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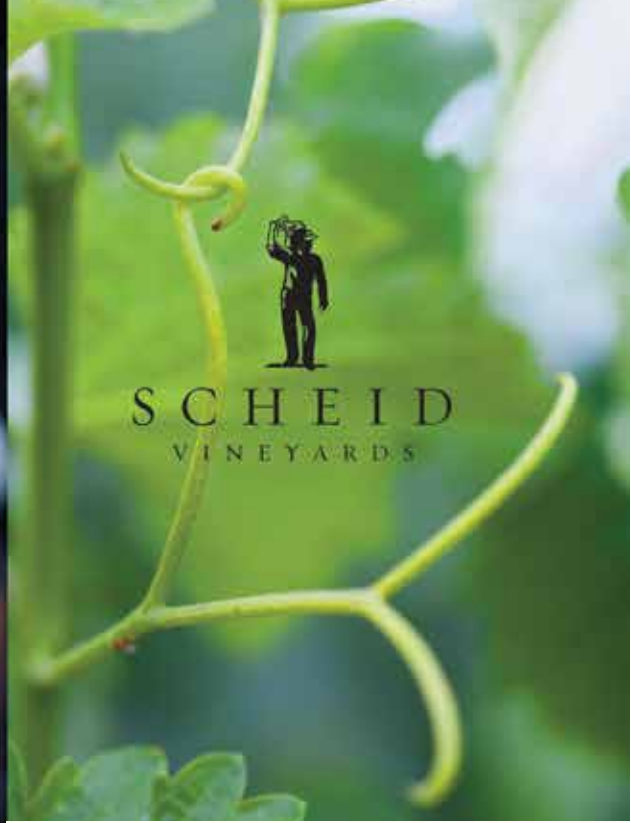
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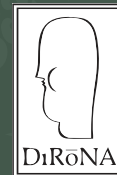
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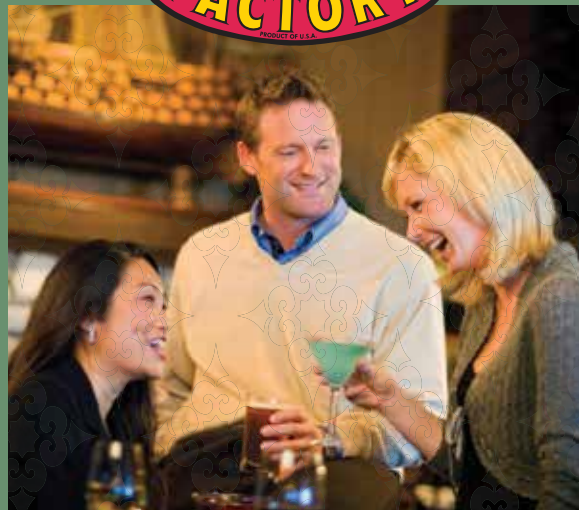
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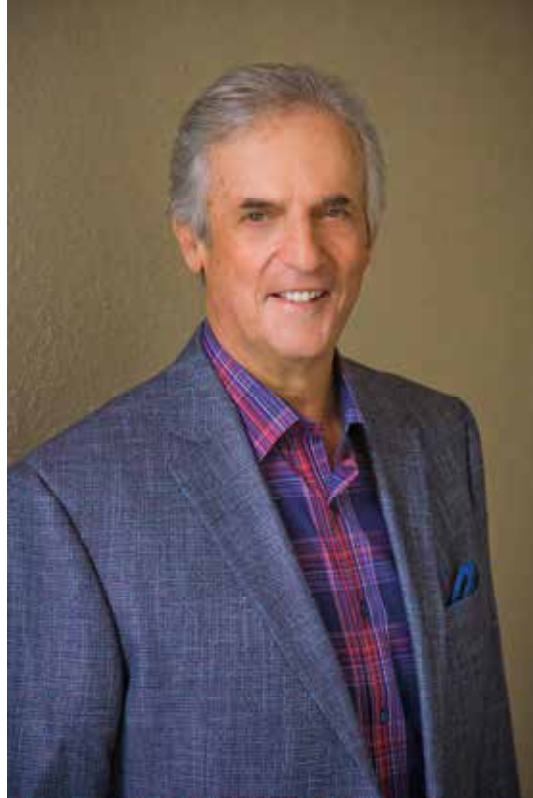
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We are delighted to welcome everyone to the grand

Festa Italia 91st Anniversary!

We gather with family, friends and Visitors to honor the history of the fishing industry in Monterey. As usual we invite everyone to become a part of our heritage and tradition of “being Italian” during three days of fun, festivities and food. Please enjoy the food, music, dancing, crafts and all that we work towards year round to bring this admission FREE event to our community, visitors and friends. We work year-round to bring the event; the camaraderie and good cheer to the Festa. Without the sacrifice, dedication and blood, sweat and tears that our local fisherman have given this community, Monterey would not be what it is today. We thank all the volunteers, the board of directors, committee members and our sponsors, donors and advertisers. Please eat, drink, and be Italian! Ciao and Mille Grazie

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We gather with family and friends, on the historic Custom House Plaza to celebrate and share Italian-Sicilian Culture, Cuisine and Traditions. Remembering our shared history, and what we have learned helps to guide us into the future.

