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ARTE AND EXHIBITIONS



OPEN CASTLES

Until October 30th

The initiative proposes guided tours to castles, dwellings, villas, towers and gardens of the territory which are rarely open to the public.

Calendar of the event:
www.castelliaperti.it

ASTI – PALAZZO MAZZETTI, Corso Alfieri 357

Until June 30th

Souvenir m'en doit, from the Roman forum to the Mazzetti family

Opening hours: From Tuesday to Sunday 10.30 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.

The exhibition shows a collection of the archaeological finds discovered during the excavation works on the occasion of the restoration of the palace. The finds show the history of this part of the historical centre from the 1st century B.C. to the period of construction of the noble palace (17th – 18th centuries).

Info: tel. +39 0141 530403 – fax 0141 599678

www.palazzomazzetti.it – info@palazzomazzetti.it

ASTI – Fondo Giov-Anna Piras, Via Brofferio 80

Until October 29th

Imaginae 1960-1990. The story of a Turin collection between imagination and reality through Paolo Mussat Sartor's lens.

Opening hours: from Tuesday to Saturday: 10a.m.-12.30 - 3.30-7 p.m.

The exhibition path plays on the combination of imagination and reality: the works of 28 great International and national artists combine with Paolo Mussat Sartor's photographs.

Info: +39 0141 352111 - www.fondopiras.com

ASTI – BATTISTERO DI SAN PIETRO

Exhibition of Antonio Guarene, Master of the Palio 2011

From September 14th to November 27th

Opening times in September: Friday 4-7pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am -1pm /4-7pm

The exhibition shows the artistic career of one of the biggest Italian satirical drawer from the 70es to nowadays giving special attention to subjects such as the Palio and the social and political life of Asti.

Info: www.comune.asti.it

FOOD AND WINE FESTIVALS



VILLAFRANCA D'ASTI

Vininvilla

September 1st-4th

The exhibition of Asti wines DOC and DOCG will give the opportunity to buy and taste the wines selected at the 5th edition of the national competition "Vininvilla" and paired with food specialties. Also grappas produced in the Province of Asti will be tasted. In addition celebrations and entertainment.

Info and program: Municipality of Villafranca d'Asti Tel +39 0141943071;

www.comune.villafrancadasti.at.it



COCCONATO

X EDIZIONE COCCO...WINE – VINI E SAPORI DELLA RIVIERA DEL MONFERRATO

September 3rd-4th

The best food and wine productions of Cocconato are promoted in this event during which tastings and meetings, guests and music will invade the beautiful historical centre of the so called "Riviera del Monferrato".

On Saturday 3rd of September (from 5pm until midnight) and Sunday 4th (from 4 to 8 pm) Via Roma and Piazza Cavour will host stands of wine tastings and typical products of Cocconato. To be noted on Saturday 3rd the guided tastings dedicated to the Barbera wine and the two "islands of wine" the protagonists of which are Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Italian wines.

For Info: Municipality Tel +39 0141 907007; www.comune.cocconato.at.it;

amministrativo@cocconato.info - www.gowinet.org/cocco-wine/



ASTI – Palazzo dell'Enofila – Corso Felice Cavallotti 45/47

45^a Douja d'Or

September 9th-18th

The National Exhibition of selected wines DOC and DOCG will take place for the first time in Palazzo dell'Enofila, a fascinating 19th cent. industrial site, recently converted into exhibition centre. In the venue the usual appointments will be held: Douja dell'Asti, Douja del Barbera, Piatti d'Autore by the big chefs of Asti, evenings with tasting sessions organized by Onav during which wines and typical products from many Italian regions will meet, tastings by the Piedmont Chambers of Commerce and the associations. On September 10th and 11th "Asti fa goal" will exhibit agro-food specialties presented by the best producers of the Province.

Palazzo Mazzetti, in the heart of the old town, will be the setting of the Aperitivo a Palazzo (aperitif at the Palace). Shows, music entertainment and cultural events at the Enofila and in the town centre will complete the program.

For info and detailed program: www.doujador.it

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ASTI

38° Festival delle Sagre

Saturday 10th, September from 7.00 pm and Sunday 11th, September

The Festival delle Sagre is a unique event in Italy. In the big Piazza Campo del Palio a real village is built with small houses, a church, the Municipality and even a Post Office, in which from 7 pm of Saturday 10th 45 pro loco associations will present their traditional dishes accompanied by the local wines displaying the great food and wine tradition of this part of Monferrato.

On Sunday morning the big procession in the old town with more than 3000 people in traditional costumes, old tractors, animals and tools evokes moments of a rural life typical in our villages between the 19th and 20th century with an extraordinary and lively representation that follows the seasons. Like every year there will be two guests, the pro loco association of Aglientu (Olbia – Tempio, Sardinia) and the one of Montanaro (Turin) with their specialties.

For info and detailed program: www.festivaldellesagre.it



CANELLI

Canelli la Città del Vino – Tante buone ragioni per incontrarci a Canelli

September 24th-25th

The best food of some Italian Regions meets the wines and the food traditions of the capital of Asti Spumante. This event that takes place in the historical centre and in the cellars of the most important wines and Asti Spumante producers of Canelli, offers guided tastings, visits to the Subterranean Cathedral and to the landscapes which are aiming at Unesco recognition. Moreover concerts, meetings, markets and much more..

For Info: Tel +39 0141 820231 www.comune.canelli.at.it



DUSINO SAN MICHELE

Sagra dello gnocco

September 22nd-25th

After the Baroque concert on Thursday evening September 21st, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7.30 pm the Sagra dello Gnocco will start. The potato dumplings seasoned with sauces and cooked by the Pro Loco association will be served with hors d'oeuvres, desserts and wines. Dancing will follow.

