



43RD ANNIVERSARY

# Gala Weekend

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK

2660 WOODLEY ROAD NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

(Washington Marriott Wardman Park  
Hotel Convention Registration Desk)

### ***NIAF Registration and Information Center***

Pick up your will call ticket and a weekend schedule here!

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

(The National Italian American  
Foundation Headquarters, 1860 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
NW)



### ***NIAF Museum Ribbon Cutting***

Join the National Italian American Foundation in inaugurating its anticipated Museum on Italian immigration to the United States, the resilience of the Italian people aboard their ships to a new land, and the communities and values they have forever instilled in America. **\*This event is FREE and open to the public;** for more information, please email [gmileti@niaf.org](mailto:gmileti@niaf.org)

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

(Maryland A/B)

### ***NIAF on Campus Conference***

NIAF Board Leadership, industry experts, and 30 Italian American college students selected as Italian American fellows will meet to discuss best practices and future strategies in bringing NIAF to college campuses across the Nation. **\*\*\*By invitation only;** for more information email Julia Streisfeld at [jstreisfeld@niaf.org](mailto:jstreisfeld@niaf.org)



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### ***NIAF Dine Around***

Support NIAF's friends and enjoy a specially priced, pre-fix menu to kick off your Friday night! For a listing of participating restaurants, visit [www.niaf.org/gala](http://www.niaf.org/gala)

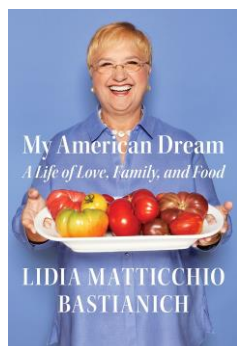
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**8:00 p.m.**

(Virginia Room)



### **An Evening with Lidia Bastianich**

NIAF is thrilled to present “An Evening with Lidia Bastianich.” Join the Emmy award winning television chef, cookbook author and restaurateur, as she takes you to through the culinary tradition of Puglia, NIAF’s 2018 Region of Honor. Experience a typical Pugliese dinner perfectly paired with Pugliese wine. Tickets are limited for this one-time only event! We’re expecting a full house, so make your reservations now! *\*This is a TICKETED EVENT; for more information visit [www.niaf.org/gala](http://www.niaf.org/gala)*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

(Convention Registration Desk)

### **NIAF Registration and Information Center**

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**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

(Exhibit Hall A)



### **Expo Italiana**

**Free and open to the public!** Showcasing the best of Italy! Enjoy the familiar tastes, sights and sounds of Italian American life and mingle amongst Pugliese and Italian American exhibitors. Enjoy food and drink, coffee, and sweets provided by our premier partners and spend your time visiting the brands you love and discovering new ones. Throughout the day, discover exhibitors who have traveled from Italy, learn about Italian dual citizenship, genealogy, language and travel programs. Watch a presentation about Luigi Del Bianco, chief carver of Mount Rushmore; brush up your Italian language with the Italian Cultural Society of Washington; watch the top 3 finalists’ films for The Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum; sit in on Gelato 101 for a lesson and tasting. Don’t forget to stop by the NIAF photo booth! Expo Italiana is the place to meet, mingle and feel at home during the NIAF Gala Weekend! *\*For more information please email [expoitaliana@niaf.org](mailto:expoitaliana@niaf.org)*

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

(Roosevelt 2)



### **Medical Conference: The Impact of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles in Human Health**

This conference will discuss our delicate relationship of the environment with our own personal human health and present innovative technologies, like drone-monitoring technology, and research produced by Italian scientists to monitor and safeguard our environment for the benefit of human health. In addition, there will be a special presentation on the recent FDA approval for human nerve growth factor, Italy’s Dompé Pharmaceuticals new drug for a rare eye disease, based on the work of Italian Nobel Prize Winner, Dr.

