



# Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo

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## Newsletter April 2016

### **Mission Statement**

**The mission of the Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo, Colorado is to promote and preserve the Italian language, culture and customs in Pueblo and Southern Colorado regions. To achieve this mission, the following goals are set forth:**

*\* To award scholarships to Pueblo area senior high school students to continue the study of Italian language at the university level.*

*\* To sponsor cultural and social activities to enhance the Italian American community.*

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Dear Dante Alighieri Society Members:

Since the beginning of 2016 we have been promoting cultural events in the community. In February members and guests celebrated a traditional *Carnevale Dinner Dance* at Historic Pueblo Union Depot complete with an exquisite dinner, delightful musical entertainment by the Alan Polivka Band, masks, and festive decorations. A special thanks to Alan Polivka and the members of his band for a memorable evening.

On March 14 we hosted a wine and cheese reception prior to a spectacular performance by the talented *O Sole Trio* at Sangre de Cristo Arts Center. The New York based ensemble featured the incredible voices of soprano Erin Shields and baritone Giuseppe Spoletini, as well as the versatile and virtuosic David Shenton on piano and violin. The trio performed an entertaining variety of music that ranged from the operas of Puccini and Rossini to Neapolitan favorites including “*O Sole Mio*” to the songs of Madonna Louise Ciccone, Connie Francis, and Andrea Bocelli. *Che bellissima serata italiana!*

Our next event will be the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon, to be held at the Pueblo Country Club on Sunday, May 1, 2016 beginning at 12:00 pm. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the high school winners of Dante Alighieri Society scholarships.

Dante members and friends are also invited to Italian Movie Night at CSU-Pueblo on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 pm. Plan to immerse yourself in Italian and enjoy this special event.

We are pleased to welcome new members to the Dante Alighieri Society, as our membership continues to increase. If you have joined recently, thank you and *benvenuti!* Please continue to extend invitations to friends, family and coworkers, or consider bringing someone new to an event. We kindly remind you to renew your membership now if you haven’t done so already. *Grazie!*

## Calendar of Events

<b>Scholarship Awards Luncheon</b>	<b>Pueblo Country Club</b>	<b>Sunday, May 1, 2016</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Italian Movie Night</b>	<b>CSU-Pueblo</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 12, 2016</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Summer Festa</b>	<b>LaTronica's</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 9, 2016</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Italian Regional Dinner</b>	<b>TBA</b>		

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### **WEBSITES TO VISIT**

*Società Dante Alighieri di Roma – Sede Centrale:* <http://www.dantealighieri-roma.it>

*Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo:* <http://www.dantealighieriofpueblo.org>

*News from Italy:* <http://video.sky.it/news/diretta>

*Italian Traditions in the United States:* <http://www.wetheitalians.com>

*Language classes and cultural events in Denver:* [info@italianinstitute.com](mailto:info@italianinstitute.com)

*Italian art:* <http://www.arte.it/>

*Colorado's Italian-American community:* <http://www.italianamericanheritage.com/index.html>

*Dante Alighieri Society of Denver:* <http://www.dantealighieriofdenver.org>

*News from Italy in English:* <http://thelocal.it/>.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Dante Alighieri Society is pleased to give members the opportunity to donate to the scholarship fund either as a personal gift or in memory of a loved one. If your donation is \$500 or more we will dedicate a scholarship in the name that you specify. Please remember that tax deductible contributions are accepted throughout the year and may be sent to Dante Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1561, Pueblo, CO 81002. If you wish to donate a scholarship at this year's event on May 1, please contact Donna Stutzman at 545-2870.

### **ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT AT CSU-PUEBLO**

Please join us for a screening of Emanuele Crialesse's *Terraferma* (Dry Land) on Tuesday, April 12th at 5:30 pm in the Language Center, Psychology 147. (English subtitles)

This 2011 film takes place on the Italian island of Linosa, one of the Pelagie Islands of Sicily (population 430). The movie presents the current immigration crisis in Italy and how the Italian peninsula is a Mecca for displaced peoples seeking a better life for themselves. The island's fishermen are punished for saving illegal immigrants from the sea and, once on shore, letting them go. A young local islander named Filippo does not allow them on his boat. Several die and Filippo changes his mind about the matter: he helps a family consisting of a mother, a little boy and a newborn baby, to reach the Italian mainland. Running time - 88 minutes

### ***TOUCHED BY THE HANDS OF GOD: MICHELANGELO'S MODELS***

Dante members and friends are encouraged to visit Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center to view a special exhibit featuring bronze casts of six of Michelangelo's *Bozzetti*, small sculptural models made of clay, wax and wood. Michelangelo's models are on display in the King Gallery until May 29, 2016.

The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo is a proud sponsor of this exhibit.

### **DUES RENEWAL FOR 2016**

Thank you to those members who have already sent dues for 2016. We kindly request that members pay dues by the end of March each year. We value all of our members and hope that you will continue supporting our organization. We are making a concerted effort to sponsor Italian cultural events in our community and we need your continued support. For questions concerning your dues, please contact Barbara Ferrero at 250-6898. On the dues form, please indicate if you would prefer receiving the Dante Newsletter electronically. You may also indicate this preference by sending a message to [dantesocietyofpueblo@yahoo.com](mailto:dantesocietyofpueblo@yahoo.com) *Grazie mille!*



*The Dante Alighieri Society of Pueblo  
Proudly Announces Its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Language  
Scholarship Awards Celebration*

*To Be Held*

*Sunday, May 1, 2016*

*At*

*The Pueblo Country Club*

*3200 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

*Pueblo, Colorado*

*The Presentation of Scholarship Awards, Congratulatory Remarks,  
And Person of the Year Award will begin at 12 pm*

*Followed by the Little Italy Buffet*

*Please note that our ceremony will take place in the Columbine Dining Room*

*You and Your Guests are Cordially Invited to Participate in this  
Most Important Function of Our Dante Alighieri Society*

*Detach here-----*

**Scholarship Luncheon Reservations**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Luncheons at \$30 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Children 5 to 12 at \$15 per person \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will not be able to attend but am enclosing a tax deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Seating is limited so please make reservations at your earliest convenience. Contact Phyllis Gardner at 564-1628 by Friday, April 22, 2016. You may pay by check or cash at the door or send your check prior to the event to:

Dante Alighieri Society  
P.O. Box 1561  
Pueblo, CO 81002

\*\*\* We kindly request that members and guests pay for their reservations unless they cancel prior to the event.

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