The history of Santa Rosalia and the Festa Italia Celebration began in Monterey in 1933. The tradition of the blessing of the Monterey Fishing Fleet and praying for the safety of the fisherman and those who were lost at sea, to Santa Rosalia, the patron Saint of the Monterey fisherman, was established. The four women credited with establishing the sharing of traditional Sicilian food and the blessing of the fishing fleet ceremony were Francesca (Ferranti) Giamona, Giovanna Balbo, Rosa Ferrante and Domenica Enea. The tradition continues today with the Festa Italia Celebration Opening Ceremony, including a procession to the wharf led by the carried Santa Rosalia statue. Through the years, the fisherman's families fished the ocean and bay, bought and built homes, and created businesses which kept Monterey growing. They were and continue to be an important part of the fishing history of the Monterey Peninsula. The Festa Italia Mission continues to honor those men and women who left their homes in Sicily and established new lives in America. Their culture, heritage, and cuisine contributed to the growth of the City of Monterey and the establishment of Monterey as the "Sardine Capital of the World" during World War II.

It is now, 91 years since Francesca, Giovanna, Rosa and Domenica gathered their families, relatives and

## BENVENUTO!

**Welcome to the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia  
Fisherman's 91st Festival  
From the President of Festa Italia Foundation,  
Joe Cardinalli**

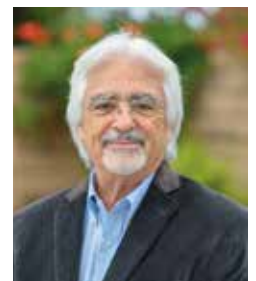
friends. Today you are part of that legacy. FESTA Italia 2024 is bringing back a culinary favorite of an Eggplant Parmesan Sandwich. I am sure this dish will be enjoyed by many Festa guests. This year the annual Festa Italia Thank You Dinner, thanking volunteers and Festa members, meal and location was changed. Formerly a dinner in the Parish Hall, is now a BBQ, held at the Carmel Valley Community Park and Center. Attendees' comments were very positive! The delicious "all you can eat" menu, swimming, and a silent auction, topped off the day. A generous thank you to the cooks, the volunteers and the Festa Committee and Board members, who helped create the BBQ.

Please share your own family stories and history with the younger generations to continue our legacy. We are here today to celebrate with Monterey fishermen, their families and everyone who continues to contribute to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula for all to enjoy.

The Festa Italia Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization. Everyone is most welcome to join. The names of the Board members appear in this magazine. As President of the Board, I am blessed by their commitment, dedication and spirit to keep the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival completely Admission FREE. Enjoy the Food. Enjoy the Music. Have Fun. Be Safe.

Mille Grazie

Joe Cardinalli, President  
Festa Italia Foundation



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September 6 – 8, 2024

On behalf of our residents, staff, and City Council, I bid a warm welcome to all attendees of the 91st Annual Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival! We are delighted to see you in our favorite place, the charming Monterey Peninsula. Our vibrant and historic city offers a perfect mix of a small-town feeling with big-city amenities, all within walking distance. Our commitment to our residents to preserve our quality-of-life parallels our community's warm welcome and our wish to you for a delightful visitor experience. We thank you for being a conscious traveler - kind to one another, to our charming city, and to our beautiful natural resources we work so hard to preserve.

Custom House Plaza and Old Fisherman's Wharf provides a perfect backdrop for hosting the Festa Italia celebration, exuding Sicilian warmth and charm. With spectacular views of playful sea otters, harbor seals soaking up the sun, and gregarious sea lions, the seaside setting is most fitting.

Much of the rich history that contributes to the Monterey Peninsula experience comes from the Sicilian fishermen and their families who immigrated here decades ago to build a life on the west coast of California. Festa Italia celebrates keeping the stories and cultural heritage alive for future generations. It is also a great tradition for families from other cultures, to join in and experience the festive music and dancing, fun and friendships, and of course the world-class, delicious flavors of savory Italian cuisine.

Many thanks to the Festa Italia Committee for all your work to keep such a long-sustaining, signature September event for Monterey. As a non-profit foundation operating with a volunteer workforce, and we applaud all the volunteers as well.

"In business and in politics a man must carve and maul his way through men to get to be King of the Mountain. Once there, he can be great and kind--but he must get there first." — *John Steinbeck, The Winter of Our Discontent*

From the 'King Mountain', alla salute!

Mayor Tyler Williamson  
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# Festa Italia

## Entertainment Schedule Santa Rosalia Fisherman's Festival September 6, 7, & 8, 2024

### Friday Night, September 6th

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM "DANCING UNDER THE STARS" with  
the 831 ALLSTARS Band

### Saturday, September 7th

11:30 AM – 12 PM	Opening Ceremonies
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Mike Marotta and Friends
1:00 PM – 1:20 PM	Cooking Demonstration - Master Chef Tene Shake - on the menu "Calamari"
1:20 PM – 2:20 PM	Anthony Lane Band
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Pasquale Esposito
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Anthony Lane Band Tarantella Dancers
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Pasquale Esposito
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	"DANCING UNDER THE STARS" with The Money Band

### Sunday, September 8th

11:00 AM – 11:25 AM	Tarantella Dancers
11:30 AM – 11:55 AM	Cooking Demonstration - Master Chef Tene Shake - on the menu "Calamari"
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Anthony Lane Band
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Pasquale Esposito
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Mike Marotta and Friends
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Pasquale Esposito
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Anthony Lane Band

Schedule subject to change

**\* Saturday and Sunday Festival opens at 10AM**



David Marzetti  
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### **Mike Marotta and Friends**

Mike Marotta & Friends will include Mike Marotta on accordion, Paul Langford on bass, Paul Tarantino on clarinet and sax, Dave Dally on violin, John Beron on drums, with singers Erasmo “Orazio” Aiello, Dave Marzetti, Rachel Marotta Halim and Anna Marotta Halim.



