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JULY CLUB ACTIVITIES

* Saturday, July 4 - Party at Rehberg's. **See invitation with details.**

* Saturday, July 11 - Conversation Club from 10:00 to 11:30 at the Kress Family Library in DePere.

* Monday, July 13 - Glass Nickel Pizza - lunch at 12:30

* Wednesday, July 15 - La Seconda Passeggiata - **See invitation with details.**

* Sundays: July 5, 12, 19, 26 - weather permitting - Bocce at Colburn Park at 3:30. **See article below.**

Invitation to Gattone/Rehberg Annual Fourth of July Party

Once again, Club ItaloAmericano has received an invitation to celebrate July 4 with Rehberg's. Here

are the details from Mary:

* We'll celebrate on the 4th at our home in Green Bay (2630 Dollar Rd, GB, 54311)

* Party starts at 4pm - lots of food available!

* Band starts to play at 5pm. **This is for fun: if you're in band, bring your horn, and if you sing, bring your face!** We'll play around based on who is here, and we have lots of fake books.

* Please bring your own folding chairs & alcoholic beverage of choice. We'll have the rest. Feel free to bring treats to pass or your favorite dish, as an option.

* We'll also celebrate my Mom's 91st birthday. Please, no gifts!! **Feel free to bring a funny card if the muse takes you. :)**

* We'll watch the fireworks in Green Bay and other communities on the bay right from the driveway, when they start after dark.

* There is also a young adult party halfway down the driveway with volleyball, tether ball, music, and merriment

* Please feel free to bring friends & family and just let me know what you're thinking.

* Drop a note or call if questions: house is 920-347-1742, and my cell is 920-370-8012.

* **Please RSVP with an estimate - maryrehbeg@gmail.com**

La Prima Passeggiata - June 17

Mother Nature put a damper on our first passeggiata of the season-

pun intended. Heavy rain forced us to cancel our walk in beautiful Pamperin Park. A group of 23, including two guests, met at Narrow Bridge for a soup and salad bar, which was disappointing, to say the least. The meager items offered were not worth the price. However, everyone there enjoyed each other's company and made the best of the situation. **Grazie mille to Adam and Becky (Feira) McClure for organizing!**

La Seconda Passeggiata - July 15

Grazie mille to **Jeanine Limburger** for volunteering to set up our Seconda Passeggiata. It will be held on **Wednesday, July 15th** at Ledgeview Park on Dickenson Rd. in East De Pere. We will meet at the park entrance off Dickenson Rd. at 5:15. We will walk out around the loop and back. There is a Gazebo about halfway along the trail, if anyone wants to stop there. Once we return, we will drive to Graystone Ale House, 3711 Monroe Rd for dinner. It is about 3 tenths of a mile away. At the restaurant we will order off the menu. To sign up, please respond to dvso-beck@gmail.com We need a head count by the **8th of July**.

In case of inclement weather, we will meet at Graystone Ale House at 6pm.

Another invitation - Call for more bocce players

Due to unfortunate circumstances (broken bones, surgery, pinched nerves etc.) several of our regular bocce players will be unable to play bocce this summer. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining us to contact Mary (Fascinelli) Eifler - 920/737/9432 or eifler12@twc.com. Don't know how to play? Not a problem! We'll teach you -it's easy and fun!

ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for our newsletter. Information for each upcoming month needs to be submitted by the 25th. (think Christmas) of the month. You should email articles as an attachment in Microsoft Word and pictures in a jpeg format.

Questions— call me. Contact information is in our club directory.

CLUB BUSINESS WEB SITES

We have several club members that are in the restaurant business:

Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, Tarlton Theatre in Green Bay, Titledown Brewery in Green Bay Thumb Knuckle Brewing in Luxemburg. 2ASolve, which specializes in personal computer, network & data support and consulting, The Bakery.

Whenever you visit these businesses, please mention that you are a member of Club ItaloAmericano as a support of their business and membership.

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<https://www.titledownbrewing.com/>

Thumb Knuckle Brewing in Luxemburg.
<https://www.thumbknuckle.beer/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/ThumbKnuckleBrewingCo/events/>

<https://www.thebakerygb.com>



FERRAGOSTO COOKOUT AUGUST 5

Ferragosto is an Italian public holiday observed on August 15. It is a day for relaxation, family gatherings, picnics and outings, especially going to the beach. Some extend the celebration for a week or more, and many businesses are closed during August.

For the first time, Club ItaloAmericano is planning its own Ferragosto celebration! **You and your guests are invited to a cook-out and potluck meal at Bay Beach on Wednesday August 5. Watch your email for details. Reservations are due by Monday July 27.**





L'angolo delle ricette

This month we have fruity recipes for you! Please have fun making recipes with fresh ingredients! In our next newsletter, we will tackle the grill! Email one of our officers or Karen Habel-Marshall before July 20 with your recipe! Grazie!

