



# Club Garibaldi News

**AUGUST 2012**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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As the up-coming 'Natura' the Contemporary Art Exhibition by the Sicilian artist Alessandro Bazan, opens in Wellington on 14 September, I would like to encourage all members to visit the exhibition during it's season here. This is a great opportunity to view and appreciate an example of fine Italian contemporary art with the actual artist in attendance. Please note that Club Garibaldi, in collaboration with the Italian Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand and the Sicilian authorities, was instrumental in bringing this exhibition to New Zealand. See article further on in this newsletter.

The Annual General meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday, 26 August.

Ciao a presto,  
Ginette Toscano Page

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Thank you to the members who have renewed their membership and paid their subscriptions. **Please note: For those who have not renewed their membership this will be the last newsletter they will receive.**

## **'NATURA' - CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION BY SICILIAN ARTIST, ALESSANDRO BAZAN, OPENS IN WELLINGTON ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2012**



An exhibition of contemporary art by renowned Sicilian artist, Alessandro Bazan will open at the Academy Gallery, New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts, in Wellington on Friday, 14 September 2012.

Liz Maxwell, President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce New Zealand Inc. says, "Alessandro Bazan has become one of Italy's best-known and contemporary artists, a modern Sicilian master, as well as a fascinating character. We are confident that his art will speak to New Zealanders and the Italian community in this country.

Each year, the Sicilian Region, looks to strengthen, through cultural events, the ties between Italy and the Italian communities on all continents and the many international visitors who have spent varying lengths of time in Italy. This year, the focus is on New Zealand through 'Sicilian Art in New Zealand', an exhibition of contemporary works by Alessandro Bazan.

The Bazan exhibition, part of the 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy Celebration, aims to raise awareness in New Zealand of the importance of the Sicilian cultural heritage, and encourage dialogue and strengthen relationships between Italy and New Zealand.

This initiative has been realised through the support of Regione Siciliana Assessorato Regionale per la famiglia le politiche, sociali e il lavoro – Dipartimento Lavoro Servizio II Emigrazione ed Immigrazione in collaboration with Club Garibaldi, established in 1882, the oldest Italian Club in the Southern Hemisphere, the Centre for International Research and Management in Palermo, Sicily, and the Italian Chamber of Commerce in New Zealand Inc.

The 'Natura Exhibition' will run from Friday, 14 September through to Sunday, 23 September in Academy Gallery 3 at the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts on Wellington's waterfront. The Gallery is open 10.00am to 5.00pm daily.

"The Italian Chamber of Commerce New Zealand Inc is delighted to have been involved in ensuring this exhibition came to New Zealand and grateful to the support of the Sicilian authorities and Club Garibaldi for their support," Liz Maxwell said.



*Alessandro Bazan*

Academy Gallery 3  
New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts,  
1 Queens Wharf, Wellington  
Exhibition from Friday 14th September to Sunday 23rd  
September 2012, 10.00am to 5.00pm daily  
Admission: Free of charge

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alessandro-Bazan/43731527612>

## **VOLUNTEERS/HELPERS WANTED FOR ARTE SICILIANA EXHIBITION – CAN YOU HELP?**

We are gathering a list of volunteers from the Club, who would be prepared to spend a few hours in the Gallery each day of the exhibition, from Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Perhaps one person, per day, for four hours - 10.00am to 2.00pm approx. We feel it would be an excellent touch, to have a member of the local Italian community in the Gallery. Retirees who are interested would be most welcome. The artist of course, will be in attendance as well, but as his English is limited, we feel it would be wonderful to have local representatives from the Italian community there.

## **BABY CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to Deanna Costa & Rhys Johnstone of Motueka on the birth of their daughter, Stella June. A granddaughter for Lea Costa of Kilbirne, and Vince Costa of Oriental Bay.

## **A BIT OF TRIVIA**

Ansa – Rome, 29 June 2012

### ***Fake Blind Man Busted Playing Cards and Giving Direction***

A man living in a town in the Marche region claiming benefits since 2006 for blindness was filmed by police playing cards at a local community centre and reported for aggravated insurance fraud. The man, who has collected over 36,000 euros in disability payments over six years, was also seen walking through the town and giving directions to tourists!

## **HUMOUR IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL**

Pepe phones his son a couple of days before Christmas "Hey, Enzo. I gotta tella you someting. Your mama and I are getting a divorce – forty five years da miseria is enough!"

Enzo screams into the phone "Papa, no, no!" Pepe replies "We no like each udda any more! I'm-a sick of talking about it. So tell-a your sister, Caterina".

Frantically, the son calls Caterina, who explodes on the phone "No way are our parents getting divorced" she shouts. She immediately phones her father and screams "Papa, you and mama are not getting divorced! Don't do anything until Enzo and I get there tomorrow" and hangs up. Pepe hangs up the phone and turns to his wife "Eh, Rosa' he says 'They're coming-a 'ome per natale, and paying their own way!"