### **David Marzetti, Master of Ceremonies/Singer**

This is the 31st year that David Marzetti has emceed and performed at Festa Italia with his close friend, Mike Marotta. David comes from a radio background that spans over 48 years. Besides his weekly M-F Afternoon Show 3-6p, David hosts the “ShagBag Show” every Saturday morning as well as “Sundays with Sinatra: Live from Old Fisherman’s Wharf”. All of David’s shows are broadcast on KMBY 1240 AM/95.9 FM. He is highly regarded as “Monterey’s Emcee” and hosts many local functions and fundraisers including Festa Italia, Santa Rosalia Queen’s Coronation Ball, La Merienda/City of Monterey’s Annual Birthday Celebration, The City of Monterey’s 4th of July on the Lawn, Old Fisherman’s Wharf’s Annual Birthday Party, The Carmel Summer Live Music Series, and the Italian Heritage Society Awards Ceremony. David is the Winner of BEST TV/RADIO PERSONALITY in the Monterey Herald Readers Poll. And, a 3-time winner of the PGA Media Person of the Year Award. Congressman Jimmy Panetta calls David “The Voice of Monterey”.



### **Erasmo “Orazio” Aiello**

Erasmo ‘Orazio’ Aiello comes from Palermo, Sicily. He has been discovered by musicians eager to share his gift of singing traditional Italian songs and opera with wider audiences. He just returned from Sicily last week.



### **Pasquale Esposito**

Pasquale Esposito was born and raised in Naples, Italy. He immigrated to the United States winning the Green Card Lottery in 1998. He pursued his passion for music by studying at San Jose State University receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree where he was a distinguished alumnus in 2009. He is an international crossover recording artist, acclaimed for his pop-opera delivery of songs. Esposito released 9 albums and began touring internationally with his first musical revue: Naples ... That’s Amore in 2005. Thereafter, he toured with his CD of Original Compositions: A Brand New Me (2009) and Il Tempo (2011).



### **Anthony Lane Band**

Anthony “Nino” Lane was born as Antonino Pasquale Cotroneo in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Son of Giorgio Cotroneo of Santa Roberto, Reggio Di Calabria and Angelina Musitano of Deglia Nova, Reggio Di

Calabria. At the young age of ten Nino began to perform with many bands in the Italian community. Singing mainly in Italian he was known as “the little Italian Singer” While in the Harmony Dance Band he was

fortunate to open up for the Original “Ink Spots “ and many other Nationally known headliners. At the Age of fourteen he decided to leave his Italian sound and begin his first rock Band “Double Vision” later to be called “Clear Cut”, and they went on to record three albums. The first one under A&M records produced by Daniel Lanius (U-2, Peter Gabriel, Bonnie Raitt”). The second recorded under the CBS label, produced by Bob Destocki (Fast Times at Richmond High, The Ides of March”), and the final one on A & M Records again. At the same time Anthony studied with Rosemary Burns-Gazarra (the wife of Ben Gazzara) in Toronto, Canada. She was a former opera singer (New York Met) who had studied Bell Canto in Italy and had developed a technique for singing pop music. She called it ‘the mask’ and had been teaching it for many years. Her former students include Bryan Adams, Corey Heart, Jeff Healey, Sebastian Bach

(Skid Row) And James Labrie (Dream Theatre). This would later change Anthony’s life. Throughout the 80’s Anthony was a part of a powerful musical team. To make it easier in the music business, Anthony changed his name to Lane (Plain Lane is what he would say!) After 14 years on the road working fifty weeks a year, Anthony came to Los Angeles to try to secure a major label record contract. He had made his mark in L.A. but the music scene was beginning to change quickly. Anthony decided to move and open a Club in Monterey, named PLANET GEMINI which he ran successfully for 25 years. To keep Music alive, Nino purchased the Legendary FOX THEATER in Salinas, where he brings major shows and events. Anthony decided to follow his heart and sing the music he once enjoyed - Classic Italian. A performance you will all enjoy!

## THE MONEY BAND



The Money Band is a high-energy band, entertaining crowds of all ages! For over fifteen years, they have earned their reputation as ambassadors of top 40 hits, performing for thousands of fans all over California and beyond. Also voted many recent years as Best Band on the Monterey Peninsula in The Carmel Pine Cone, The Monterey Herald, and The Monterey County weekly! Fronted by charismatic lead vocalist and harmonica player Zoe Alexander, The Money Band performs with a remarkable intensity and fire that garners new fans and critical acclaim.

with renowned and distinguished musicians, playing every style from country to funk, disco to classic rock, reggae, modern and pop, with songs from artists, including the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Michael Jackson, Kid Rock, Bruno Mars, and Bon Jovi. “It’s humbling to know that people associate our songs with some of the most meaningful moments in their lives,” says Zoe Alexander. “We now have a multigenerational fan base and everyone is sure to hear their favorites.” This dynamic and popular band assures to get your party started, with a crowded dance floor all night long!

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## 831 ALLSTAR BAND

Led by frontman Anthony Lane and featuring Marci Chapa (Beyoncé’s all female band) and Amalia Diaz, this band is hot. If you want to dance, get ready! The 831 All Star Band is here with a collaboration of the area’s STAR performers from the 831. Hence the name THE 831 ALL STARS! The best musicians perform iconic covers from past to the present. Come join us and see and hear the BEST the 831 has to offer. The 831 All Star Band is exploding onto the Central Coast with their powerful sound. From Earth, Wind & Fire – showcasing their powerful horn section - to Cumbia, Salsa and Santana-style music highlighting their amazing rhythm section – all members have years of experience under their belts and are ready to give you a great show.

*Festa Italia 15*

# FESTA ITALIA

## SANTA ROSALIA FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL



Keeping the Italian-Sicilian Culture and way of life alive is what the Festa Italia is all about. The Italian and Sicilian fishermen and their families are who built this community that we all today call home. They brought jobs, housing, and prosperity to Monterey many years ago with the fishing and canning industries. The Santa Rosalia Festa Italia of Monterey is the celebration of the patron saint of the fishermen. This festival in Monterey makes many contributions in the form of scholarships, donations to San Carlos School and Church, and more.