Frullato di Fruta (Italian Fruit Smoothie)



From giangiskitchen.com

2 servings

Ingredients:

2 bananas, peeled

1 fresh mango, peeled and pulp removed with core

3 ripe peaches, peeled, cut and pit removed

1 tablespoon sugar

1 cup milk (whole milk makes creamiest)

*Other fruit combinations are:

-Strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries

-Cantalope and bananas

-Apricots with a dollop of yogurt

-Strawberries and bananas

Directions:

Step 1:

Put all fruit in the blender and cover with sugar and milk so that all fruit is covered. Blend until smooth and serve immediately.

Italian Prune Plum Cobbler

From vinkalinka.com



Ingredients:

FILLING:

4 cups Italian prune plums, cut and pits removed

1 cup brown sugar

3 Tbsp. flour

2 Tbsp. creme de cassis, optional

TOPPING:

1 cup all purpose flour

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 cup cold butter

1/2 cup old fashioned oats (not instant)

1/4 cup chopped walnuts, optional

2/3 cup milk

Directions:

Step 1:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the plums, brown sugar, flour and liqueur, if using. Set aside.

Step 2:

In another large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Then add the cold and cubed butter with a pastry blender, cutting into mixture until crumbly. Then add the oats and chopped walnuts and stir briefly. Add the milk and stir until just moistened.

Step 3:

Put the plum mixture into a 9 inch pie pan. Drop spoonfuls of the topping mixture on top of the plums, leaving space between the drops. Bake in the oven until golden brown, about 40-45 minutes.

Macedonia di frutta (Fruit Salad)

From memoriediangelina.com



Ingredients:

Fresh fruit in season, trimmed, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces (summer includes berries, kiwi, cantaloupe, banana, and stone fruit)