## **FROM THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES**

By Ginette Toscano Page

### ***Italians Arrive – Auckland Star – 21 May 1925***

A party of twenty nine Italian men arrived at Wellington on Tuesday, by the Moeraki from Sydney, having recently come from the Venetian district. They are mostly young men, only a few approaching middle age. The new arrivals are bound for various parts of New Zealand to go farming or fishing. They are well dressed and sturdily built, besides being of good average height from a New Zealand standpoint, and typical of natives of the north-east of Italy. They made their headquarters at the Garibaldi Club on arrival until they obtain passages to their various destinations.

## CONDOLENCES



Our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

- + Tina, John, Donna, Joseph and Stephen Zino, on the recent passing of their mother, mother-in-law and nonna, Erminia Zino of Miramar.
- + Salvi and Jo Gaeta and family of Island Bay, on the passing of their sister, sister-in-law and aunt, Anna Gargiulo of Nelson, whilst on holiday in Italy.
- + Fiona and David Da Vanzo and family of Rongotai, on the passing of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Kiri Winiata Scott of Titahi Bay.

## FAREWELL TO DELIA & CARLO



Earlier this month we farewelled Delia Benazzo, the Cultural Officer from the Embassy of Italy and her husband, Carlo. During their time in New Zealand Delia and Carlo became active members of Club Garibaldi and supported events at the Club in particular the Annual Italian Festival and recently at the Club Garibaldi Carnevale. They also attended many functions with Delia contributing to the singing, and even dancing!

In 2005 Delia became a full-time employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an Italian Government Lector. Delia divided her time between working at the Embassy of Italy and Victoria University. As both Delia and Carlo return to teaching at High Schools in Acqui Terme, Piemonte, Italy, Club Garibaldi would like to thank them for their support of the Club and the Italian community during their time in Wellington. We will miss them, and wish them well for the future.

At the recent August executive committee meeting, Delia and Carlo presented a beautiful ceramic platter to the club which Carlo hand-made, as a memento of their stay in Wellington. Hand painted on the platter are the following words: Agli amici del Club Garibaldi con affetto da Carlo e Delia.



## CARTOLINA RADIO PROGRAMMES - PLAINS FM 96.9

The Società Dante Alighieri, Christchurch (website: [www.dante.org.nz/chch](http://www.dante.org.nz/chch)) hosts Radio programmes on Italian topics; listen live or hear the podcast at [www.plainsfm.org.nz](http://www.plainsfm.org.nz). Forthcoming programmes are:

*29 August and 3 September:* Elisa Ramon (Soprano) and Alessio Olivieri (Guitar) are the Duo that call themselves 'Operaperta'. They present their repertoire of Spanish, Venetian and Neapolitan songs, collected in their just released CD. For more details visit: [www.operaperta.com](http://www.operaperta.com)

## CIRCOLO ITALIANO – SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 6 September, Circolo members K-J and Matt Dillon will give us a Power Point presentation. Their 7-week trip to Italy included a few unusual activities: navigating Italian bureaucracy to be married in Venezia, canal boating for a week in the Friuli, Cinque Terre (including some photos of the re-build), Elba Island, Andrea Bocelli in Fano and hiking in the Dolomites. An interesting and intriguing mix of topics!! A \$5.00 charge towards supper will apply.

## SHARED LUNCH



The next shared lunch will be held at the clubrooms on **Sunday, 2 September 2012**, at 1.15pm. All members and families are very welcome. Please bring a plate.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Vito Lo Iacono and Joanne Macdonald of Melrose, Wellington, and Fabrizio Facchini and Anna Siyanova of Karori, Wellington.

## 'A NIGHT AT THE GARIBALDI' – BARBARA GRAHAM BENEFIT



Capacity audiences on 20 and 21 July marked 20 years of Benefit evenings at the Garibaldi Club. The 2012 beneficiary, Barbara Graham, was also the recipient of a grant from the Don Haliburton Vocal Award Charitable Trust which underwrites these events. Other artists on the programme included Tim Beveridge and Letitsia Kappatos both from Auckland and boy soprano, Taylor Roche, from Christchurch along with a number of local performers. Thanks are due to those who have financially supported these Benefit evenings by their attendance over the years.



*Barbara Graham*



*Taylor Roche & Lydia McDonnell sing the Pie Jesu duet*

## ITALIAN MASS



On the first Sunday of every month the Mass is celebrated in Italian at the Church of St Francis de Sales, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Mass starts at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see more members and their families attend, as we are very fortunate to have this opportunity in New Zealand. If you can help with a reading or the offertory, please contact Ida Basile.

The Mass is celebrated by either Abp Charles Balvo or Mons Jean-Sylvain Emien from the Apostolic Nunciature.

The next Mass will be on **Sunday, 2 September 2012.**

## 2012 ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

The dates and locations for the 2012 Italian Film festival have been announced. Please find all the details on the web site at [www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz](http://www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz)

## TOMBOLA



The next tombola night will be on **Tuesday, 28 August 2012**, at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please come along and feel free to bring a friend. Contact Maria Colucci, if you have any questions.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday, 26 August (7pm)  
Tuesday, 28 August (7.30pm)  
Sunday, 2 September (11.30am)  
Sunday, 2 September (1.15pm)  
Thursday, 6 September (7.30pm)

AGM  
Tombola  
Italian Mass  
Shared Lunch  
Circolo September Social  
Natura Exhibition, NZ Academy of Fine Arts

14 – 23 September (10am – 5pm, Daily)