Info: Municipality +39 0141 930123 www.comune.dusinosanmichele.at.it

HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS

ASTI

Palio di Asti

September 18th

Like every year on the 3rd Sunday of September Asti celebrates its medieval splendour with the Palio, the oldest recorded bareback horse race in Italy (1275). The exciting horse race during which 14 Rioni and Borghi (districts) of the town and 7 villages and small towns of the Province challenge themselves, will be held in Piazza Alfieri starting from 3.30 pm. The race will be anticipated by a parade in historical costumes with more than 1200 people starting at 2 pm from Piazza Cattedrale. In the morning the blessing of the horses and jockeys on the Churchyards and the exhibition of the A.S.T.A. flag throwers in Piazza San Secondo are not to be missed. On Thursday evening the town, coloured with the flags, comes to life with the Palio degli Sbandieratori (flag – throwers competition) in Piazza San Secondo. On Friday and Saturday evening there will be the ritual banquets, the Palio's typical market and the eve general trials.

Info and detailed program : www.palio.asti.it



ASTI

Arti e Mercanti "Millennii fine Mirabilia" 12th edition

Saturday 24th at dusk and Sunday 25th September all day long – from Piazza Cairoli to Piazza Santa Caterina

The event supported by CNA of Asti invites You to discover the medieval town with its great commercial tradition and propose moments of life, traditions and customs of Asti in the 14th century: craftsmen, merchants, peasants, musicians and acrobats will enliven the two days with concerts, tastings and performances.

Info: Tel +39 0141-5996000 Fax 0141-599656; www.at-cna.it cna@at-cna.it



COCCONATO

Palio degli Asini

September 25th

The Palio was born as challenge among the districts of Cocconato and refers to the medieval ages, when the Counts Radicati were powerful lords of these lands. The chronicles tell that in order to extinguish the fire in the Castle, the inhabitants of Cocconato took water from the river and carried it in barrels loaded on donkeys. Therefore the Counts called a Donkey tournament the price of which was the family banner. The Palio of Cocconato is anticipated earlier in the afternoon by an historical procession with 400 people. Afterwards the donkey race starts in the streets of the village; the animals are not ridden but spurred by grooms.

Info: Tel +39 0141 907007; www.comune.cocconato.at.it; amministrativo@cocconato.info



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MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

OTHER EVENTS

During the month there will be many feasts, festivals and cultural events in various villages of the Province of Asti. For information about dates and venues visit:
www.astiturismo.it

IN MANY VILLAGES OF THE PROVINCE

Cuntè Munfrà: dal Monferrato al mondo – Voci tra storia e memoria
From August 26th to November 12th

The season directed by Luciano Nattino, director and playwright, offers a rich program of theatre and folk music closely related to the region. There will be more than 20 shows with free entrance in as many villages. In September Cuntè Munfrà will be: on 3rd in Scuzolengo and Casorzo, on 4th in San Martino Alfieri, on 7th in Penango, on 10th in Cocconato, on 25th in Piea.
Info and program: www.casadeqlialfieri.it

CULTURAL EVENTS

CORTANDONE

Festa delle Masche
September 3rd

This year children are the protagonists of the original event dedicated to the "masche" (witches), who were figures between history and legend that belonged to the oral tradition passed on during the winter vigils.

After a quick dinner in the main square, the walk in the woods around the village will start at dusk and will be enlivened with a puppets show, stories about the "masche" invented and narrated by the children of Cortandone and with true stories played by local actors. At the end vin brulé (mulled wine) for everybody.

For Info and reservations: Tel +39 0141 669813; www.comune.cortandone.at.it

CASTELL'ALFERO

Trenino del Romanico e delle Cantine
September 3rd-4th

There will be two tours for 2 days on a multicolored and nice small train (on road).

The participants will have the chance to watch the beauties of this part of the Northern Province with guided visits to the splendid Romanesque churches and the suggestive Monferrato wine cellars.

During the train stops wine and food tastings as well as purchases at the producers will be possible. At the arrival Dinner under the stars in the beautiful setting of the square of the Castle.

Info and reservations: Tel +39 335/8375675 by September 1st, seating is limited.
info@castellalfero.net www.castellalfero.net



FAIRS AND MARKETS



COCCONATO

Fiera Medievale (Medieval Fair)
September 24th from 6 pm

On the eve of the Palio degli Asini, in the unique setting of the ancient and central Via Roma lit up with torches and candles, the districts of Cocconato prepare stands and inns and animate the street with scenes of medieval life, markets and games reproducing the fairs of the middle ages.

Info: Tel +39 0141 907007; www.comune.cocconato.at.it; amministrativo@cocconato.info

PIEA

La Zucca delle Meraviglie
September 24th-25th

An important event for those who like pumpkins a vegetable but also the protagonist of an imaginary world of tales, and sayings.

On Saturday pumpkin dinner, on Sunday market with the typical products and the display of pumpkins that enter the numerous competitions (the biggest, the rarest, the one coming from furthest away). Moreover judges will decree the winner for the food specialties made with pumpkins. After lunch entertainment in the square for children and grown up.

Info: Municipality Tel +39 0141 901650 www.comune.piea.at.it

ANTIQUÉ MARKET
September 4th: Moncalvo; 18
September 18th: Nizza
Monferrato; September 25th:
Asti

ASTI – WEEKLY MARKET
Every Wednesday and
Saturday

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