



# Il Grifone

Seattle-Perugia Sister City Association News

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## Perugia selects ceramic artist for Seattle residency

Ceramic artist Qing Qu is the second recipient of the ceramics exchange program known as the de Poi Award, established in 2016.

Qing, a student at the prestigious Accademia delle Belle Arti (Academy of Fine Arts) in Perugia, was chosen by a panel of artists and art educators in a blind selection process. A sample of her distinctive artistic style is shown below.



"Art is a way of expressing myself and showing my interior world to others," she said. "I chose to participate in the de Poi Award because I needed new stimulation and also because it was an international artistic competition. I expect this experience will help me grow not only as an artist but also as a person."

The exchange brings together ceramic artists from Pottery Northwest, the Northwest's premier pottery facility, with artists from the Accademia in Perugia. The two cities alternate hosting one artist for three weeks each summer.



Last year's recipient was Myra Kaha (below, left) who traveled to Italy to work at the Moretti ceramics studio in Deruta, outside Perugia. After she returned, she gave a multimedia presentation about her residency which was held at Pottery Northwest.

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Want to find out the latest SPSCA news? We have several options for you. Short features and news releases are posted on our new [website blog](#). It should be one of the first places you turn to when you want to know what's going on around town. That's also where you'll find the *Il Grifone* archives. If you prefer social media, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). The important thing is: Stay in touch and we will, too!

### Benvenuti



A warm welcome to our newest members. Thank you for your support:

- \* Rebecca Albani & Mitchell Levi
- \* Jennifer Clancy
- \* Suzanne Heid
- \* Elisa Murowchick
- \* Barbara Sacerdote



The artist exchange program honors Alviero Moretti (1933-2010), founder of the Moretti ceramic studio and the Ceramic Foundation. The exchange is supported by Chiara de Poi; Pottery Northwest; Accademia delle Belle Arti; Seattle- Perugia Sister City Association and its cohort Perugia- Seattle Sister City Association; Moretti Foundation; and City of Perugia.

## Two generous donors support Piazza Perugia

If you've been reading *Il Grifone* regularly, you know that the new Piazza Perugia is underway.

Part of Julia Lee's Park in Madison Valley at E. Harrison St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Way S., the piazza, more than a decade in the works, is a permanent site to honor our sister city friendship.



The piazza is now our responsibility, including the cost of design, fabrication and shipment of ceramic art for signage and to adorn a stone bench at the piazza's center. We are working with L'Antica Deruta, a ceramic art studio in Umbria, and with a tile artist from Vashon Island on the installation.

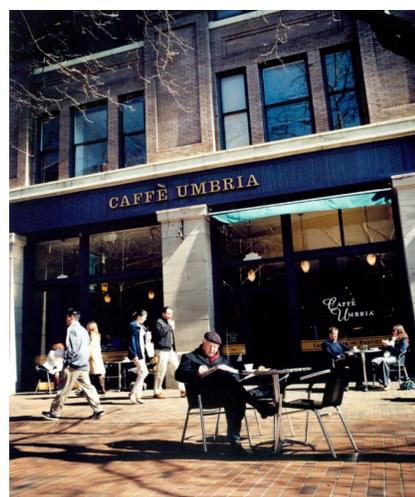


**UMBRA GROUP**

We are pleased to announce that two long-time friends of SPSCA have stepped up to donate funds.

Artisan coffee roaster Caffe Umbria and Umbra

Cuscineti, the aircraft components manufacturer in Everett, are helping to pay for shipping costs and installation of the decorative ceramic tiles.



## La Tavola Italiana

Want to practice your Italian? Join us at Caffè Umbria in Pioneer Square. You'll meet like-minded people who love all things Italian and you'll improve your language skills, too. All levels welcome.

Monthly 1st and 3rd Sundays  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

[Caffe Umbria](#), Pioneer Square

## Choose SPSCA when shopping on Amazon

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We've already registered our association. All you have to do is select us as your designated nonprofit. It's easy and free.

[Find out more here.](#)



Both companies have ties to Perugia and the Pacific Northwest, and we are grateful for their support.

Hats off to the fundraising committee (Donna James, Roberta Torgerson and Elisabetta Valentini) for securing the funds.



We hope that the mayor of Perugia and other officials from both cities will attend the fall dedication. Look for more details in *Il Grifone* and [on our blog](#).

## Your board is here to serve

We are always happy to hear from you. If you have any feedback, email [board president Leslie Keller](#).

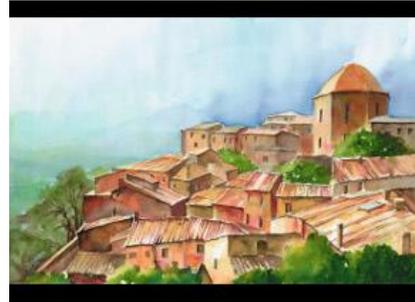
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## 11th annual Italian night with the Mariners

Heads up, baseball fans! The 11th annual Mariners Italian Heritage Night will be Wed., June 21. This year's game is between the Mariners and the Detroit Tigers and begins at 7:10 p.m. Come early and see a bocce tournament played in the outfield. Free giveaway again this year. Get [more information here](#).

## Mark your calendars: Two Italian festivals in Sept.



Dates have been selected for two of the area's most important Italian festivals. The San Gennaro Festival will be held Sept. 8-10 in Georgetown. Festa Italiana starts with the awards luncheon on Sept. 15 at the Seattle Yacht Club, followed by the Taste of Italy on Sept. 22 and the festival itself on Sept. 23 and 24 at Seattle Center.

There is still time to submit an application for Le Arti della Festa Italiana, held in conjunction with the Festa Italiana weekend. Original two or three-dimensional art is eligible. For information and application, visit [the website](#).  
(Artwork above by Jen Rees)