During the admission free 3 days of the Festa, more than 20,000 people attend the festivities enjoying Italian and Sicilian style music, food, entertainment, and fun. From the amazing caliber of top entertainment, delicious authentic food, premier bocce tournament,

authentic Italian-Sicilian gifts, Monterey's very own Tarantella Dancers who delight the crowd with colorful Italian costumes and traditional dancing. The Festa is the perfect way to celebrate anything and everything Italian and Sicilian from the Bocce ball tournament, raffle prizes, and authentic food; to the parade, crowning of the Santa Rosalia Statue and blessing of the fleet on the wharf; the festival is the place to be every September! We have a dedicated, hard working and enthusiastic board and committee that work year round to put on the first class festivities at the Festa. As always we have to thank our sponsors who are too numerous to list, but each and every one knows how grateful we are for their continued support. With the generous support Festa Italia, is able to continue this wonderful festival, which enriches the community through promoting and preserving the heritage, traditions, and cultures of Monterey's Italian-Sicilian Americans.





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# ANTONIO (TONY) DAVI



Antonio (Tony) Davi was born in Isola Delle Femmine, Sicily, on July 7, 1944 to Francesco Davi and Francesca Gina Cardinale. His siblings are Pietro (Peter) Davi of Monterey, Gina Aiello of Isola Delle Femmine and the late Giuseppe (Joe) Davi of Monterey. Tony's mother passed away when he was just three years old. His grandmother Giovanna (Partinico) Davi raised him until his father remarried Giovanna Vassallo, who then raised him and his siblings. At the age of 13, Tony traveled with his brother Peter and arrived in the United States on March 28, 1958. They first stopped in Pittsburg, California to meet and visit Davi cousins before continuing to Monterey to live with his Aunt Mary and Uncle Salvatore Bruno, to then later, live with his father and older brother Joe for a short period of time. While living with his aunt and uncle,

Tony was immediately enrolled in school and started attending Thomas O. Larkin Elementary where he met the love of his life, Santa (Sandi) DaVigo. At the young age of 13 going on 14, he was already talking of marriage telling his brother Peter that he met this beautiful girl named Sandi DaVigo and one day he would marry her. About six years later they married in 1966 and had three children; Gina, Frank and Santo. As a family, they created life long memories spending time with family and friends having picnics and barbeques and going camping in Big Sur and Konocti. In 1976, Tony and his family took a trip, along with his brother Peter's family, back home to Sicily. Since then, Tony has made many trips back home to Sicily. Tony and Sandi stayed married until the day Sandi went to heaven on August 24, 2022 and met her father, Santo DaVigo, for the first time. She never knew him as he had drowned in a boating accident while fishing in Santa Monica before she was born.

During Tony's high school days, he worked for Rappa's Sea Foods Restaurant, Joseph Restaurant, The Red Pony, Neptune's Table and Mike's Seafood on Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf. Later, he worked at The Harbor Inn in Moss Landing, the Sardine Factory and the Butcher Shop in Carmel. He then owned and operated with his children, along with his brother Peter and his family, Flavor's Café and Grill. He also opened The Cannery Grill Restaurant with his wife and children, both restaurants on Cannery Row. Tony's love for cooking and food supported him for years, but his love for fishing grew stronger. He knew fishing was the path he'd hope to take and keep the family tradition alive following in his father's footsteps. Tony's fishing career started with Rosario Aiello on Rosario's boat, "New Stella", fishing for squid in the Monterey Bay. This is when Tony truly fell in love with fishing. Tony later owned and operated his first boat called "Sandi D". He continued fishing in the Monterey Bay, Point Sur and also in the San Francisco Bay for Herring. In addition, his journey continued for twelve summers in Bristol Bay, Alaska fishing for sockeye salmon. He later acquired the fishing boat "Di Mi Ann" from Raoul Bruno, fishing Herring in San Francisco. Tony and Raoul partnered together in construction, alongside fishing. At this time Tony became master of various trades, such as plastering, tile setting, plumbing, carpentry and electrician. Later in life, with his son Frank, they bought a 32-foot bow picker named "Silver Streak" where they fished

together for Herring in San Francisco for many years.

Tony has worked hard all of his life to provide for his family. He would do anything to help a family member or friend in need, and he cherishes his close relationships with his loved ones. His main purpose in life now is to enjoy his time with all of them. He's grateful for his close relationships with his brother Peter and sister Gina. He appreciates time with his son Santo, daughter Gina, daughter-in-law Joelle, and his grandchildren Colin, Corey (Delica), Daniella, Alley, Antonio and Santo, especially after suffering the passing of his son Frank earlier this year. Frank was the pearl of the family that everyone loved. Tony is a very strong willed and strong minded man who will continue to thrive with the support from Monterey's Italian community.

Tony is grateful to be the 2024 Grand Marshall of this year's Festa Italia. He is the proud Nonno of two past Festa Italia Queens. His granddaughter Daniella was crowned Queen in 2013 and his granddaughter Alley was crowned Queen in 2015. His Family has been a part of the Festa Italia, Santa Rosalia for many generations. His children, along with nieces and nephews were Tarantella Dancers growing up and have celebrated Festa Italia ever since. We thank you for honoring him and recognizing our family. May God Bless Tony Davi as the 2024 Grand Marshall and Viva Monterey's Santa Rosalia!



# THE MONTEREY 91<sup>ST</sup> FISHERMAN'S FESTA ITALIA

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**In 1997 the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Foundation, a 501© (3) non-profit organization was incorporated.** The Foundation's Board of Directors are responsible for planning and implementing the logistics, set-up operations while insuring the safety of all guests, visitors and volunteers. The Festa Foundation is plans and implements several fundraising events throughout the year. It is due to the Foundation board members hard work, commitment and dedication that the Monterey Fisherman's Festival has achieved unprecedented success year after year.

