

Save Vernazza eNewsletter aims to inform and inspire. Become a Friend of Vernazza, Cinque Terre, Italy and help rebuild, restore, and preserve Vernazza's town and territory!



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A new season begins! We are busy at work with exciting developments to share with you:

This year Save Vernazza is proud to announce **Wine & Food Discovery**.

Join us weekly to **Meet** Cinque Terre wine producers, **Learn** about our unique winemaking traditions, and **Taste** Cinque Terre DOC wines and Sciacchetra paired with local cuisine.

Support our territory and join our bilingual host in a breathtaking location overlooking the sea for a once in a lifetime experience. See our

website [www.SaveVernazza.com](http://www.SaveVernazza.com) for details and how to sign up.

We're launching the second season of our highly rated **Voluntourism Excursions**, which will run from the end of May through mid-October. Join us and make a difference: restore olive groves and vineyards, build stonewalls and terracing, and harvest grapes. More Vernazzans are eagerly getting involved and landowners are enthusiastic about working with voluntourists to restore their land. This activity continues to be innovative: we preserve the land by connecting travelers with locals for an authentic experience in our territory. Learn more on our website.

The **Renaissance of Vernazza project** is moving forward! A contractor has been selected and construction on Piazza Marconi will begin in November (when the tourist season slows down).

A special thanks goes out to **Jessica Yeager of Chairville Elementary School, NJ**, and her **third grade “Super Citizens of the World”** who raised **\$1,102 for Save Vernazza** in just two months! These students truly inspire us: they actively participated in the project rather than just asking for money. Their work included: car wash, shoveling snow, walking dogs, selling hot chocolate/lemonade, creative art work sales, doing chores to donate allowance, bake sales, etc. This class lives the motto **“Together we can make a difference”**.

**These children are shining examples** of what we can do if we join together across the world to make a difference in the lives of others. Their **generosity and thoughtfulness** are examples for all of us to follow.

You may have seen the photo of **Ruth with Rick Steves** on our Facebook page. Michele S., Michele L. and Ruth connected Rick and his team with Vernazzans as they shot new footage in early May for a brand new Vernazza episode in HD! We can't wait to see it!

**We thank you for your generosity** as we continue to work passionately to create a better future for Vernazza's town and territory. We are so honored that people believe in our work and continue to donate to help and support our projects. Follow the example of the “Super Citizens of the World” and **make a donation to Save Vernazza** today.

A Presto!

Ruth Manfredi and Michele Lilley

P.S. We love that some of you wrote us following February's newsletter! Please continue to send us your thoughts, comments and suggestions to [ruthmanfredi@savevernazza.com](mailto:ruthmanfredi@savevernazza.com).

**Donate today!**