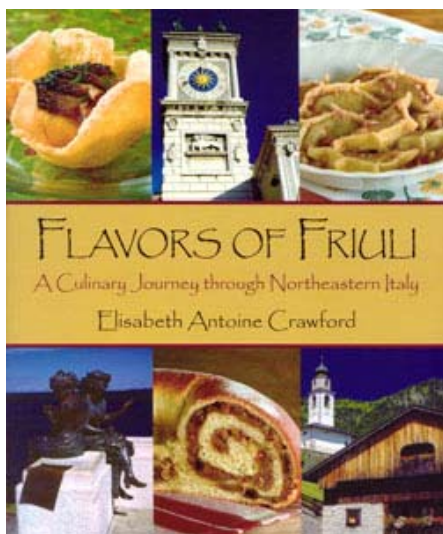
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#### **Flavors of Friuli, A Culinary Journey through Northeastern Italy** by Elisabeth Antoine Crawford (review by Bob Henry)

I purchased this book several years and gave out several copies to my Mom and aunts. This book represents much more than just a cook book, although the eighty receipts cover the entire region. The three distinct geographical areas are—the Northern Mountains, the Central hills and plains, and the Southern coastline. The author also explains the region's history and how this has affected the different cultures. This paperback combines receipts, history and tourist books all into one family treasure.

<http://flavors-of-friuli.com/>