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Newsletter

Message From the President:

June /giugno 2019

On behalf of the National Congress of Italian Canadians (National Capital District) Executive, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our membership and our community friends as the Congresso launches its first newsletter.

**Here's your daily
 dose of life:**

"Take a deep breath,
 enjoy this day and let
 something great
 happen".

As promised to you at our November 2018 Annual General Meeting, the NCIC sought to provide our community with a medium whereby we could share the news of the many cultural events, past and future, presented by the NCIC, solely or in collaboration with other groups, as well as the activities of our many Italo-Canadian associations. We would love for the many organizations and associations to contribute their stories, their recipes and any other interesting activities they wish to share. In this newsletter you will read about a couple of associations, the Fogolar Furlan, celebrating their 50th anniversary as well as Il Centro Giovanile Formativo Italo-canadese. Since September 2016, the NCIC has held, at the Italian Canadian Historical Centre, on average, two events per month with close to 1000 people crossing our threshold. These events have been a mixture of movie nights and documentary screenings, book launches and book readings, musical interludes and art exhibits to name just a few. These events allow a window into the richness of programming that upholds the cultural mandate of the Congress as well as contributing to the tapestry of our great community. The Centro Storico has become the cultural hub of the community.

In future editions, the Congress will share with you the many important partnerships and relationships we have formed with many cultural , academic and historical/heritage groups.

But for this first edition, we would like to wish you a very good summer, quality time spent with your loved ones, safe travel and a very Happy Father's Day. Remember, submit us your contributions and check out our new website at www.ncicottawa.com.

A la prossima!

Trina Costantini-Powell,
 President, NCIC National Capital District



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- Keep your membership up to date
- We welcome your input
- Feel free to contact us with a simple e-mail
- Interested in joining to become a member? Let us know.

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Events held at the Italian Canadian Historical Centre January to June 2019

February 28- "The Rising Tide"-By Mark Frutkin. This event was in collaboration with Dante Alighieri Society as part of their Salone Culturale.

March 13-Nicola Campomasi -Restoration on Parliament Hill and recognizing the Italian Canadian presence with respect to workmanship. This event was in collaboration with the Dante Alighieri Society as part of their Salone Culturale.

March 24- Dr.Licia Canton, Italian Canadian writer reading from" The Pink House" and some of her other works
(NCIC sponsored)

March 28-Giovanni Caboto Scholarship Awards-Presented by the NCIC Foundation and the NCIC Ottawa

April 14-Angelo Sgabellone - "I Terroni" (NCIC Sponsored)

April 25-Orazio Rizzi - A Presentation on the Second World War (NCIC sponsored)

April 27-Fogolar Furlan and the NCIC present Chef Gianni Ceschia(OMNI TV) discussing and demonstrating the cuisine of Friuli . This is in honour of the 50th anniversary of the Fogolar Furlan Association of Ottawa. (IHC)

May 16-"Leonardo Il Fiorentino"- A discussion on Leonardo Da Vinci by Professor Angelo Mingarelli, Carleton University. This event was in collaboration with the Dante Alighieri Society as part of their Salone Culturale.

June 7- "The Art and Passion of Guido Nincheri" presented by Author Melanie Grondin and grandson of the late artist Roger Nincheri. Ottawa Italian Week Festival

June 10- Italian Documentary Film Screening-"Three Portraits and The Fiancée"- Ottawa Italian Week Festival

June 15-16 (10-4PM) - Lego Exhibit with Buildings Blockd Brick Artist Deborah Higdon NCIC in collaboration with The Societa Sicula, Villa Marconi and Integrated Touch Physiotherapy.

What's happening in our Associations

Il Centro Giovanile Formativo Italocanadese The Italian Canadian Youth Formation Centre

Who we are

Italian Canadian Youth Formation Centre was founded in 1974 by a group of young people led by Enrico del Castello, who all dreamed of promoting the beautiful language and culture that the Italians share. It began primarily as a Saturday morning program enriched by activities in sport and cultural events. Primarily the Centre has offered classes and summer programs for children aged 4 to 12. Over the years the Centre has sponsored singers, academics and artists, has undertaken a cultural tour of Tuscany and sponsored exchanges of High School students with Tuscany schools. It has provided instruction in the extra curricular activity of traditional folk dancing as well as fostering the singing of popular songs. The Centro is affiliated with the Sanctuary of Divine Love in Rome. In the last 15 years or so it has offered courses in Italian culture and language to adults.

Chi siamo

Il Centro Giovanile Formativo Italocanadese è stato fondato nel 1974 da un gruppo di giovani guidati da Enrico del Castello, i quali sognavano di promuovere la meravigliosa lingua e cultura condivisa dagli italiani. È iniziato principalmente come programma del sabato mattina arricchito da attività sportive e eventi culturali. Il Centro ha offerto principalmente corsi per alunni dai 4 a 12 anni e un programma estivo. Nel corso degli anni il Centro ha sponsorizzato cantanti, accademici e artisti, ha intrapreso un tour culturale della Toscana e sponsorizzato scambi di studenti delle scuole superiori con scuole toscane. Ha fornito istruzione nell'attività extra curricolare della danza popolare tradizionale e promuove il canto di canzoni popolari. Il Centro è affiliato con il Santuario del Divino Amore a Roma. Negli ultimi 15 anni circa ha offerto corsi di lingua e cultura italiana agli adulti.

Fogolâr Furlan di Ottawa

Ottawa May 3, 2019

The Fogolâr Furlan of Ottawa, whose primary mandate is to *'Preserve and promote the Friulian language and culture'*, was founded on April 27, 1969.