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Rita Levi-Montalcini. Brief remarks will be given by Dr. Antonio Giordano, President of SHRO and Dr. Michele Masucci, V.P. of Research, Temple University. *\*This event is FREE and open to the public; for more information email [tuc64806@temple.edu](mailto:tuc64806@temple.edu)*

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

(Roosevelt 3)



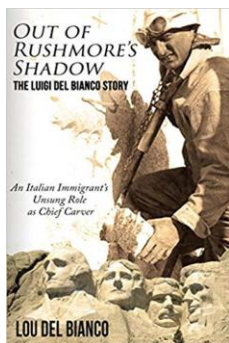
**The Italian Cultural Society of Washington D.C.**

### **Learn Italian with the Italian Cultural Society of Washington D.C.**

Learn the basics of 'la bella lingua' with the Italian Cultural Society of Washington, D.C. *\*This event is FREE and open to the public, for more information email [expoitaliana@niaf.org](mailto:expoitaliana@niaf.org)*

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

(Roosevelt 4)



### **Out of Rushmore's Shadow: The Luigi Del Bianco Story**

In this 45-minute special presentation for the entire family, storyteller Lou Del Bianco portrays his grandfather, Luigi Del Bianco, and talks about his unsung contribution as chief carver on our nation's greatest memorial, Mount Rushmore. Lou uses authentic photos, videos and primary source documents to bring Luigi's story to life. Now a published book authored by Lou, "Out of Rushmore's Shadow" is a dramatic and touching story about Luigi's legacy and the immigrant struggle. *\*This event is FREE and open to the public; for more information, please email [expoitaliana@niaf.org](mailto:expoitaliana@niaf.org)*

**11:00 a.m. – 4:00**

**p.m.**

(Exhibit Hall A)



### **NIAF Wine Pavilion**

In between sessions, enjoy tastings of a handpicked assortment of Italian wines. Stop by the Wine Pavilion to purchase your wine tasting tickets right next to Clemente Bakery.

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

(Roosevelt 2)



### **Gelato 101 with Gianluigi Dellaccio**

Enjoy a demonstration and tasting by Gianluigi Dellaccio, owner of Dolci Gelati. Gianluigi's rich experience in pastry allows him to make creative magic in his "Laboratorio del Gelato" or gelato laboratory that lead him to earn honors at the Gelato World Tour in 2016. *\*This event is FREE and open to the public, for more information, email [expoitaliana@niaf.org](mailto:expoitaliana@niaf.org)*

**11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

(Roosevelt 4)



### **Andrea Doria: Are the Passengers Saved?**

Join Pierette Domenica Simpson, NIAF member and writer and producer of an Award-winning docudrama, who narrates her story of surviving the most catastrophic sea collision while immigrating to America to meet her mother. Pierette's research in vivid re-enactments and interviews uncovers the hidden truth about the Andrea Doria-Stockholm collision of 1956. *\*This event is FREE and open to the public; for more information, please email [expoitaliana@niaf.org](mailto:expoitaliana@niaf.org)*

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### **Special Lunch Served by Clemente Bakery**

Join NIAF for a complimentary lunch (while it lasts) provided by our partners, Clemente Bakery! Clemente Bakery is a family-owned business dedicated to creating the very best authentic Italian baked goods in the Tri-State Area. Over the years, the Clemente name has become famous for its finest "Old World Flavor." Clemente Bakery is best known for "Pane d' Altamura," or artisan bread from the town of Altamura, Puglia, which is made from brick ovens in the same way it has been made for centuries -- by hand.

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

(Roosevelt 2)



### **The Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum**

The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) and the Italian Sons and Daughters of America (ISDA) are excited to present the top three grant finalists for The Russo Brothers Italian American Film Forum, an initiative to fund films depicting and exploring the Italian American experience for the benefit of future generations. Join us in viewing all three film projects. The winner will be announced during the gala dinner.

*\*This event is FREE and open to the public, but limited seating; for more information, please email Gabriella Mileti at [gmileti@niaf.org](mailto:gmileti@niaf.org)*

**5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

(Marriott Foyer)

### **NIAF Gala Receptions**

**7:00p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

(Marriott Ballroom)

### **NIAF 43rd Anniversary Awards Gala**

**10:00 p.m. till morning**

(Marriott Mezzanine)

### **NIAF After Hours Celebration**

Untie your bowtie after the Gala and join in the most famous Italian party in America, featuring live music and spirited sing-alongs with your fellow Italian Americans. This is an after party NOT to be missed!

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

(Holy Rosary Church, 595 3rd St NW)

### **Mass in Italian**

Conclude Gala Weekend at Holy Rosary Church, the Italian National Parish of Washington. Holy Rosary Church was established in 1913 to serve the Italian immigrants who first lived in its immediate neighborhood. *\*This event is FREE and open to the public.*