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Tastes & Tales of Terra Madre Dinner, May 13 in Geyserville

Please join us for our Tastes & Tales of Terra Madre dinner to celebrate Slow Food and our chapter's three delegates to Italy's Terra Madre!

Slow Food International holds a bi-annual gathering in Turin, Italy called Terra Madre Salone del Gusto. Five-thousand delegates from 160 countries, over 800 exhibitors, 300 Slow Food Presidia, and 500 Terra Madre food communities took part in the event in 2016. Sonoma County North sent three delegates: Rebecca Bozzelli, Carol Diaz, and Marie Giacalone.

A selection of appetizers will begin the evening, followed by dinner featuring spring lamb and local wines. Steve Trippe and friends will play Latin rhythm music throughout the evening. There will also be a silent auction for a "100-Mile Dinner" prepared by Sonoma County North leaders and served in the winner's home.

This evening will raise funds to send our delegates to Terra Madre in 2018.

Odd Fellows Hall

21027 Geyserville Avenue

Geyserville, CA 95441

Slow Food members, \$75

Non-members, \$85

Purchase tickets at [Brown Paper Tickets](#).



Preparing potatoes for planting: Trisha, Marie, Astrid, Lynn

Presidium in West County as well.

Astrid will be at the Tastes & Tales of Terra Madre Dinner—come and help welcome her to our community!

Welcome to Astrid Panizza, Our Intern!

Astrid is here! Our Slow Food intern, Astrid Panizza, is a master's student in the Local Development Program of the University of Padua, Italy. She is here through June to research the Bodega Red Potato and Gravenstein Apple for her master's thesis. She has already helped to plant Bodega Reds for our chapter garden, and has begun to interview farmers who are growing the potatoes. She will work with the Gravenstein Apple

Sonoma County North Local Farmer Project

In 2012, we established a scholarship to assist beginning farmers to create a successful business. This project was established in honor of Marcia and Al Silver, supporters of Slow Food, farmers markets, and growers of all ages. Recently, we expanded both the amount of the award and eligibility criteria.

The new "Local Farmer Project" is an annual financial award of \$500 with an additional \$500 interest-free loan (to be repaid two years after the award date). Eligible grantees are farmers or ranchers in Sonoma County who need financial assistance to take them to the next step of their business--education/conferences, farm equipment, farm infrastructure, or farm marketing services. Each grant recipient is given a one-year membership to Slow Food USA.

The Local Farmer Project team is Yael Bernier (Bernier Farms), Bill Hawn, Lisa Hunter, and Kelly Osman (Oz Family Farms). Kelly was the first recipient of the Beginning Farmer scholarship. Funds for the grant will be raised through donations and an annual farm-to-table dinner.

Grant applications will be announced later in the year, and will consist of a written application and interviews by the project team.



Kelly Osman, first scholarship recipient



Slow Food Nations

Slow Food Nations is America's version of Terra Madre, an event that brings together producers, farmers, chefs, educators, and food citizens to share knowledge and taste products. The first Slow Food Nations was held in San Francisco in 2008, and now is coming to Denver July 14-16. The festival will close the streets of downtown Denver with international pavilions and local producers, and a Taste Marketplace in Larimer Square.

During the weekend there will also be culinary workshops, seminars, dinners, tours, speakers, informal eating and drinking, and a Taste marketplace. Some of these events will require paid tickets.

Sonoma County North is sending 4 delegates to Slow Food Nations, who will participate in a leader summit to network and shape the future of Slow Food. Slow Food California will have a booth.

For full information go to [Slow Food Nations](#).

Snail of Approval

The Snail of Approval program is coming to Sonoma County! Sonoma County North and Russian River chapters are collaborating to create the *Snail of Approval in Sonoma County*. We are finalizing the program and will be making the startup announcement soon.

The Snail of Approval is awarded to local restaurants, food providers, and supporters who are making a significant contribution to improving the food system. By celebrating these model providers, Slow Food in Sonoma County highlights the importance of the Slow Food philosophy of good, clean, and fair food.

Restaurants, producers, farms, and wineries awarded the “Snail” will be promoted on our Slow Food chapter websites, social media, and Facebook pages. These businesses will receive further recognition through a Snail of Approval decal for their doors and logo for their websites, menus and other promotional materials. Events with the awardees are also in the works, so stay tuned!

Save These Dates!

May 13, 5:30 pm, Tastes & Tales of Terra Madre Dinner. Oddfellows Hall, Geyserville [Brown Paper Tickets](#).

June 25, 3 pm, Annual Meeting and Supper. The Red Barn, Healdsburg

July 14-16, Slow Food Nations. Denver

July 29, 4 pm, Annual Picnic. Gradek Ranch, Healdsburg

Welcome to New Chapter Members

Claudia Clow

Edwin and Lisa Ellis

Anne Gradek

Heidi Herrmann

Lynda McDaniel

Dinaire, Harrison, Mike, and Elliott Nixon

Randy Powell

Jill Sartori

Bailey Selfridge

Amy Schaefers

Gina Willis

And welcome back Zureal Bernier, Cindy Daniel, and Francesca Giacalone!

*If you recently joined and we don't have your name, please let us know at
slowfoodsonomacountynorth@gmail.com.*

Why Join Slow Food—or Renew Your Membership?

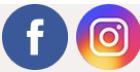
Slow Food members and donors are the lifeblood of this organization, providing a majority of the financial support to power our global movement. Your devotion to living Slow helps make “good, clean and fair food for all” a reality.



When you join Slow Food you become part of a global community which is “going Slow”—celebrating and championing regional foods and food traditions, supporting farmers, creating school and community gardens, and joining members from disparate ends of the food system in debate and common cause.

You also become a member of our smaller, local community of northern Sonoma County and can support and participate in monthly events and our projects: the Ark of Taste; scholarships for Beginning Farmers; gardens in elementary schools and after-school programs; an exchange program with Mayan women in Guatemala; and Slow Harvest gleaning. In California you automatically become a member of Slow Food California which is especially active in supporting statewide and local food policies that reflect the Slow philosophy.

To join or renew your membership online go to [Slow Food USA](#) and put Sonoma County North-CA as your chapter. If you prefer to renew by check locally, please contact slowfoodsonomacountynorth@gmail.com.



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