## **Grazie mille- Many Thanks to the Festa Volunteers**

The continued success and keeping the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia Festival an admission Free Family event is due to the hundreds (thousands) of Volunteers, Civic Organizations, Magazine Sponsors and current Donors who give their time and energy to keep the Festa Italia Santa Rosalia open to families, friends and visitors to Monterey!

## **BOCCE Ci vediamo al campo de bocce!**

One of the biggest draws to the Fisherman's Festival is the Bocce Tournament. Each year teams travel from far away to compete for cash prizes and bragging rights. There is an entrance fee per team, which includes lunch. There is a 32 team maximum and teams are accepted on a first come first served basis, they are matched at random. Teams must be able to play any time on Saturday and Sunday at the Festa Italia Bocce Court. Once a team is confirmed they are sent tournament rules.

We welcome and encourage all Bocce enthusiasts young and old to participate. Have fun cheering on your favorite team, and learn the rules and strategies at this exciting event.

## **Mangia cibo Bevanda Birra o Vino -Eat food, Beer & Wine**

Crowd favorites include: **Arancini.** Delizioso! Rice balls, stuffed with sauce meat and cheese, rolled in bread crumbs then deep fried to a crispy golden brown with a tomato based sauce made fresh by our Festa Italia volunteer cooks. They are sold out by noon on Sunday. Other crowd pleasers include **Steak** and **Sausage Sandwiches**, and of course **Pizza!** And of course what would an Italian Festival be without **Pasta and Meatballs.** **Calamari** is back on the menu. The Deep Fried Prawns were a big success and will return. The Pasta sauce is made fresh and served hot to satisfy.

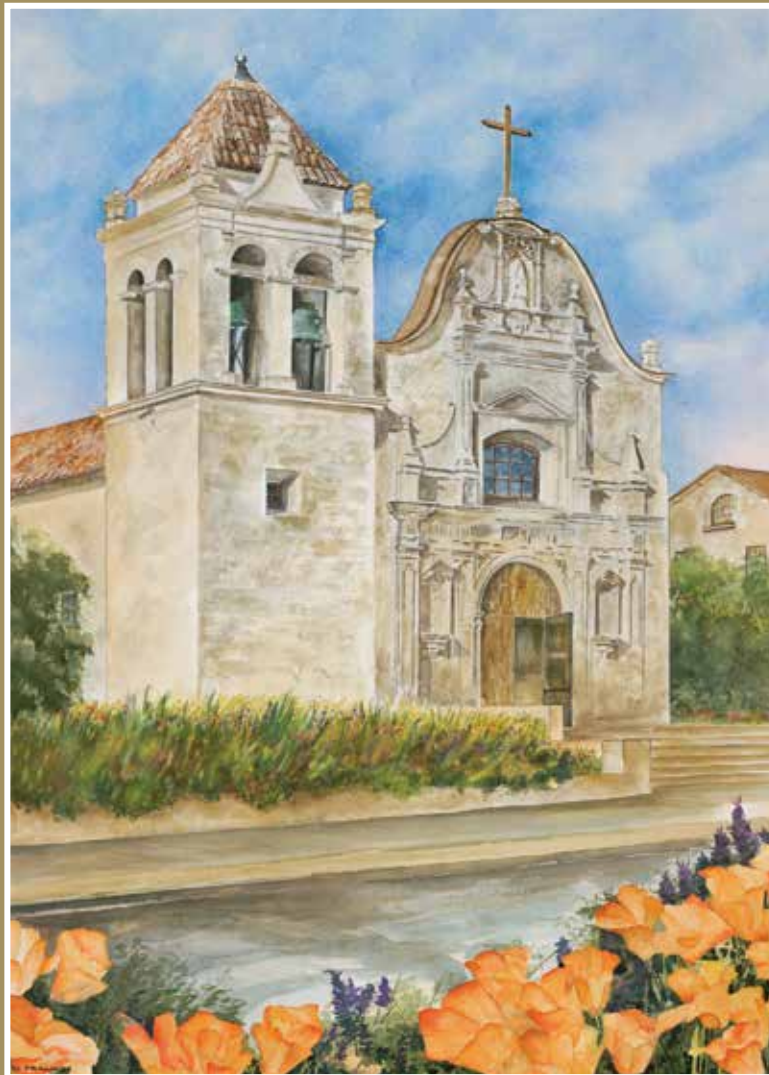
**New this Year: Eggplant Parmesan Sandwich** for a vegetarian delight.

Desserts include **Cannolis** with fresh ricotta filling and **Italian cookies.** Enjoy a cup of Coffee or Tea. Visit the Beer and Wine booth for a glass of wine from local vineyards or an ice cold beer.

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The exhibit is located at the Monterey History and Art Stanton Center at the Custom House Plaza. Viewing is available Wednesday - Monday from Noon to 4 pm. Admission fees are charged.