Friulian clubs usually carry the name of *Famee* (*family* in the Friulian language) or *Fogolâr* (*hearth*). The Friulians of Ottawa chose *Fogolâr* since to Friulians, in both Friuli and in the many lands of migration around the globe, this word elicits profound emotions of belonging to a large family, albeit a family spread across five continents, gathered around the traditional Friulian *fogolâr*. Bound by common socio-cultural ties, Friulians affectionally call these Fogolârs or Fameis a 'nation without borders'.

Although the Fogolâr was founded in 1969, it was formally incorporated and registered with the Ontario Corporations Act on April 23, 1975 when it received the official seal. It is a member of *Ente Friuli Nel Mondo*, an organization that encompasses 165 Friulian clubs worldwide. The Fogolâr of Ottawa is also a founding member of the *Fogolârs Federation of Canada*, which was founded in Ottawa in 1974. The Fogolâr works closely with the *Federation of Fogolârs of Canada* which comprises sixteen Fogolârs across Canada. Although it is a member of *Ente Friuli nel Mondo*, and through it, the Region of Friuli Venezia-Giulia, as a non-profit Canadian provincial corporation, the *Fogolârs* are all autonomous and independent.

In order to coordinate programs across Canada, two Delegates of each Fogolâr belonging to the Fogolârs Federation meet once a year.

The Board of Directors of the Ottawa Fogolâr meets monthly to decide on matters pertaining to the club and to carry out its mandate as described in its constitution. In Ottawa the Fogolâr also works closely with the National Congress of Italian Canadians, as well as, other Italian groups.

Past Presidents of the Fogolâr Furlan of Ottawa include: Dino Venier (1969-1972), Lino Brun del Re (1972-1974), Nino Croatto (1974-1976), Benito Schiffio (1976-1978), Renzo Vidoni (1978-1983), Nick Urban (1983-1987), Paolo Brun del Re (1987-1990), Enrico Ferrarin (1990-1994), Ivano Cargnello (1994-1998), Enrico Ferrarin (1998-2002), Gustavo Mion (2002-2003), Ivano Cargnello (2003-2005), Roberto Mazzolin (2005-2009), Enrico Ferrarin (2010-2014), (Roger Serafini (2014-2018), Ivano Cargnello (2018-2020).

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A very proud and accomplished group, members of Fogolâr and/or their children have taken their place in Canadian society by becoming entrepreneurs, policemen, diplomats (3 Ambassadors), doctors, lawyers, philosophers, a General in the armed forces, artists, etc.

Over the years the Fogolâr has brought numerous choirs, academics, poets, chefs, comedians and, as well, several exhibitions to Ottawa in keeping with its mandate to promote the language and culture of Friuli.

For many years the Fogolâr had its own theatre company. '*Di ca e di La dal Aghe*'. Lately, the group has concentrated its energy to social and cultural events such as the annual summer picnic, the autumn *Castagnata*, the Christmas lunch in December, as well as the *Pranzo dell'Amicizia* with the Vicentini in late autumn. Yearly the *Confraternità del Presepio of the Fogolâr* creates the classic Nativity Scene for Villa Marconi.

The most important activity of the Fogolâr is the celebration of the *Birth of the Friulian State*. This *Fieste de Patrie dal Friûl* commemorates the date of April 3, 1077 when the Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV, bestowed the political power of the Duchy of Friuli to *Sigeart*, the religious leader and Patriarch of Aquileia. A few years later, Friûl established its first Parliament.

In 2005, the Fogolâr of Ottawa also initiated the prize of *Bon Furlan*, an award to be presented yearly to a member who contributed in a special manner to the preservation and promotion of Friulian culture in Ottawa. In addition to hosting numerous sociocultural events and as a member of the *Fogolârs Federation of Canada*, the Fogolâr is also involved with philanthropic endeavours, such as, the Friuli earthquake of 1976, the Tsunami of 2004, the Abruzzo earthquake, the Fort Mc Murray fire and most recently, in 2018, the floods in Carnia and others.

On behalf of the Fogolârs Federation and the Ente Friuli nel Mondo, the Fogolâr also notifies Friulian Canadians about workshops and scholarships available to them in Friuli.

Together with the Federation of Fogolârs of Canada, the Fogolâr is collaborating in the Italian Canadian Archival Project (ICAP). It has also combined its strengths with other local groups in organizing activities of mutual interest. These include the Friendship Dinner with the Club Vicentini, the Annual Children's Carnival as well as other activities in association with the NCIC.

In April 2019, the Fogolâr celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Gala Luncheon prepared by Chef Gianni Ceschia and published a commemorative souvenir book with numerous photos recalling the many activities of the Fogolâr.

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*A Brick Exhibit showcasing world famous
architecture, structures and fashion!*

Fun for the Whole Family!

June 15-16, 2019

10:00 am –4:00 pm

Italian Canadian Historical Centre
Villa Marconi, 1026 Baseline Road
Free Admission & Parking

Refreshments courtesy of DrMaria Assunta Cuffaro-Clinical PsychopedagogistCorporation

Deborah Higdon is an adult fan of LEGO™ (AFOL) and a LEGO™ artist who has displayed her models internationally, and has been featured at the Royal Embassy of Denmark in Ottawa. She returned to the brick 20 years ago, well into adulthood, after leaving it behind in childhood, like many adult fans. Her work has been commissioned by LEGO™ and DK books and has been published in the Dorling Kindersley book "LEGO™ Ideas Book" (2011). She chooses the famous little Danish brick toys to create works of art, sculpture, architecture, miniature furniture and replicas of everyday objects, including a 100% LEGO™ dress and matching handbag. All her models are original creations, highly detailed and made without glue and without instructions, appealing to both adults and children alike. She is not affiliated with nor endorsed by The LEGO™ Group