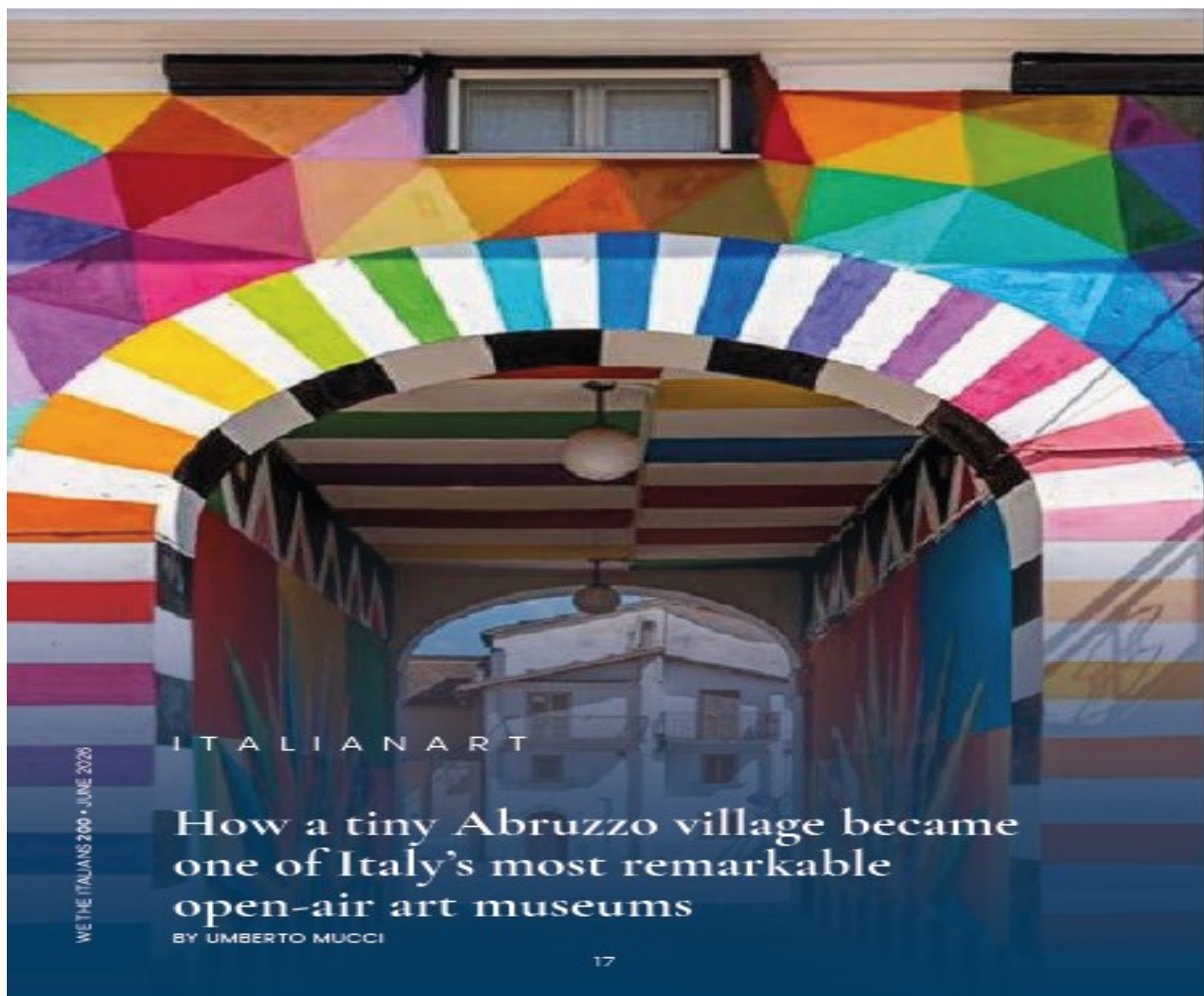
Sugar (2-3 Tbsp.) for a medium bowl

Juice of a medium lemon

Directions:

Step 1:

Toss the fruit with sugar and lemon juice (to taste). Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let macerate for at least 30 minutes. Serve over lemon sorbet.



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ITALIAN ART

How a tiny Abruzzo village became one of Italy's most remarkable open-air art museums

BY UMBERTO MUCCI

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In the heart of Abruzzo, perched at more than 3,300 feet above sea level within the Sirente Velino Regional Park, the small village of Aielli has accomplished something extraordinary. Once known primarily as a quiet mountain community in the Marsica area of the province of L'Aquila, Aielli has reinvented itself as one of Italy's most innovative centers for street art, attracting visitors, artists, and cultural enthusiasts from across Europe.

What makes Aielli unique is not simply the quality of its murals. It is the way contemporary art, astronomy, history, and local identity have merged to transform an entire village into a living cultural experience.

The story began in 2017 with the launch of Borgo Universo, a festival created to combat depopulation and revitalize the local economy through creativity and culture. The idea was ambitious: invite internationally recognized street artists to create largescale works throughout the historic center while connecting the artistic project to Aielli's long-standing relationship with astronomy and the night sky.

The result exceeded all expectations.

Year after year, new murals appeared on houses, stairways, walls, arches, and public spaces. What started as a festival gradually evolved into a permanent open-air museum. Today, visitors can walk through the village and discover more than 50 murals and artistic installations created by Italian and international artists.

Unlike many urban street art districts, Aielli offers a completely different experience. Here, monumental artworks emerge among medieval stone buildings, narrow alleys, mountain views, and historic architecture. Every corner reveals a dialogue between past and present, tradition and innovation.

Among the artists who have left their mark on the village are internationally respected names such as Okuda San Miguel, Millo, Ericailcane, Agostino Iacurci, Sam3, Marina Capdevila, Gio Pistone, 2501, and many others. Their works explore themes ranging from astronomy and mythology to local history, environmental awareness, and human relationships.

One of the most photographed installations is Okuda San Miguel's colorful geometric intervention, which transforms an entrance arch into what appears to be a portal connecting the village to the universe. Other murals reference ancient myths, endangered wildlife, the stars above Abruzzo, and the resilience of local communities.

Astronomy plays a central role in Aielli's identity. The village is home to the Torre delle Stelle, or Tower of the Stars, a medieval tower that now serves as an astronomical observatory. This unusual combination of street art and space science has become the defining characteristic of Borgo Universo. Visitors can spend the day exploring murals and the evening observing planets, constellations, and distant galaxies.

Aielli has also developed several artistic projects that are unique in Italy. Among them are giant wall inscriptions featuring major texts of Italian and European culture. The village famously reproduced the entire Italian Constitution on a public wall and later created a 52-meter-long installation dedicated to Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy. More recently, a mural version of the Ventotene Manifesto was added, reinforcing the village's role as a place where art becomes a vehicle for civic and cultural reflection.





The transformation has brought significant benefits. Tourism has increased dramatically, helping local businesses,

restaurants, accommodations, and cultural initiatives. Guided mural tours now operate throughout the year, allowing visitors to explore the artworks while learning about the village’s history and traditions.

Yet perhaps Aielli’s greatest achievement is proving that contemporary art can thrive far from major cities. Instead of concentrating creativity in metropolitan centers, the village has demonstrated how culture can become a powerful tool for regeneration in rural Italy.



Today, Aielli stands as one of the most successful examples of artistic revitalization in the country. It is simultaneously a medieval village, an astronomical destination, a cultural laboratory, and one of Italy’s most fascinating open-air museums.

In a nation famous for Renaissance masterpieces and ancient monuments, Aielli has shown that Italian art continues to evolve. Here, among the mountains of Abruzzo, the walls themselves have become canvases, transforming a small village into a place where imagination, history, and the universe meet.