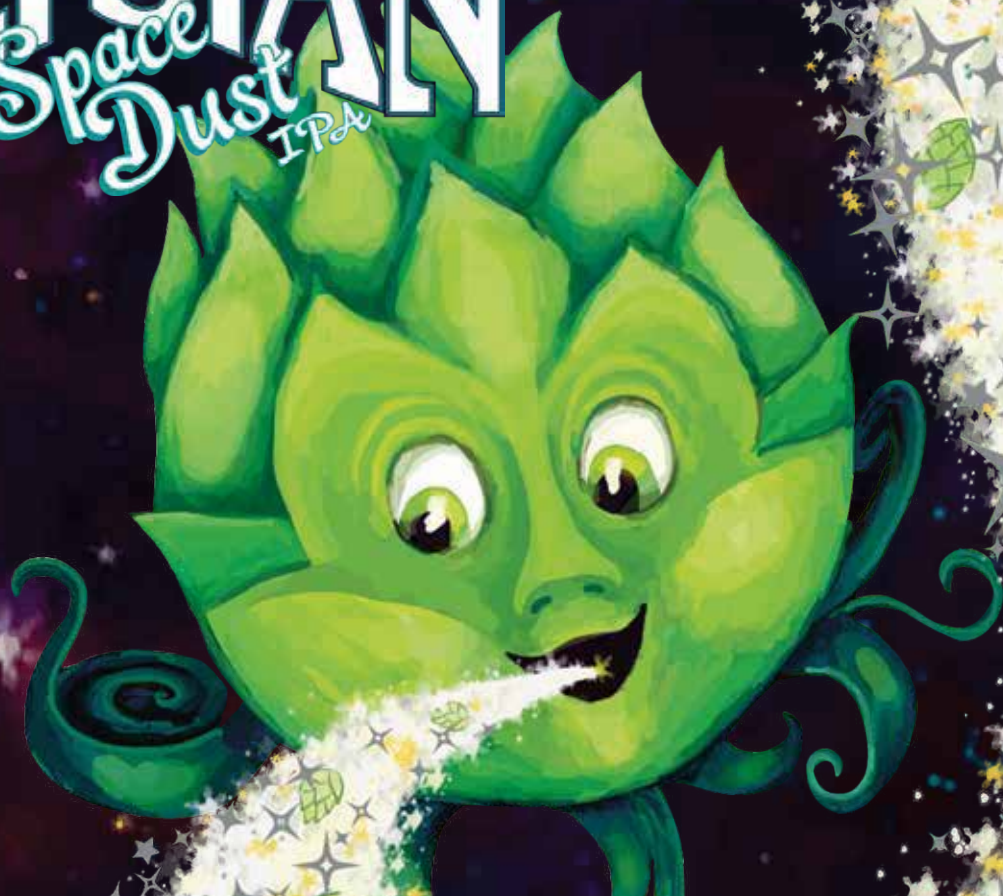


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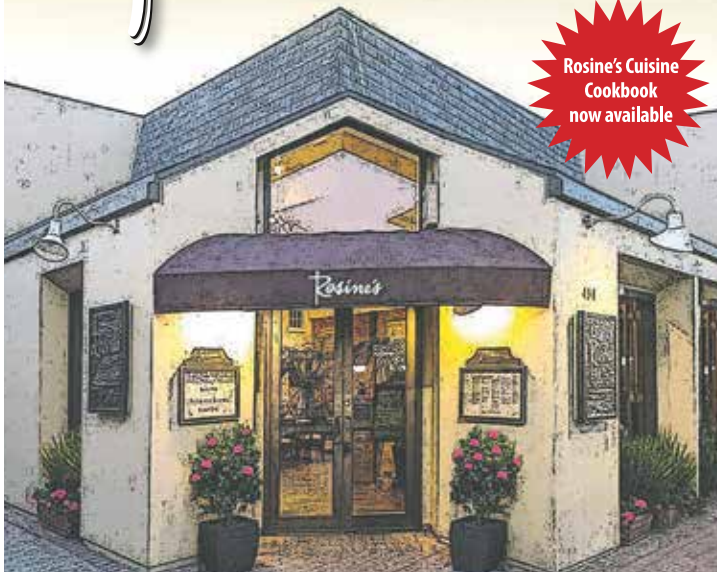
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- In 1319 AD, Bocce was prohibited from play by anyone of lesser than noble status, as it was feared that it took too much time away from practical endeavors and military training.
- By 1519, the game once again became public and spread to places like Belgium and Holland.
- The Republic of Venice condemned the sport in 1576 and the Catholic Church prohibited clergymen from playing bocce.
- Guisepi Garibaldi, sometimes referred to as the George Washington of Italy, popularized the sport and made it what it is today whilst unifying Italy.
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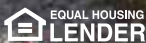
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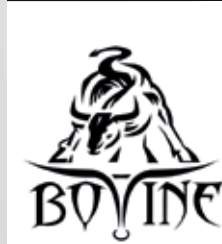
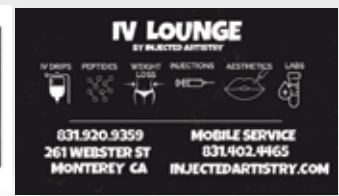
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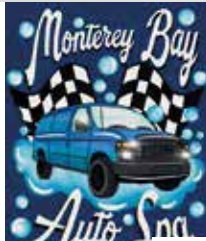
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## CHEF - TENE SHAKE

Award-winning Chef Tene Shake is a part of the iconic Shake Family, which has been in Monterey for generations and played an integral role in the rich history and success of fabulous Fisherman's Wharf. The Shake family legacy lives on today, operating several restaurants, fish markets and boats. Tene is the youngest of five brothers, thus earning him the nickname "Tene."

Tene graduated from Bethany University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1988. Following college, he completed levels 1-3 at the California Culinary Academy and attended Le Cordon Bleu and the International Culinary Center/French Culinary Institute. In 2009, Tene was honored to spend time at the White House with Chef Sam Kass. Chef Tene was voted 2014 Chef of the year and Chairman of Les Toque Blanches International-Monterey and the American Culinary Federation, Central Coast and President of the National Chapter of ACF Central Coast.

Born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, Tene Shake is an authentic "Local Real Estate Expert" with "local Knowledge" of real estate on the Monterey Peninsula. Tene has a passion for real estate buying his first home at age 19. Tene follows in the tradition of giving back instilled in him as a young man by his Mom & Dad that simply taught him "you receive in order to give."

Tene is proud to support over 300 charities. One of Tene's most humbling experiences was meeting Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India in 1991 and spending a half day with her visit the areas of the poor and homeless she visited often.

Tene lives in Monterey County with his wife, Tracy. January 2024 marked the celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

ENJOY! MANGIARE!

## **Sicilian Style Marinated Calamari Salad**

### *Ingredients*

1 small onion  
2 whole garlic  
1 green bell pepper  
1 yellow bell pepper  
1 red bell pepper  
1 lb cooked calamari, cut in rings (boiled in salted water just until tender, about 2 minutes...as soon as they turn white) or (1 lb) calamari, cleaned and sliced into rings, tentacles left whole, then cooked

3 tablespoons olive oil  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
2 -3 tablespoons chopped parsley  
salt and pepper

### *Directions*

- Finely sliced onion, Red, Yellow & Green bell peppers.
- Make the vinaigrette: Whisk olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper until combined.
- Mince Garlic
- Add cooked calamari
- Toss all ingredients in a bowl and chill for an hour before serving.
- For a prettier salad, arrange lettuce leaves on a serving platter, top with salad and garnish with parsley sprigs and lemon wedges.



## **Calamari Scampi**

Serves 2 to 4 - *Ingredients*

- 1/2 pound linguini or thin spaghetti
  - 1 pound squid bodies (5 to 10 bodies, depending on the size)
  - 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
  - 2 tablespoons Capers
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
  - 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
  - 1/4 cup chopped fresh herbs, such as parsley, basil, or chives, or any combination
  - 1/4 cup pasta water, if needed
  - Salt and pepper to taste
- Lemon slices for garnish

*Directions*

- Bring a large pot of water with a nice amount of salt to a boil and cook the pasta according to directions. Save some pasta water just before straining.
- Cut the squid into rings, and dry slightly with a paper towel. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil and capers over medium-high heat. Add the squid and cook, stirring constantly, for 3 to 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper as you cook. Try one or two starting at 3 minutes to gauge doneness. The rings will be white and tender when cooked.
- Remove the squid from the skillet and turn the heat to low. Add the remaining tablespoon of olive oil, the butter, and the garlic to the same pan, and sauté for less than one minute until the garlic is fragrant. Stir in the lemon juice and then return the squid to the pan. Mix in the pasta and the fresh herbs. Add some reserved pasta water if the dish needs extra moisture.
- Serve immediately, garnished with 2 or 3 thin lemon slices.

## **Calamari Diablo**

*Ingredients*

- 4tablespoons olive oil
- 5minced garlic cloves
- 1tablespoon red pepper flakes 2green onions, chopped
- 10 ounces diced Chorizo
- 1cup dry white wine
- 8 squid, tubes and tentacles cut tubes into rings
- 1cup tomato puree
- 1/2cup fresh grated pecorino romano cheese
- 1lb pasta, of your choice
- 4 -5sprigs of chopped parsley (to garnish)

*Directions*

Heat oil in non stick skillet, add garlic, green onions, red pepper flake and pepperoni, bring to simmer.

- Turn up heat and add wine while stirring constantly. Bring to near boil.
- Add shrimp and cook for one minute, then flip and cook for another minute. (I hate overcooked shrimp, so at this point I removed shrimp and placed in a bowl.).
- Add squid rings and tentacles. They will cook very quickly so pay close attention. After 2 minutes return shrimp to skillet. Reduce heat to simmer.
- Add your tomato puree. This is where you can be creative. I actually used one cup of Barilla's Arrabbiata sauce for extra kick!
- Grate in some of the fresh Pecorino Romano cheese and stir inches Remove from heat.



# Saint Rosalia HER STORY



Who was Santa Rosalia? She was born in 1130 AD and is the Patron Saint of Palermo, Sicily. According to legend, Rosalia was born to a Norman noble family that claimed descent from Charlemagne. Devoutly religious she abandoned her family's wealth and royal lifestyle to live as a hermit in a cave on Mount Pellegrino, where she died alone in 1166. Tradition says that she was led to the cave by two angels. There she lived as a hermit dedicating her life to prayer and solitude.

According to her story, a ship carrying the bubonic plague landed in Palermo in May 1624. The epidemic that ensued caused the deaths of about one third of Palermo's population. The epidemic raged on until the middle of July when a young man, Matteo Bonello, had a vision in which Rosalia appeared to him and directed him to her cave. She instructed him to retrieve her bones and to carry them to the four corners of the city. Bonello found the cave, Rosalia's bones and a rock with Rosalia's name on it. He carried the bones to the city and soon Palermo's horrible plague was over. Santa Rosalia became the patron saint of the City of Palermo. In fact, she is generally revered throughout Sicily.

Every July 15-17, Palermo holds a festival to commemorate the ending of the plague and to honor their patron saint. The annual festivities are elaborate and attract people from great distances. The Community of Isola delle Femmine is a mere 15 kilometers from Palermo. Many of the original Isola delle Femmine immigrants participated in Palermo's annual festivals bringing the tradition to Monterey.

In 1933, the tradition of blessing the fishing fleet and mass at San Carlos Cathedral followed by Saint Rosalia traveling in a procession to the Monterey Wharf was established. As Santa Rosalia traveled from the Cathedral she is led by the Local Catholic clergy, Knights of Columbus, the congregation and community members. Upon arriving at the waterfront, the names of those lost at sea are read aloud and a wreath is placed in their honor. A blessing is offered for all who make their living on or by the Monterey Bay.

Santa Rosalia's float is adorned with fresh flowers donated in honor and memory of fishing families. There are a limited number of spots available. If you are interested in honoring a family member, please contact Phyllis Grillo at [pgrillo831@gmail.com](mailto:pgrillo831@gmail.com) or (831) 402-8030





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# THE MONTEREY TARANTELLA DANCERS

## Celebrate Festa Italia 91st Anniversary



### 2024 Festa Italia Tarantella Dancers.

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Maria Mineo Burns  
Phyllis Mineo Aiello  
Bri DiGirolamo  
Jerilynn Crivello  
Laney Pennisi Nozicka

The Tarantella Dancers perform on Saturday and Sunday at Festa Italia. No Italian wedding or celebration would be complete without the rhythmic song and dance of the Tarantella. It is considered by some to be the most popular of all the Italian songs and it is even considered by many as the song of Italy. The dance is both lively and graceful, with light and quick steps mixed with passionate gestures. The Tarantella, originally an Italian folk dance of the lower-and middle-classes has been labeled as a dance to cure sickness. Legend states that between the 15th and 17th centuries, an epidemic of tarantism swept through the

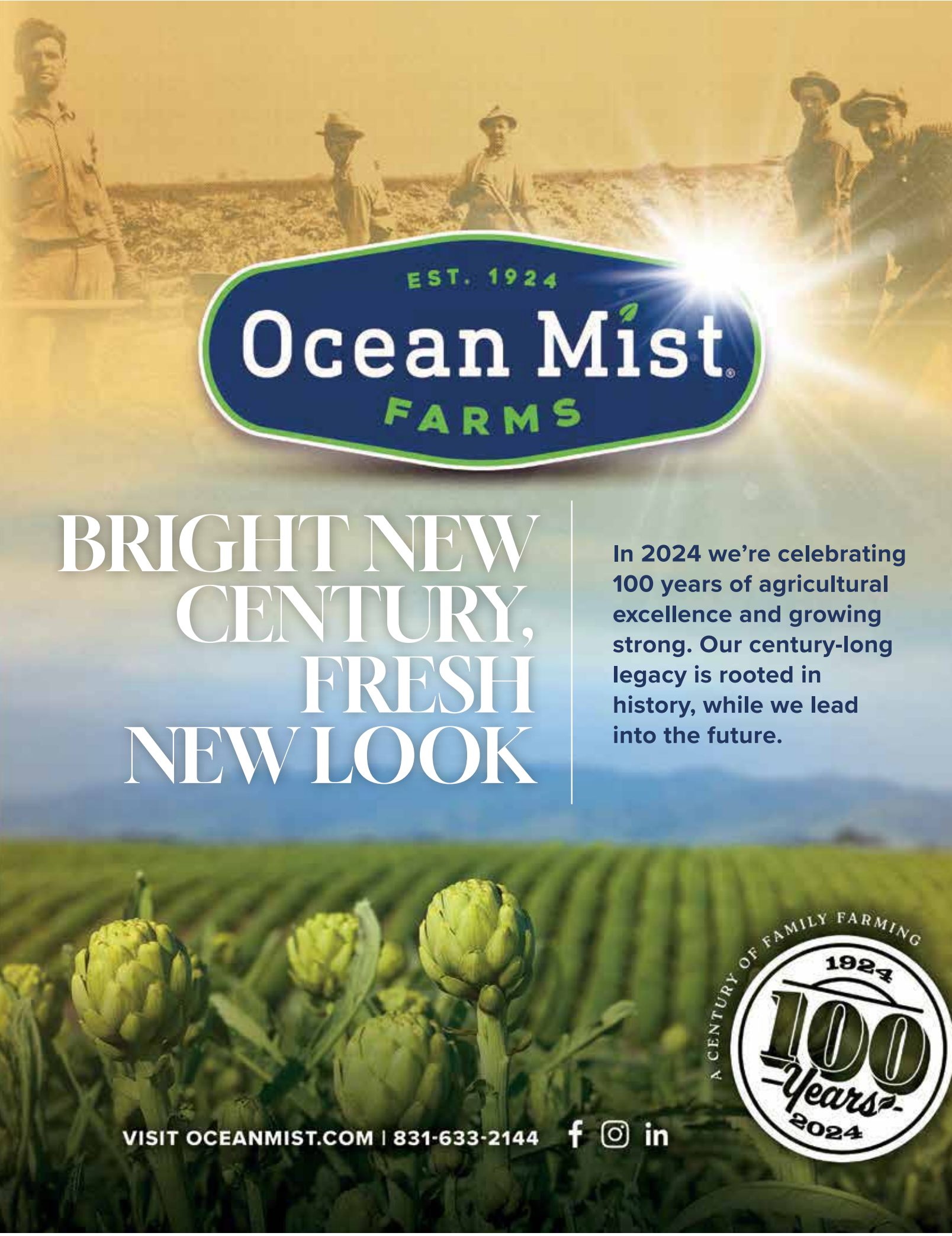
town of Taranto in southern Italy, from being bitten by the poisonous tarantula spider. The victim, which is referred to as the tarantata, once bitten, could fall into a trance that could only be cured by frenzied dancing. People would surround the victim while musicians would play mandolins, guitars and tambourines in search of the correct rhythm. Each bet would have a different effect on the tarantata causing various movements and gestures. Once the correct rhythm was found, it was almost certain that the tarantata was cured. The Tarantella Dancers of Monterey perform annually at Festa Italia and other cultural events.

### The Tarantella Dancers perform on Saturday and Sunday

The Tarantella Dancers of Monterey are sponsored by Festa Italia/Santa Rosalia Foundation, a 501© (3) non-profit organization. They perform annually at the Festival and other cultural events. If you are interested in

joining the group or booking them for an event, please contact Phyllis Grillo at [pgrillo831@gmail.com](mailto:pgrillo831@gmail.com) or (831) 402-8030 for more information.




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